

**UNESCO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: KEY  
FACTS AND FIGURES**

**I. COUNTRY PROFILE**

**Political system**

- Trinidad and Tobago is a parliamentary democracy.
- Chief of State: President Paula-Mae WEEKES (since 19 March 2018).
- Head of Government: Prime Minister Keith ROWLEY (since 9 September 2015).
- Cabinet: Cabinet appointed from among members of Parliament

**Statistical figures** (*source: UNDP Human Development Report 2018*)

- Total population (million): 1.4
- Human Development Index: 0.784 / Rang 69
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 70.8
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 28,622
- Internet users (% of population): 73.3
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 34.2  
(*Map of Trinidad and Tobago at the last page*)

**Education** (*source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics*)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 11.4
- Compulsory education (years): 6 (from age 6 to 11)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 95.24 (2010)
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): N/A

**II. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO / UNESCO COOPERATION**

**1. Membership in UNESCO:** Since 2 November 1962

**2. Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently, but in previous 4 terms.

- 1985-1988: Mrs Sheilah Solomon
- 1988-1989: Mr Eugenio L. Moore and Mr Rabindranth Permanand
- 1993-1997: Mr Lawrence D. Carrington
- 2013-2017:

**3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**

- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC

**4. DG's visit to Trinidad and Tobago:** none to date

**5. Former Director Generals' visit to Trinidad and Tobago:** 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in February 2005)

**6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations & Specialized Agencies in Europe; Ambassador to Austria and Italy: Ms. Makeda Antoine Cambridge. (Since 2 March 2018)
- Previous Permanent Delegate to UNESCO: Mr John C.E. Sandy, since September 2013 to 2015.
- The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to UNESCO is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

7. **UNESCO Office:** none, Trinidad and Tobago is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby has been the Director since August 1, 2015.

Before coming under UNESCO Kingston, Trinidad and Tobago was covered by the UNESCO Office in Port-of-Spain, established in 1992. The Office covered 4 countries: Aruba, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and the Netherlands Antilles and its areas of specialization were education and science. The Head of the Office was Mr Surendrana Gajraj. The UNESCO Port-of-Spain Office was closed on 30 November 2001.

8. **Trinidad and Tobago National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Date of establishment: 1970 by a Cabinet Minute.
- **President:** Mr. Anthony Garcia

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none

11. **Associated Schools:** 63 schools (13 primary, 47 secondary and 2 teacher training institution).

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

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** 13

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

16. **World Heritage Sites:** none

17. **Tentative List:** 3

- Banwari Trace Archaeological Site (2011)
- La Brea Pitch Lake (2011)
- Tobago Main Ridge Forest Reserve (2011)

18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none

19. **Memory of the World Register:** 6 inscriptions

- Constantine Collection (2011)
- Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers (2011)
- The Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)
- The C.L.R James Collection (2005)
- The Derek Walcott Collection (1997)
- The Eric Williams Collection (1999)

20. **Creative Cities Network:** none

21. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 5 ratified

**Convention**

**Date of  
deposit**

**Type of  
deposit**

April 2019

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| 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. | 31/08/1965              | Accession                  |
| Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.  | 11/04/1966              | Notification of succession |
| Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.   | 19/05/1988 <sup>1</sup> | 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.   | 19/05/1988              | Accession                  |
| Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.  | 27/06/1988              | 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.   | 21/12/1992              | Ratification               |
| Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.*  | 21/12/1992              | Accession                  |
| Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.   | 01/08/1996              | Accession                  |
| Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.  | 16/02/2005              | Ratification               |
| International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005   | 09/03/2007              | Accession                  |
| Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.   | 22/07/2010              | Ratification               |
| Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005  | 26/07/2010              | Ratification               |
| Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.  | 27/07/2010              | Ratification               |

**22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019:** none

**23. Participation Programme:**

- During the biennium 2016-2017, four requests submitted under the Participation Program were approved for a total amount of US\$76,000.
- During the biennium 2018-2019, two requests submitted by Trinidad and Tobago were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US\$43,300. One request has been recommended to the Director-General for approval for an amount of US\$17,800, We are awaiting her decision.

**24. Fellowships:**

Since 2010, 2 fellowships have been awarded to Trinidad and Tobago for a total amount of US\$ 19 840.87.

**25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:** none

**26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** two

- « Association of Caribbean States (ACS) », based in Port of Spain
- « Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) », based in Newton

**27. Staff members' status :** 2 (min. 2, max. 4) Normally represented

**Young Professional Programme (YPP)**

Trinidad and Tobago is normally represented and therefore not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

