

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- Nicaragua is a presidential Republic. The President is both Chief of State and Head of Government
- Chief of State: President Jose Daniel ORTEGA Saavedra (since 10 January 2007); Vice President Rosario MURILLO Zambrana (since 10 January 2017).
- Minister of Foreign Relations : H.E. Mr Denis Rolando MONCADA COLINDRES

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

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| • Total population (million): | 7.4 |
| • Human Development Index: | 0.660 / Rang 128 |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years): | 74.5 |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): | 5,284 |
| • Internet users (% of population): | 27.9 |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes):
(Map of Nicaragua at the last page) | 0.9 |

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Compulsory education (years): | 7 (from age 5 to 11) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%) in 2010: | 94.9 |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 4.36 (2017) |

II. NICARAGUA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 22 February 1952
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Last term expired in 2019.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
 - 2021: Legal Committee
4. **DG's visit to Nicaragua:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Nicaragua:** 4
 - 8 - 9 May 2013 (Irina Bokova)
 - February 2006 (Koichiro Matsuura)
 - 1993 and 1999 (Federico Mayor)
 - 1979 (Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mrs Sylvia Miranda Paniagua, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate Chargé d'affaires a.i.
7. **UNESCO Office:** None. Nicaragua is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in San José, Costa Rica. Ms Esther Kuisch-laroche (the Netherlands) has been the Director since August 2018.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Established in 1952
- Ms Miriam Soledad Raudez Rodriguez, Minister of Education, President (since 2010)
- Mr Rumaldo Arturo Collado Maldonado, Secretary General (since December 2020)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none

10. UNESCO Chairs: 1

- 2017: UNESCO Chair on Indigenous Native Wisdom and Knowledge, The University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, Managua

11. Associated Schools: 14 institutions

- 1 pre-school, 7 primary, 2 primary and secondary, and 4 teacher training institutions
- Joined ASPnet in 1992.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 3

- 1997: Bosawas
- 2003: Río San Juanm
- 2010: Ometepe Island

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 1

- 2020: Rio Coco

16. World Heritage Sites: 2 Cultural sites

- 2011: León Cathedral
- 2000: Ruins of León Viejo

17. Tentative List: 5 sites

- 2003: City of Granada and its natural environment
- 1995: Fortress of the immaculate Conception
- 1995: The Natural Reserve "Miskitos Keys"
- 1995: The Natural Reserve "Bosawas"
- 1995: Volcan Masaya National Park

18. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 2 elements

- 2008: El Güegüense
- 2008: Language, Dance and Music of the Garifuna

19. Memory of the World Register: 1 element

- 2007: Archives of the National Literacy Crusade

20. Creative Cities Network: none

21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 14 ratified

15 January 2010	International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris	Accession
05 March 2009	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	Ratification
14 February 2006	Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	Ratification
01 June 2001	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
10 August 2000	International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	Ratification
10 May 2000	Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	Ratification
30 July 1997	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar	Accession
26 April 1983	Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	Ratification
28 September 1981	Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	Ratification
17 December 1979	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	Acceptance
19 April 1977	Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	Ratification
01 December 1975	Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	Accession
17 December 1963	Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed.	Accession

16 May 1961	Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
16 May 1961	Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
16 May 1961	Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
16 May 1961	Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
25 November 1959	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	Ratification
25 November 1959	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.	Ratification

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

23. Participation Programme:

For the biennium 2020-2021, Nicaragua has submitted seven requests under the Participation Programme. So far, two requests have been approved by the DG for a total of US\$34,480. These requests will be implemented by the San José Office.

Following hurricanes Eta and Iota, Nicaragua submitted a request for emergency assistance which was approved by the DG on 28 January. The approval letter to the National Commission was sent on 3 February 2021.

24. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Nicaragua

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: 0.006 %

28. Staff members' status: under-represented with 1 Professional Staff on Geographical post (min. 2, max. 4).