

## UNESCO AND THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership:** since 22 January 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2011-2015)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 7
  - 2023: Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education
  - 2023: Headquarters Committee
  - 2021: Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme
  - 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
  - 2021: Legal Committee
  - 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
  - Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Director-General’s visit:** none
5. **Former Director General’s visit:** 1 (in July 2017)
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
  - H.E. Mr Eduardo Khalife Moraga; Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Ecuador to UNESCO (since 17 December 2019)
  - Mr Pablo Guayasamin, Councillor; Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Ana Victoria Rosero Herrera, Second Secretary
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Marco Patricio Zambrano Restrepo (2018-2019); H. E. Mr. Galo Mora Witt (2015-2018)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Quito (Ecuador)
  - Establishment: June 1983
  - Director: Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela). Since February 2014, Ms Sánchez is the Director of the Office in Quito and UNESCO representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
  - UNESCO established its Office in Quito as a sub-regional education unit, supporting the principal education project for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2001, as part of the reorganisation of UNESCO’s field structure, the Office became the Cluster Office for the Andean sub-region covering Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.
8. **National Commission:**
  - Establishment: 24 October 1947; restructured in 1966.
  - President: H.E. Mr José Valencia, Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - Secretary-General: Ms Consuelo Beatriz Barrera Nieto (since 14 November 2018)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** Ms Ivonne A-Baki, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (since February 2010)
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 6

- 2019: Chair on Tropical Freshwater Management, Universidad Regional Amazónica Ikiam
- 2018: Chair on Sustainable Development, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja
- 2016: Chair on Support Technologies for Educational Inclusion, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana
- 2016: Chair on Freedom of Expression and Knowledge Societies, The International Centre for Advanced Studies in Communications for Latin America (CIESPAL)
- 2016: Chair on Ethics and Society in Higher Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja
- 2012: Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja

**11. Associated Schools Network (ASPnet): 56**

- 2 Pre-primary, 30 Primary, 14 Primary/Secondary, 8 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 1 Vocational and Technical Institution
- The country joined the ASPnet in 1953.

**12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none**

**13. Biosphere Reserves: 7**

- 2018: Choco Andino de Pichincha
- 2014: Bosque Seco (Part of Transboundary Bosques de Paz with Peru since 2017)
- 2013: Macizo del Cajas
- 2007: Podocarpus-El Condor
- 2000: Sumaco (extended in 2002; reviewed in 2016)
- 1989: Yasuni (reviewed in 2001 and 2017)
- 1984: Galapagos Biosphere Reserve (former Archipiélago de Colón) (reviewed in 1999, 2016 and 2019), also a National Park and a World Heritage site.

**14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 1**

- 2019: Imbabura
- Ecuador has two UNESCO global geopark projects in course: Napo Sumaco and Tungurahua Volcano.

**15. World Heritage Sites: 5 (3 Cultural and 2 Natural)**

- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Cultural)
- 1999: Historic Center of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca (Cultural)
- 1983: Sangay National Park (Natural).
- 1978: Galápagos Islands (Natural), also a Biosphere reserve (extended in 2001)
- 1978: City of Quito (Cultural)

**16. Tentative List: 5 properties**

- 2016: Mayo Chinchipe – Marañón archaeological landscape
- 2016: Cultural Itinerary of Ecuador's Trans-Andean Train
- 2016: Zaruma ciudad minera
- 1998: Bosque petrificado de Puyango
- 1998: Parque Nacional Machalilla

**17. Intangible Cultural Heritage: 3 inscriptions on the Representative List**

- 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador, jointly with Colombia
- 2012: Traditional weaving of the Ecuadorian toquilla straw hat
- 2008: Oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Zápara People, jointly with Peru

**18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription**

- 2015: The Gaze of the Other: Documentary heritage of the Salesian apostolic vicariate in the Ecuadorian Amazon (1890-1930)

**19. Creative Cities Network: 3**

- 2019: Portoviejo (Creative City of Gastronomy)
- 2017: Chordeleg (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)
- 2015: Durán (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)

**20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified**

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	02/10/1956	Ratification
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	05/03/1957	Accession
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	05/03/1957	Accession
Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	05/03/1957	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	08/02/1961	Ratification
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	08/02/1961	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	08/02/1961	Ratification
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	19/12/1963	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	24/03/1971	Acceptance
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	04/06/1974	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	16/06/1975	Acceptance
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	24/06/1977	Ratification
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	05/03/1979	Acceptance
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.*	07/09/1990	Accession
Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.	06/06/1991	Accession
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.	06/06/1991	Accession

Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.	06/06/1991	Accession
Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.	26/10/1994	Accession
Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.	21/02/1995	Ratification
Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	02/08/2004	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	08/11/2006	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	01/12/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	22/03/2007	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	13/02/2008	Ratification

## 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: 1

- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamin, painter (with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay)

### *Anniversaries with which UNESCO was previously associated: 8*

- 2015: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer (1882-1965)
- 2012: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of José Eloy Alfaro Delgado, statesman and thinker (1842-1912)
- 2010: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988)
- 2006: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza, writer (1906-1978)
- 2000: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo (8 April 2000)
- 1989: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio Maria de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)
- 1983: 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, Liberator of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia)
- 1982: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Juan Montalvo, writer and essayist

## 22. Participation Programme:

- 2018-2019: two requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 30,000:
  - Architectural study of reconversion of activity and architectural rehabilitation of patrimonial buildings in Zaruma (US\$ 15,000);
  - Project for the awareness and care of tourists with disabilities in the Historic Center of Cuenca (US\$ 15,000).
- 2016-2017: two requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 56,000. Ecuador submitted an emergency assistance request following the earthquake that occurred in April 2016, for an amount of US\$ 50,000 (approved in June 2016). UNESCO Quito implemented this project.

## 23. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US\$ 47,748.46.

## 24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER), with consultative status

**25. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: 2**

- Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), based in Quito
- Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS), based in Guayaquil

**26. Payment of assessed membership fees as of 27 December 2019:**

- Assessment rate: 0.103%

**27. Staff members' status:** as of 8 December 2019 normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 2 professional staff on geographical posts (total number of staff members: 12)

- Professional staff on geographical posts: 2
- National Professional Officer in the Field: 1
- International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts): 1