

## UNESCO AND JAMAICA: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 7 November 1962
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes, elected at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference, term expires in 2021.  
Representative: Ms Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports.  
Previous terms: 2007-2009; 2001-2005; 1991-1995; 1981-1985; 1980-1981; 1974-1976; 1970-1976.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Member (Term expires: 41<sup>st</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning
4. **DG's visit to Jamaica:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Jamaica:** none
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H. E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2018).Previous Ambassadors:
  - H.E. Ms. Vilma Kathleen McNish (July 2012 – December 2017)
  - H.E. Ms. Marcia Gilbert Roberts (October 2007 – December 2011)
  - H.E. Ms. Ruby Evadne Coye (June 2006 – December 2006)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Yes, Jamaica hosts the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby (Nicaragua, D-1) has been the Director since 1 August 2015.
8. **Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Established in February 1965;
  - Chairperson: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (since March 2016);
  - Secretary-General: Mr Everton Hannam, since October 2004.
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** 1
  - Ms. Veronica Campbell Brown, track and field sprint athlete, is UNESCO Champion for Sport.
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
  - UNESCO-Commonwealth Regional Chair in Education and HIV/AIDS (2004), University of the West Indies.
11. **Associated Schools:** 4 (Pre-primary 1, Primary 1, Secondary 2). Jamaica has joined the ASPnet in 1980.

- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
- 13. UNESCO Clubs:** none
- 14. Biosphere Reserves:** none
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 1 site  
Blue and John Crow Mountains (2015)
- 17. Tentative List:** 2 sites
- The Underwater City of Port Royal (2009);
  - Seville Heritage Park (2009).
- 18. Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** 1
- The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town (2008)
- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions
- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)
  - Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011)
  - The West India Committee collection (2016)
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Music – Kingston.
- 21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:**

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| Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.                                 | 14/06/1983 | Acceptance   |
| Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.   | 07/10/1993 | Accession    |
| International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961. | 27/10/1993 | Accession    |
| Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.                    | 12/10/1999 | Accession    |
| Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.  | 16/03/2006 | Ratification |
| International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005  | 02/08/2006 | Ratification |
| Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005                               | 04/05/2007 | Ratification |
| Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.  | 27/09/2010 | Ratification |
| Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.   | 09/08/2011 | Ratification |

- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019:** none
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- For the 2018-2019 biennium, four requests under the Participation Programme were approved for a total amount of US\$75,000.
  - During the 2016-2017 biennium, four national requests submitted by Jamaica were approved for a total amount of US\$79,000 and a regional request for US\$35,000.
- 24. Fellowships:**
- Since 2010, 7 fellowships have been awarded to Jamaica for a total amount of US\$ 64 228,59.
- 25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:** none
- 26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** none
- 27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019 :**
- Assessment rate: 0.010 %
- 28. Staff members' status :** 11 staff members, out of which 2 in geographical distribution posts, normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)