1. **Membership**: since 22 January 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: not currently (last term: 2011-2015)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions**: 7
   - 2023: Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education
   - 2023: Headquarters Committee
   - 2021: Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme
   - 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
   - 2021: Legal Committee
   - 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
   - Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Director-General’s visit**: none
5. **Former Director General’s visit**: 1 (in July 2017)
6. **Permanent Delegation**:
   - H.E. Mr Eduardo Khalife Moraga; Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Ecuador to UNESCO (since 17 December 2019)
   - Mr Pablo Guayasamin, Councillor; Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Ana Victoria Rosero Herrera, Second Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Marco Patricio Zambrano Restrepo (2018-2019); H. E. Mr. Galo Mora Witt (2015-2018)
7. **UNESCO Office**: Quito (Ecuador)
   - Establishment: June 1983
   - Director: Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela). Since February 2014, Ms Sánchez is the Director of the Office in Quito and UNESCO representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
   - UNESCO established its Office in Quito as a sub-regional education unit, supporting the principal education project for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2001, as part of the reorganisation of UNESCO’s field structure, the Office became the Cluster Office for the Andean sub-region covering Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.
8. **National Commission**:
   - President: H.E. Mr José Valencia, Minister of Foreign Affairs
   - Secretary-General: Ms Consuelo Beatriz Barrera Nieto (since 14 November 2018)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities**: Ms Ivonne A-Baki, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (since February 2010)
10. **UNESCO Chairs**: 6
2019: Chair on Tropical Freshwater Management, Universidad Regional Amazónica Ikiam
2018: Chair on Sustainable Development, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja
2016: Chair on Support Technologies for Educational Inclusion, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana
2016: Chair on Freedom of Expression and Knowledge Societies, The International Centre for Advanced Studies in Communications for Latin America (CIESPAL)
2016: Chair on Ethics and Society in Higher Education, Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja
2012: Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja

11. Associated Schools Network (ASNet): 56

- 2 Pre-primary, 30 Primary, 14 Primary/Secondary, 8 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 1 Vocational and Technical Institution
- The country joined the ASNet in 1953.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. Biosphere Reserves: 7

- 2018: Choco Andino de Pichincha
- 2014: Bosque Seco (Part of Transboundary Bosques de Paz with Peru since 2017)
- 2013: Macizo del Cajas
- 2007: Podocarpus-El Condor
- 2000: Sumaco (extended in 2002; reviewed in 2016)

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 1

- 2019: Imbabura
- Ecuador has two UNESCO global geopark projects in course: Napo Sumaco and Tungurahua Volcano.

15. World Heritage Sites: 5 (3 Cultural and 2 Natural)

- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Cultural)
- 1999: Historic Center of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca (Cultural)
- 1983: Sangay National Park (Natural).
- 1978: Galápagos Islands (Natural), also a Biosphere reserve (extended in 2001)
- 1978: City of Quito (Cultural)

16. Tentative List: 5 properties

- 2016: Mayo Chinchipe – Marañón archaeological landscape
- 2016: Cultural Itinerary of Ecuador's Trans-Andean Train
- 2016: Zaruma ciudad minera
- 1998: Bosque petrificado de Puyango
- 1998: Parque Nacional Machalilla

17. Intangible Cultural Heritage: 3 inscriptions on the Representative List
• 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador, jointly with Colombia
• 2012: Traditional weaving of the Ecuadorian toquilla straw hat
• 2008: Oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Zápara People, jointly with Peru

18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

• 2015: The Gaze of the Other: Documentary heritage of the Salesian apostolic vicariate in the Ecuadorian Amazon (1890-1930)

19. Creative Cities Network: 3

• 2019: Portoviejo (Creative City of Gastronomy)
• 2017: Chordeleg (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)
• 2015: Durán (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)

20. UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified

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21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: 1
   - 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamin, painter (with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay)

Anniversaries with which UNESCO was previously associated: 8
   - 2012: 100th anniversary of the death of José Eloy Alfaro Delgado, statesman and thinker (1842-1912)
   - 2010: 100th anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988)
   - 2006: 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza, writer (1906-1978)
   - 2000: 100th anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo (8 April 2000)
   - 1989: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio Maria de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)
   - 1983: 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, Liberator of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia)
   - 1982: 150th anniversary of the birth of Juan Montalvo, writer and essayist

22. Participation Programme:
   - 2018-2019: two requests approved for a total amount of US$ 30,000:
     - Architectural study of reconversion of activity and architectural rehabilitation of patrimonial buildings in Zaruma (US$ 15,000);
     - Project for the awareness and care of tourists with disabilities in the Historic Center of Cuenca (US$ 15,000).
   - 2016-2017: two requests approved for a total amount of US$ 56,000. Ecuador submitted an emergency assistance request following the earthquake that occurred in April 2016, for an amount of US$ 50,000 (approved in June 2016). UNESCO Quito implemented this project.

23. Fellowships:
   - Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US$ 47,748.46.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

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• Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER), with consultative status

25. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: 2**

- Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), based in Quito
- Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS), based in Guayaquil

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees as of 27 December 2019:**

- Assessment rate: 0.103%

27. **Staff members’ status:** as of 8 December 2019 normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 2 professional staff on geographical posts (total number of staff members: 12)

- Professional staff on geographical posts: 2
- National Professional Officer in the Field: 1
- International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts): 1