

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government. The Council of Ministers is selected by the President.
- President: H.E. Mr Nayib Armando BUKELE (since 1 June 2019).
- Vice-President: H.E. Mr Félix Augusto ULLOA (since 1 June 2019).
- Minister of Foreign Relations: H.E. Ms Alexandra HILL TINOCO (since 1 June 2019).
- The President and the Vice-President are directly elected on the same ballot by absolute majority popular vote in 2 rounds if needed for a single 5-year term; election last held on 3 February 2019 (next to be held on February 2024).

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

- Total population (millions): 6.8
- Human Development Index: 0.673 / Rank 124
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 73.3
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): 8,359
- Internet users (% of population): 33.8%
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 1.1
(Map of El Salvador at the last page)

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Compulsory education (years): 15 (from age 1 to 15)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 79.1% (as of 2019)
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 3.6%

II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 28 April 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last mandate from 2013 to 2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 5**
 - 2021: Member of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication, Vice-President
 - 2021: Member of the Legal Committee
 - 2021: Member of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Vice-Chairperson
 - 2023: Member of International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
 - 2023: Member of the Headquarters Committee
4. **DG's visit to El Salvador:** none to date
5. **Former Director General's visit to El Salvador:** 1, in May 2013
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since October 2021)
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Rosa Ester Moreira De Lemoine, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (November 2019 – December 2020)
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (January 2009 – November 2019)

7. **UNESCO Office:** UNESCO Office in San José (Costa Rica)
 - El Salvador is covered by the UNESCO Office in San José (Cluster Office to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama).
 - Mr Julio Carranza Valdes (P-5, Cuba) is the Officer in Charge since April 2021
8. **El Salvador National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:**
 - Established in 1950
 - President: H.E. Ms Carla Hanania De Varela, Minister of Education, Science and Technology (since June 2019)
 - Secretary-Executive: Mr. Ricardo Cardona, Vice-Minister of Education (since 2019)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:** 23
 - 2 Pre-primary, 8 Primary/Secondary and 13 Secondary
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 3
 - 2011: Trifinio Fraternidad Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras)
 - 2007: Xiriualtique Jiquitizco
 - 2007: Apaneca-Llamatepec
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1 Cultural
 - 1993: Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site
16. **Tentative List:** 6
 - 1992: Cacaotera
 - 1992: Chalchuapa
 - 1992: Ciudad Vieja/La Bermuda
 - 1992: Cara Sucia/El imposible
 - 1992: Gulf of Fonseca
 - 1992: Lake Guija
17. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none
18. **Memory of the World Register:** 1
 - 2017: Ignacio Ellacuría's Documentary Fond: Historical Reality and Liberation
19. **Creative Cities Network:** none

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

Ratified conventions:

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.	24/06/1953	Acceptance
Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.	24/06/1953	Ratification
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	02/05/1977	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	20/02/1978	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	25/10/1978	Accession
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	29/12/1978 ¹	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.	29/12/1978 ²	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.	29/12/1978	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.	29/12/1978	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.	29/12/1978	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	29/03/1979	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	08/10/1991	Acceptance
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.	19/07/2001	Ratification
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	27/03/2002	Accession
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.	27/03/2002	Accession

Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	22/04/2008	Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	05/09/2008	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	13/09/2012	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	02/07/2013	Ratification

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated: 2

- 1989: 150th 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);
- 1963: 300th anniversary of the birth of Pedro de Peralta Barnuevo, writer and scientist (1663-1743)

22. Participation Programme:

- For the biennium 2020-2021, El Salvador submitted three requests under the Participation Programme. The three of them were approved for an amount of US\$68,000.

23. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 2 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of USD 19 462.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

25. IGOs and Foundations in official relations with UNESCO: 1

- Central American Integration System (SICA), based in El Salvador

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:

- Assessment rate: 0.016 %

27. Staff members' status: Non-represented (min. 2, max. 4)

- Total number of staff members: 2
Professional staff on geographical posts: 0

Young Professional Programme (YPP)

El Salvador, being non-represented, has been invited to submit applications for the YPP 2021, launched on 12 May 2021. The deadline for the submission of applications was 15 August 2021.

