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 and first 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 Morle 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)
   • Mr Ernesto Fernández Polcuch (P-5 Argentina) was appointed as the new Director of the Montevideo Office and UNESCO Representative in Paraguay, Argentina, 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:**
   - The Paraguayan Orchestra H2O – Sound of Earth (Dir: Mr Luis Szarán), UNESCO Artist for Peace, December 2016.

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, Guaraní 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: 0.034 %

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: