

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- Aruba is a parliamentary democracy (Legislature); part of the Kingdom of the Netherland.
- **Chief of State:** King WILLEM-ALEXANDER of the Netherlands (since 30 April 2013); represented by Governor General Alfonso BOEKHOUDT (since 1 January 2017)
- **Head of Government:** Prime Minister Evelyn WEVER-CROES (since 17 November 2017)
- **Cabinet:** Council of Ministers elected by the Legislature (Staten)

Statistical figures (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Total population (thousands): | 105.000 |
| • Human Development Index: | N/A |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years) : | 76 |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): | N/A |
| • Internet users (% of population): | N/A |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes):
(Map of Aruba at the last page) | N/A |

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Expected years of schooling (years): | 11.4 |
| • Compulsory education (years): | 13 (from age 4 to 16) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): | 99.23 (2014) |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 6.14 (2016) |

II. ARUBA/ UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** associated membership since 20 October 1987.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:** none
4. **DG's visit to Aruba:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Aruba:** none
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:** none
7. **UNESCO Office:** Aruba was covered by the Habana office until September 2018, date in which Aruba expressed its desire to be covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston.
8. **Aruba National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Established in 1987.
 - Secretary-General: Ms Zetsia Ponson
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
1. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
2. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
3. **World Heritage Sites:** none
4. **Tentative List:** none
5. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none
6. **Memory of the World Register:** none
7. **Creative Cities Network:** none
8. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** N/A
9. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019:** none
10. **Participation Programme:**
 - During the 2016-2017, four requests were approved by the DG for Aruba under the PP for a total amount of US\$78,225.
 - For the 2018-2019 biennium, four requests were approved by the DG for a total amount of US\$75,000.
11. **Fellowships:**
 - Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Aruba.
12. **NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:** none
13. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** none
14. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019 :**
 - Assessment rate: 0.0006 %
15. **Staff members' status :** there is no staff member in the Secretariat from Aruba.

16. Map of Aruba

