COSTA RICA AND UNESCO
KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. Membership in UNESCO: 19 May 1950


3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions: 2
   - 2019: Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme
   - Permanent Membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. DG’s visits to the country: None

5. Former Director-General’s visits to the country: 1 in 2013

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - Ambassador Max VALVERDE SOTO, Permanent Delegate (since 5 June 2019)
   - Mr Olger Adonai Arias Sánchez, Deputy Permanent Delegate

7. UNESCO Office:
   - Yes (since 1981)
   - Cluster Office headed by Ms Esther Kuisch Laroche (D-1, Netherlands) since October 2018

   (Comisión Costarricense de Cooperación con la UNESCO)
   - Establishment: 1959
   - President/Chairperson (since July 2019): Ms Guiselle Cruz Maduro, Minister of Education
   - Secretary-General a.i.: Mr Andrea Méndez Calderón

9. Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities: None

10. UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks: 3 Chairs and no Network
    - 2012: UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development, The Earth Charter Center
      for Education for Sustainable Development and the University of Peace;
    - 2011: UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, De La Salle University;
    - 2016: UNESCO Chair on Biosphere Reserves and Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites,
      University for International Cooperation, San José.

11. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 127
    - Pre-primary (7); Pre-primary to Secondary (1); Primary (95); Primary/Secondary (10);
      Secondary (9); Teacher Training Institution (2); Vocational and Technical Institution (2); Other (1)

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: None

13. Biosphere Reserves: 4
2017: Savegre
2007: Agua y Paz
1988: Cordillera Volcánica Central (extended in 2010)
1982: La Amistad

14. UNESCO Global Geopark Network: None

15. World Heritage

Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List: 4

- 2014: Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís (Cultural)
- 1997: Cocos Island National Park (Natural) (extension in 2002)
- 1983: Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park (Transboundary property with Panama) (Natural)

Tentative List: 1

- 2003: Corcovado National Park and Isla del Caño Biological Reserve

16. Intangible Heritage Lists

Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 1

- 2008: Oxherding and oxcart traditions in Costa Rica

17. Memory of the World Register: 2

- 2017: Abolition of the Army in Costa Rica
- 2017: Central American Court of Justice

Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC): 2

- 2009: Colección Preguntas y Respuestas del Instituto Centroamericano de Extensión de la Cultura (Costa Rica) (ICECU);
- 2018: Documentos sobre la Independencia de Costa Rica y Centroamérica de la Corona Española (1821-1822)

18. Creative Cities Network: 1

- 2019: San José – City of Design

19. UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments

Ratified conventions:

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<td>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.</td>
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20. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021**: None

21. **Participation Programme**:

- 2016-2017: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US$ 74,500.

22. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme**: Since 2010, 11 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US$ 187,954.83.

23. **Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO**: 1

- Servicio Paz y Justicia en América Latina (SERPAJ-AL), in consultative status

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 14 November 2019)**:

- Assessment rate for 2019: 0.080 %

25. **Representation within the Secretariat** (as at 10/03/2019): Normally represented (Max. 4; Min. 2) with 2 Professional staff in geographical posts: