

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- Jamaica is a Parliamentary democracy, under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen Elizabeth II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Dr. Patrick L. Allen (since 26 February 2009)
- Prime minister: Prime Minister Andrew Holness (since 3 March 2016)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade: Senator Kamina Johnson Smith

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2019)

- Total population (million): 3.0
- Human Development Index: 0.734 / Rang 101
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 74.5
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 9,319
- Internet users (% of population): 55.1
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 2.8
(Map of Jamaica at the last page)

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 13.1
- Compulsory education (years): 6 (from age 6 to 11)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 79.1 (2019)
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.4 (2020)

II. JAMAICA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 7 November 1962

2. Membership on the Executive Board: Yes (2017-2021), elected at the 40th session of the General Conference for a second term, which expires in 2021.
Representative: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports
Previous terms: 2007-2009; 2001-2005; 1991-1995; 1981-1985; 1980-1981; 1974-1976; 1970-1976.

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

- Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Member (Term expires: 41st General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Term expires: 2022)

4. DG’s visit to Jamaica: none to date

5. Former Director Generals’ visit to Jamaica: none

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

H.E. Ms Symone Betton-Nayo (October 2021-)

Previous Ambassadors:

- H. E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (September 2018-2021).
- H.E. Ms. Vilma Kathleen McNish (July 2012 – December 2017)
- H.E. Ms. Marcia Gilbert Roberts (October 2007 – December 2011)
- H.E. Ms. Ruby Evadne Coye (June 2006 – December 2006)

7. **UNESCO Office:** Yes, Jamaica hosts the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston, which serves 20 Member States and Associate Member States. Ms. Saadia Sanchez-Vega (Venezuela, D-1) is the Director since September 2020.

8. **Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Established in February 1965;
- Chairperson: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (since March 2016);
- Secretary-General: Mr Everton Hannam, since October 2004.

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

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1

- UNESCO-Commonwealth Regional Chair in Education and HIV/AIDS (2004), University of the West Indies.

11. **Associated Schools:** 4 (Pre-primary 1, Primary 1, Secondary 2). Jamaica has joined the ASPnet in 1980.

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

13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1 site

- Blue and John Crow Mountains (2015)

16. **Tentative List:** 2 sites

- The Underwater City of Port Royal (2009);
- Seville Heritage Park (2009).

17. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** 2

- Reggae music of Jamaica, inscribed in 2018
- "The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town" Inscribed in 2008

18. **Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions

- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)
- Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011)

- The West India Committee collection (2016)

19. Creative Cities Network: 1

- Music – Kingston.

20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 9 ratified

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	14/06/1983	Acceptance
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	07/10/1993	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	27/10/1993	Accession
Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	12/10/1999	Accession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	16/03/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	02/08/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	04/05/2007	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	27/09/2010	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	09/08/2011	Ratification

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

22. Participation Programme:

- During the 2020-2021 biennium, four requests were approved for a total amount of US\$84,000
- For the 2018-2019 biennium, four requests under the Participation Programme were approved for a total amount of US\$75,000.
- During the 2016-2017 biennium, four national requests submitted by Jamaica were approved for a total amount of US\$79,000 and a regional request for US\$35,000.

23. Fellowships:

Since 2010, 8 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of USD 64 229.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

25. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: none

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:

- Assessment rate: 0.010 %

27. Staff members' status : 9 staff members, out of which **2** in geographical distribution posts, normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)

International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts): **2**

National Professional Officer in the Field: 1

General Service Staff in the Field: 6

Young Professional Programme (YPP)

As a normally represented Member State, Jamaica is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

28. Map of Jamaica

