I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system
- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government.
- President: H.E. Mr. Mario Abdo Benitez (since 15 August 2018). The President is elected by simple majority popular vote for a single 5-year term.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Mr Euclides Acevedo Candia (since January 2021). The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President.

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)
- Total population (million): 7.9
- Human Development Index: 0.728/ Rank: 103
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 74.3
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$): 12,224
- Internet users (% of population): 65.0
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones): 1.1

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)
- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.7
- Compulsory education (years): 13 (from age 5 to 17)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (% at 2020): 76.5%
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP at 2019): 3.5%

II. PARAGUAY/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 20 June 1955
2. Membership on the Executive Board: Yes, from 2021 to 2025. Prior mandate was from 2015 to 2019.
3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: None
4. DG’s visit to Paraguay: none to date
5. Former Director General’s visit to Paraguay: 1, in June 2016
6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - Mr Hugo Rolando Morel Ocampos, Minister, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. since May 2021
   - First Secretary: Ms Luz Marina Moreno
   - Previous Permanent Delegates:
     Ms Leticia Casati, Chargée d’Affaires from 2015 to December 2018; H. E. Mr Emilio Lorenzo Gimenez Franco, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Paraguay in France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO from April 2019 to May 2021.
7. UNESCO Office: Montevideo (Uruguay)
   - Since May 2014, Ms Lidia Brito (D-1, Mozambique) has been the Director of the Cluster Office in Montevideo and Representative to Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay.
8. **Paraguay National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: 1955
   - President: H. E. Mr Juan Manuel Brunetti, Minister of Education and Science and President of the Paraguay National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO (since March 2021).
   - Secretary General: Mr Javier Albino Alcaraz Cabral, Secretary General of the Paraguay National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO.

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** none
   - The Paraguayan Orchestra H2O – Sound of Earth (Dir: Mr Luis Szarán), UNESCO Artist for Peace, December 2016.
   - **Background.** The Orchestra H2O – Sound of the Earth was appointed UNESCO Artist for Peace in December 2016. The Orchestra uses musical instruments made from salvaged waste, such as bottles and cans. Guitars, trumpets and flutes made from recycled pipes and funnels hold a large musical repertoire in order to spread a simple and urgent message: water is a natural resource that could be irremediably drained if the necessary measures are not taken. H2O - Sounds of the Earth travels all around Paraguay and beyond, with its 50 orchestras of 2,200 children and young musicians and 300 adults from 44 ethnic communities in Paraguay. H2O organizes also during their tours many awareness campaigns about the good management of environment and water conservation. In March 2018, they performed during the 8th World Water Forum on the theme “Sharing Water”, held in Brasilia, Brazil.

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none

11. **Associated Schools:** 16
   - 8 primary, 3 primary/secondary, 4 secondary, 1 vocational and technical institution.
   - Paraguay joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1985.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
   - The joint Paraguay and Brazil International Centre on Hydroinformatics for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICHIWRM) was approved by in 2007 by the General Conference in 34 C/Resolution 30.

13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 3
   - 2017: Itaipu
   - 2005: El Chaco
   - 2000: Bosque Mbaracayú, periodic review in 2013

14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
   - 1993: Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue (Cultural)

16. **Tentative List:** 6
   - 2018: Paraguayan Pantanal
   - 2018: Railway Complex and English Village of Sapucai
   - 2003: Mbaracayú Forest Nature Reserve
• 1993: Sistema Ferrocarril Pte. Carlos Antonio López
• 1993: Parque Nacional Ybyturuzu
• 1993: Parque National Tinfunke’

17. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 1

• 2020: Practices and traditional knowledge of Terere in the culture of Pohã Ñana, Guarani ancestral drink in Paraguay.

18. Memory of the World Register: 1

• 2009: Archives of Terror (Documentary heritage)

19. Creative Cities Network: 1

• 2019: Areguá (Paraguay) – Crafts and Folk Art

20. UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments: 17 ratified and 23 non-ratified conventions

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21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated: none
22. Participation Programme:
   - Paraguay did not submit any request under the 2020-2021 Participation Programme.
   - 2018-2019: three requests were approved for a total amount of USD 69,000. UNESCO Montevideo is implementing these projects.
   - 2016-2017: four requests were approved for a total amount of USD 74,500. Those projects were implemented by our Office in Montevideo.

23. Fellowships:
   - Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Paraguay.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2022:
   - Assessment rate: 0.021 %

26. Staff members’ status: normally represented (min. 2, max. 4)
   - Total number of staff members: 3
   - Professional staff on geographical posts: 2

**Young Professional Programme:** As a normally represented Member State, Paraguay is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

27. Map of Paraguay: