UNESCO AND ARUBA: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system
• Aruba is a parliamentary democracy (Legislature); part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
• 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*)
• 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): N/A

Education (*source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics*)
• 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)

II. ARUBA/ UNESCO COOPERATION

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