

UNESCO AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- Saint Kitts and Nevis is a federal parliamentary democracy (National Assembly) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Samuel W.T. SEATON (since 2 September 2015); note - SEATON was acting Governor General from 20 May to 2 September 2015.
- Prime Minister: H.E. Timothy HARRIS (since 18 February 2015); Deputy Prime Minister Shawn RICHARDS (since 22 February 2015)
- Cabinet appointed by governor general in consultation with Prime Minister.

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2021)

- Total population (million): 0.1
- Human Development Index: 0.779 / Rang 74
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 74.8
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 25,038
- Internet users (% of population): 80.7
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 4.6
(Map of Saint Kitts and Nevis at the last page)

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 13.8
- Compulsory education (years): 12 (from age 5 to 16)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): N/A
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 2.6

II. SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 26 October 1983
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Twice, 2005-2009 and 2013-2017. Representative was Mr. Antonio Maynard, Secretary-General of the National Commission for UNESCO.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC
4. **DG's visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis:** none to date.
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis:** 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in January 2006)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr David Doyle, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO and Honorary Consul to France presented his credentials to UNESCO on 21 April 2006 as Permanent Delegate and in September 2013 as Ambassador.
7. **UNESCO Office:** none, Saint Kitts and Nevis is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston, which serves 20 Member States and Associate Member States.

Ms. Saadia Sanchez-Vega (Venezuela, D-1) has been the Director since September 2020.

8. Saint Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO:

- Established in 1991.
- **Chairperson** (since January 2011): The Hon. Jonel Powell, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture
- **Secretary-General** (since January 2019): Ms Dorothy L. Warner.

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

10. UNESCO Chairs: none.

11. Associated Schools: none.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none.

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 1

- St. Mary's (2011)

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

16. World Heritage Sites: 1

Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park (1999)

17. Tentative List: 2

- City of Charlestown (17/09/1998)
- Historic zone of Basseterre (17/09/1998)

18. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: none

19. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

- (2009) Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834

20. Creative Cities Network: none

21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	10/07/1986	Acceptance
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	14/04/2008	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	03/12/2009	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	15/04/2016	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	26/04/2016	Ratification

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

23. **Participation Programme:**

- For the 2020-2021 biennium, four requests under the Participation Programme were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US\$75,000.
- For the biennium 2016-2017, four requests were approved under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$57,000.
- For the biennium 2018-2019, four requests were approved by the Director-General under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$70,000.

24. **Fellowships:**

- Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Saint Kitts and Nevis.

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

26. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** none

27. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:**

- Assessment rate for 2021: 0.001 %

28. **Staff members' status (last update in 2019):** 2 (min. 2, max. 4) Normally represented

29. **Map of Saint Kitts and Nevis**

