

THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA AND UNESCO

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** since 29 August 1947.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:**
 - Yes, 2017-2021
 - Previous terms: 9 times to date
3. **Membership o Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** 7
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme, Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme, Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication Member (Term expires : 41st General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage, Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Member;
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Member (Term expires : 2020);
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, Representatives of Member States : Mario Oliva Suárez (Term expires : 37th General Conference).
4. **DG's visits to Cuba:** None
5. **Former DG's visits to Cuba:** 3
 - 29 April-1st May 2017: Jazz Day (I. Bokova)
 - 17-19 September 2015: official visit (I. Bokova)
 - 26-29 November 2012: official visit (I. Bokova)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

H.E. Mrs Dulce María Buergo Rodríguez, Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate, (since 20 March 2015).
7. **UNESCO Office in Cuba:**

Established on February 24, 1950 (Regional Office for Culture in Latin American and the Caribbean) for the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Aruba.
Director: Mrs Katherine Müller-Marin (D-1, Costa Rica) since 1 March 2016.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Established in November 17, 1947.
 - Mr Óscar León González, President (since October 2016).
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Alicia Alonso, Goodwill Ambassador designates in 2002
 - Silvio Rodríguez, Artist for Peace designated in 1997
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 12
 - Chaire UNESCO de gestion universitaire (1993), Universidad de La Habana, La Habana (76) ;

- Chaire UNESCO en sciences de l'éducation (1994), Instituto Pedagógico Latinoamericano y Caribeño (IPLAC), La Habana (77);
- Chaire UNESCO en gestion de l'information dans les organisations (1993), Universidad de La Habana, Universidad de Murcia, Espagne, dans le cadre du groupe Santander (78) ;
- Chaire UNESCO en sciences de la conservation des biens culturels (1995), CENCREM, La Habana (79) ;
- Chaire UNESCO de biomatériels (1998), Universidad de La Habana, La Habana (364) ;
- UNESCO Chair in Culture and Development (2002), Centro Nacional de Superación por la Cultura, La Habana (366) ;
- UNESCO Chair in Environment and Development (2012), Higher Institute of Applied Science and Technology (962);
- UNESCO Chair on Agricultural Biotechnology for Local Development (2014), University of Granma, Bayamo
- UNESCO Chair "Felipe Poey y Aloy" on the Promotion of a Scientific Culture (2014), Universidad Central "Marta Abreu" de Las Villas
- Chaire internationale UNESCO / Réseau UNITWIN MEDEURAMÉRICA pour un développement humain durable (1998), Universidad de La Habana y Universidad de Girona
- UNESCO Chair on Agroecology and Sustainable Development (2015), the Agrarian University of Havana
- UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue (2017), Casa de las Américas

11. Associated Schools: 79

Cuba joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1983, and there are at present 79 ASP member institutions (1 Pre-primary, 55 Primary, 1 Primary/Secondary, 19 Secondary, 2 Teacher Trainning Institution, and 1 Vocational and Technical Institution).

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. Biosphere Reserves: 6

- Sierra del Rosario (1984);
- Cuchillas del Toa (1987);
- Península de Guanahacabibes (1987);
- Baconao (1987);
- Ciénaga de Zapata (2000);
- Buenavista (2000).

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 9 sites (7 Cultural sites and 2 Natural sites)

- Archaeological Landscape of the First Coffee Plantations in the South-East of Cuba (2000);
- Historic Centre of Camagüey (2008);
- Old Havana and its Fortification System (1982) ;
- San Pedro de la Roca Castle, Santiago de Cuba (1997);
- Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios (1988);
- Urban Historic Centre of Cienfuegos (2005);
- Viñales Valley (1999);
- Alejandro de Humboldt National Park (2001);
- Desembarco del Granma National Park (1999).

16. Tentative List: 3

- National Schools of Art, Cubanacán (2003) ;
- Ciénaga de Zapata National Park (2003) ;

- Reef System in the Cuban Caribbean (2003).

17. Intangible Heritage: 3

- Festivity of Las Parrandas in the centre of Cuba (2018)
- Punto (2017)
- Cuban rumba (2016)
- La Tumba Francesa (2008)

18. Memory of the World Register: 3 elements

- José Martí Pérez Fonds (inscribed in 2005);
- Original Negative of the Noticiero ICAIC Latino Americano (in 2009);
- Documentary Collection “Life and Works of Ernesto Che Guevara: from the originals manuscripts of its adolescence and youth to the campaign Diary in Bolivia” (2013).

19. Creative Cities Network: none

20. Legal Instruments: 19 ratified

- Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 26/11/1957 Ratification 14 May 1954.
- Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954. 26/11/1957 Ratification
- Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960. 02/11/1962 Ratification
- Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970. 30/01/1980 Ratification
- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972. 24/03/1981 Ratification
- Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976. 15/05/1992 Accession
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. 29/05/2007 Ratification
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005. 29/05/2007 Ratification
- Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962. 13/09/2007 Ratification
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001. 26/05/2008 Ratification

21. Anniversaries associated with UNESCO:

- 2018-2019: 500th anniversary of the foundation of Havana (1519) (with the support of Ecuador and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- 2016-2017: 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Ruben Dario (1867-1916) and 100th anniversary of his death (presented by Nicaragua with the support of Cuba and Ecuador);
- 2016: 200th anniversary of the birth of Francisco de Albear y Fernández de Lara, engineer and scientist (1816-1887) (presented by Cuba with the support of Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

- 2016: 100th anniversary of the publication of the book *The black slaves* by Fernando Ortiz Fernández (1916) (presented by Cuba with the support of Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela).

22. Participation Programme:

- 2018-2019, Cuba submitted 7 national request and 1 regional request. 3 national requests approved for a total amount of 70.900US\$. The regional request in the field of culture has also been approved by the Director-General for the amount of US \$ 38,000. The total funds allocated to Cuba for this biennium under the Participation Program thus amounts to US \$ 108,900.
- 2016-2017, 4 project approved for a total amount of US\$74.500.

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme:

40 fellowships have been awarded to Cuba since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 1,235,867.

24. Non-Governmental Organisations: 1

- Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes (OCLAE): Consultative status

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018: (as at 23 May 2019):

Assessment rate 0.103 %

Last payment: 22 January 2019

26. Representation in the Secretariat: 4 in geographical positions, and 13 in total (as at 7 January 2019), Maximum range: 4 Minimum range: 2, Normally- represented.

Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme:

Cuba does not participate in the Professional Officers Programme.

Young Professional Programme:

As a normally represented country, Cuba is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.