

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE

#### Political system

- The country is a Parliamentary Republic. Cabinet of Ministers appointed by the President, responsible to the National Assembly
- President David GRANGER (since 16 May 2015); Vice-Presidents Sydney ALLICOCK, Carl Barrington GREENIDGE, Moses Veerasammy NAGAMOOTOO, and Hemraj RAMJATTAN (since 20 May 2015); Prime Minister Moses Veerasammy NAGAMOOTOO (since 20 May 2015); note - the President is both Chief of State and Head of Government
- Elections: the pre-designated candidate of the winning party in the last National Assembly election becomes President for a 5-year term (no term limits); election last held on 11 May 2015 (next to be held no later than 2020); Prime Minister appointed by the President.

#### Statistical data (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2019)

- Population, total (million): 0.8
- Human Development Index: 0.670; Rank: 123 (out of 189 countries)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 69.8
- Expected years of schooling (years): 11.5
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 7,615
- Internet users (% of population): 37.3
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): n.a

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

- 4,303 out of school children as of 2012;
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education: 91.5%;
- Net enrolment ratio in secondary education: 83.2%;
- Adult literacy rate: 85.64 % (2014);
- Youth literacy rate: 96.69 % (2014);
- Government expenditure on education: As % of GDP 0.01% (2017).
- Compulsory education lasts 6 years, from age 6 to age 11;

(Map of Guyana attached)

### II – GUYANA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 21 March 1967.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: not currently.**  
Guyana was Member of the Executive Board from 1983 to 1987 and from 1993 to 1997.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees, Commissions, and UNESCO Institutes and Centres:** Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visit to Guyana:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visits to Guyana:** 2003 - official visit by Koïchiro Matsuura.

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Permanent Delegate of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to UNESCO H.E. Mr. Frederick Hamley Case. (Since 8 June 2016).
  - The former Permanent Delegate was Mr Laleshwar Kumar Narayan Singh, (July 2011 – 2016).
  - The Permanent Delegation of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to UNESCO is located in London, UK.
7. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
  - The UNESCO Office in Kingston was established in 1989 and became Cluster Office by DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001. Guyana is covered by the UNESCO Kingston Office.
  - Director: Ms. Katherine Grigsby since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.
8. **Guyana National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 22 August 1978 by a Cabinet decision.
  - **Secretary General:** Ms Patrice La Fleur
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** None
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** None
11. **Associated Schools:** 41 schools (14 primary, 26 secondary and 1 primary/secondary).
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** 13.
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none.
14. **World Heritage Sites:** none.
15. **Tentative List:** 5
  - City Hall, Georgetown (15/11/1995)
  - Fort Zeelandia (including Court of Policy Building) (15/11/1995)
  - Georgetown's Plantation Structure and Historic Buildings (28/01/2005)
  - Shell Beach (Almond Beach) Essequibo Coast (15/11/1995)
  - St. Georges Anglican Cathedral (15/11/1995)
16. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** no file submitted.
17. **Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions
  - Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (2011)
  - Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers (2011)
18. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
19. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 4 ratified and 36 not ratified.

### **Ratified Conventions:**

<b>Convention</b>	<b>Date of deposit</b>	<b>Type of deposit</b>
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	20/06/1977	Acceptance
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	14/12/2009	Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	06/05/2010	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	28/04/2014	Ratification

**20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2020-2021:** none

**21. Participation Programme:**

- **For 2016-2017**, four projects submitted by Guyana under the Participation Program were approved for a total amount of US \$ 78,000.
- **For the 2018-2019**, Guyana submitted seven national requests. Four requests were approved by the Director-General for a total of \$ 70,000.

**22. Fellowships:**

- Since 2010, no fellowships have been awarded to Guyana. Prior that, from 2000-2010, 4 fellowships for a total value of US\$ 58,400 were awarded.

**23. IGOs in relation with UNESCO:**

- « Caribbean Community (CARICOM) », based in Georgetown.

**24. NGOs in relation with UNESCO:** none

**25. Payment of assessed membership fees:**

- For 2020, the assessment rate for Guyana is 0.003%

**26. Geographical representation within the Secretariat:** Non-represented (min. 2 max. 4, non-represented)

**Applications to the Young Professionals' Programme (YPP):**

- Guyana, non-represented, has submitted 9 candidatures for the YPP 2018.