UNESCO AND SURINAME: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO**: Since 16 July 1976

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: not currently.
   Previous terms: 2001-2005 (Mr Cornelis Pigot); 1989-1991 (Mr Ronald Venetiaan, former President of the Republic), and 1987-1989 (Mr Allan S. Li Fo Sjoe).

3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions**:
   Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC

4. **DG’s visit to Suriname**: none to date

5. ** Former Director Generals’ visit to Guyana**: 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in May 2003)

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - H. E. Mr Reggy Martiales Nelson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Surinam to France, Permanent Delegate (designate)
   - Previous: H. E. Mr Harvey H. Naarendorp; Mr Gerhard Otmar Hiwat.

7. **UNESCO Office**: Suriname is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby (Nicaragua, D-1) has been the Director since August 1, 2015.

8. **Suriname National Commission for UNESCO**:
   - Established on 16 June 1976 by Resolution of the Council of Ministers
   - **Chairperson**: The Honourable Lilian Ferrier, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
   - **Secretary-General**: Mr. Roy Smith

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities**: none

10. ** UNESCO Chairs**: none

11. ** Associated Schools**: 0

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres**: none

13. ** UNESCO Clubs**: none

14. **Biosphere Reserves**: none

15. ** UNESCO Global Geoparks**: none

16. **World Heritage Sites**: 2 sites
   - Historic Inner City of Paramaribo (2002)

17. **Tentative List**: 1
   - The settlement of Joden Savanne and Cassipora cemetery (30/06/1998)

18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List**: none

19. **Memory of the World Register**: 3 inscriptions
20. Creative Cities Network: none

21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 2 ratified and 3 accessed

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**The States marked with two asterisks are parties to the 1971 Convention alone.

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019: none

23. Participation Programme:

- During the biennium 2016-2017, four requests submitted under the Participation Programme were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US$75,000.
- During the biennium 2018-2019, three requests submitted by Suriname were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US$69,000.

24. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 1 fellowship has been awarded to Suriname for a total amount of US$8,000.

25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: none

27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019:

- Assessment rate: 0.006 %
- Last payment: 30 August 2017

28. Staff members’ status: Non-represented (min. 2, max. 4)