

## UNESCO AND BARBADOS: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE

#### Political system

- Barbados is a parliamentary democracy (House of Assembly) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 30 November 1966); represented by Governor-General Sandra Mason (since 8 January 2018);
- Prime Minister: H.E. Mia Mottley (since 25 May 2018);
- Cabinet: Ministers chosen by the Prime Minister and appointed by the Governor-General agreement.

#### Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

- Total population (million): 0.3
- Human Development Index: 0.814 / Rang 58
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 79.2
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): 14,936
- Internet users (% of population): 81.8
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 4.5

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

- Compulsory education (years): 11 (from age 5 to 15)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 96.7
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 4.37 (2017)

### II. BARBADOS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Twice, 1976-1980 and 1997-2001. Representative was Ms Allisandra Cummins, Chairperson of the Barbados National Commission for UNESCO is chairing the Executive Board (2011-2013).
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC
4. **DG's visit to Barbados:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Barbados:** 1 (Irina Bokova, in June 2012)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:** located in Brussel (Belgium)
  - Mr Nicholas Cox, First Secretary, Chargé d'Affaires a.i
  - Previous First Secretary: Ms Joyce Grazette, First Secretary, Chargé d'Affaires
7. **UNESCO Office:** none, Barbados is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Saadia Sanchez.
  - **Barbados National Commission for UNESCO:** Established in 1970.
  - **Chairperson** Ms Allisandra Cummins
  - **Secretary-General** Ms Joycelyn Sealy

8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
10. **Associated Schools:** 10
  - 7 Primary and 3 Secondary
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1  
Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison (2011)
16. **Tentative List:** 2
  - The Scotland District of Barbados (2005)
  - The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar and Rum (2014)
17. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none
18. **Memory of the World Register:** 6
  - 2017: An African Song or Chant from Barbados (with the United Kingdom)
  - 2015: The West Indian Commission Papers
  - 2011: Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal
  - 2009: Nita Barrow Collection
  - 2009: Federal Archives Fonds
  - 2003: Documentary Heritage of Enslaved Peoples of the Caribbean
19. **Creative Cities Network:** none
20. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:**

02 October 2008	Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	Acceptance
02 October 2008	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	Accession
02 October 2008	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.	Accession
02 October 2008	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	Accession

02 October 2008	Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	Acceptance
21 December 2006	International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris	Ratification
12 December 2005	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar	Accession
10 April 2002	Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	Acceptance
09 April 2002	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.	Accession
09 April 2002	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	Acceptance
18 June 1983	International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	Accession
23 March 1983	Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	Accession
18 March 1983	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.	Accession
18 March 1983	Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Accession
10 April 1979	Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.	Accession
24 June 1975	Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	Notification of succession
13 April 1973	Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed.	Notification of succession

**21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated:** none

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

**23. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** 1

- Caribbean Development Bank (a regional organization)

**24. Representation** within the Secretariat (as at 19/01/2021):

- Total number of staff members: 2