

THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA AND UNESCO

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 31 October 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Not currently

Colombia has presented its candidature for UNESCO's Executive Board for the period 2017-2021, by letter of 10 March 2017.
Previous terms: 1948-1950, 1950-1954, 1970-1974, 1980-1985, 1985-1989, 1991-1995, 1997-2001, 2005-2009, 2007-2009
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 6
 - 2019: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
 - 2019: Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport
 - 2019: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
 - 2020: Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Vice-President
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
 - 2021: Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **DG's visits to Colombia:** None
5. **Former Director-General's visits to Colombia:** 1 in 2017
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
 - H.E. Ms Viviane Aleyda Morales Hoyos, Ambassador of Colombia to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 17 January 2019)
Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Federico Alonso Renjifo Vélez (2014-July 2018)
7. **UNESCO Office:** The UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador) covers Colombia. Since February 2014, Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela) is the Director of the Office and UNESCO Representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
8. **Colombian National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO:**
(Comisión Nacional Colombiana de Cooperación con la UNESCO)
 - Established in October 1947 and reorganized in 1985
 - President (since August 2018): Mr Carlos Holmes Trujillo García, Minister of Foreign Affairs
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities** (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, etc): None
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Colombia**
UNESCO Chairs: 8
 - 1994: Chaire de communication (1994), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá
 - 2000: Chaire en Gestion du Patrimoine Culturel), Universidad Nacional de Colombia - Sede Manizales, Manizales, Caldas
 - 2002: Chaire de Développement de l'enfant, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Bogotá

- 2005 : Chair in Human Rights, Violence, Public Policies and Governance, University Externado de Colombia, Bogotá
- 2014: Chair on Intercultural Dialogue, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- 2016: Chaire pour la promotion de l'égalité des genres, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá
- 2019: Chair on Education and a Culture of Peace, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá
- 2019: Chair on Freedom of Expression: Promoting Peace and Justice through Free Speech In Latin America, University of Los Andes, Bogotá

UNITWIN Networks: 1

- 1996 : Chaire UNESCO/Réseau régional pour l'amélioration de la qualité et de l'équité en matière de l'éducation en Amérique latine, Universidad del Valle, Cali

11. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 68

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), Bogotá

Note: Agreement between Colombia and UNESCO for the establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCUWM LAC) was signed in September 2007. However, in August 2017, Colombia informed that, due to unforeseen administrative challenges related to the revised Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for the Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO adopted by the General Conference in 2013, Colombia decided not to continue the process to establish the centre RCUWM LAC.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 5

- 2000: Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (reviewed in 2011)
- 2000: Seaflower (reviewed in 2011)
- 1979: Cinturón Andino (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- 1979: El Tuparro (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- 1979: Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: None

15. World Heritage Sites: 9 (6 Cultural, 2 Natural and 1 Mixed)

Cultural Sites:

- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru)
- 2011: Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia
- 1995: Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox
- 1995: National Archeological Park of Tierradentro
- 1995: San Agustín Archaeological Park
- 1984: Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena

Natural Sites:

- 2006: Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary
- 1994: Los Katíos National Park

Mixed Site:

- 2018: Chiribiquete National Park – “The Maloca of the Jaguar” (Mixed site: Cultural and Natural)

Tentative List: 17

- 1993: Buritaca 200 - Ciudad Perdida - Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
- 1993: Sistema Hidráulico Prehispánico del Río San Jorge
- 1993: Parque Nacional Natural Chiribiquete
- 2007: Seaflower Marine Protected Area (MPA)
- 2012: Canal del Dique - Dike Canal
- 2012: Catholic Doctrine Temples
- 2012: Cultural Landscape of Salt Towns
- 2012: Cultural Landscape of the Lower Basin of the Chicamocha River
- 2012: Pre-Hispanic Hydraulic System of the San Jorge River
- 2012: Puente de Occidente (Western Bridge)
- 2012: South of Ricaurte Province
- 2012: Tatacoa Desert
- 2012: Tayrona and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta National Parks and their Archaeological Sites
- 2012: United Fruit Company Infrastructure
- 2012: University City of Bogotá
- 2012: Virgilio Barco Library
- 2013: Cultural Landscape of the Vernacular Stilt Housing of Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta and of Medio Atrato

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 10

Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 8

- 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador (jointly with Ecuador)
- 2012: Festival of Saint Francis of Assisi, Quibdó
- 2011: Traditional knowledge of the jaguar shamans of Yuruparí
- 2010: Wayuu normative system, applied by the Pütchipü'üi (palabrero)
- 2009: Carnaval de Negros y Blancos
- 2009: Holy Week processions in Popayán
- 2008: Cultural space of Palenque de San Basilio
- 2008: Carnival of Barranquilla

List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding: 2

- 2017: Colombian-Venezuelan llano work songs (jointly with Venezuela)
- 2015: Traditional Vallenato music of the Greater Magdalena region

Nomination under evaluation:

Safeguarding Strategy of Traditional Crafts for Peace Building for the Register of Good Practices (2018-2020 cycle)

17. Memory of the World Register: 2

- 2007: American Colonial Music: a sample of its documentary richness (jointly with Mexico, Bolivia and Peru)
- 2005: Negros y Esclavos Archives

During the 19th annual meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC) (Panama City, 22-24 October 2018), two nominations were accepted:

- Acuerdo de paz entre el Gobierno de Colombia y las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo las FARC-EP / Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace. (Archivo General de la Nación “Jorge Preciado” / General Archive of the Nation “Jorge Palacios Preciado”)

- Archivo Histórico Cinematográfico Colombiano de Los Acevedo (1915-1955) / Historical Colombian Film Archive of Los Acevedo (1915-1955)

18. Creative Cities Network: 4

- 2017: Buenaventura, as a Creative City of Gastronomy
- 2015: Medellín, as a Creative City of Music
- 2012: Bogota, as a Creative City of Music
- 2005: Popayán, as a Creative City of Gastronomy

19. Legal instruments

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	18/03/1977	Accession
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.	18/03/1976	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	14/06/1976	Accession
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	23/02/1977	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	24/05/1983	Acceptance
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	24/05/1988	Acceptance
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	14/02/1994	Ratification
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.	18/06/1998	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	18/06/1998	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	18/06/1998	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	19/03/2008	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	31/08/2009	Ratification
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.	24/11/2010	Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	19/03/2013	Accession
Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	20/12/2013	Accession

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019: 250th anniversary of the birth of Francisco José de Caldas y Tenorio (1768-1816)

Previous anniversaries:

- 2012: 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912)
- 2001: 200th anniversary of the expedition of Alexander von Humboldt to Colombia
- 1996: Centenary of the death of the Colombian poet José Asunción Silva

21. Participation Programme:

- 2018-2019: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 71,000.
- 2016-2017: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 86,000
- 2014-2015: 3 national projects and 1 regional project approved for a total amount of US\$ 111,000

22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme: 21 fellowships have been awarded to Colombia since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 423,631

23. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO: 2

- Pan-American Association of Educational Credit Institutions (APICE), admitted in 1998
- Latin American Federation of Associations of Communication Schools (FELAFACS), admitted in 1990

24. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention

27. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 30 June 2019):

- Assessment rate for 2019: 0.372%
- Last payment: August 2017

29. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 10 July 2019):

- Total staff Nationals from Colombia: 7
- Professional staff in geographical posts: 5
- Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 5; Min. 3): Normally represented
- Junior Professional Officer /Associate Expert Programme: Colombia does not participate.
- Young Professional Programme: As a normally represented, the country is not eligible to participate.