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Awards of Designations

- Blue & John Crow Mountains designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, July 2015
- City of Kingston designated a UNESCO Creative City of music, December 2015
- Veronica Campbell-Brown designated a UNESCO Champion for Sport, October 2009
- Maroon Heritage of Moore Town inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity List, 2008



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FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to be sharing with you a copy of our Annual Report for the year ending 2018. The report provides a non-exhaustive update on the activities undertaken by the National Commission in UNESCO's areas of competence through the Secretariat in collaboration with the various advisory committee,, the Caribbean Cluster Office and other stake holders and partners including academia.

The highlight of the year most definitely would have been:

- a. Jamaica election to the 58-member Executive Board for the period of 2017- 2021 where we will be represented by minister Hon Olivia Grange, Chair, JNC-UNESCO
- b. Consultative meeting of Secretaries General of the Caribbean Cluster held July 2017 in preparation for the 39th General Conference held in October/ November 2017.

I invite your comments and feedback as we seek to make each Report better than the previous.

Enjoy reading

Everton Hannam, JP
Secretary General

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1. UNESCO

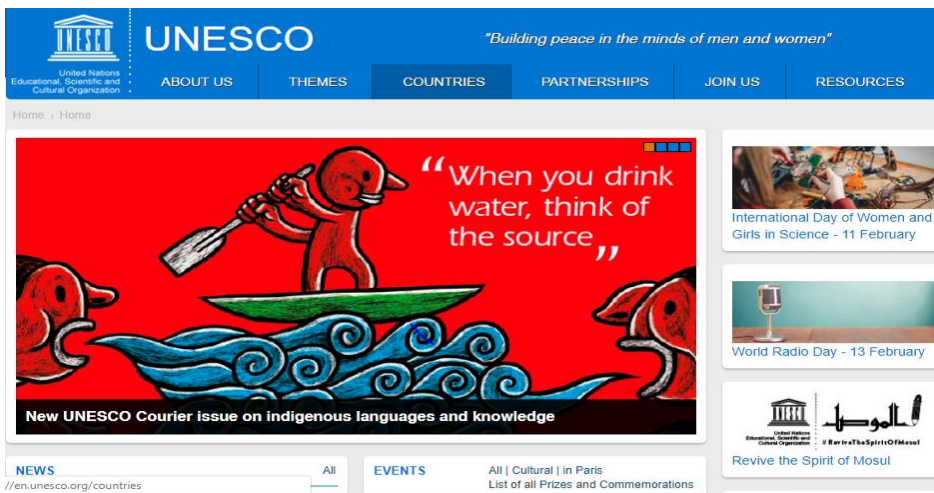
1.1. Introduction

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded on 16th November 1945 and is headquartered in Paris, France. The Preamble of the UNESCO Constitution establishes UNESCO as an organisation committed to the promotion of ideals of peace among the peoples of the world.

Since wars began in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.

The goals of UNESCO include:

- promoting Education for international understanding;
- promoting Sustainable Development based upon observance of human rights, mutual respect and the alleviation of poverty;
- contributing to the establishment of Cultural Identity and the promotion of culture directly;
- building co-operation and promoting exchanges among its Member States in the fields of education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.



Source:

www.unesco.org

At this period UNESCO has 193 Member States and 11 Associate Members.

1.2. The UNESCO Office for the Caribbean

The UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office covers 13 member states including Jamaica and six Associate member states in the Caribbean. The new Director, Katherine Grigsby, took office June 2015. The office collaborates and cooperates with National Commissions within its cluster, other agencies in the UN system, CARICOM, the OECS, civil society groups, educational and research institutions as well as professional bodies operating within the areas of mandate.

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2. THE JAMAICA NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

Almost all (199) Member States have established a National Commission for UNESCO. The UNESCO National Commissions are national cooperating bodies set up by the Member States for the purpose of associating their governmental and non-governmental bodies with the work of the Organization. Jamaica established its National Commission in November 1965.

National Commissions are considered the mobilisers and catalysts for UNESCO's activities: they advise their governments on UNESCO affairs and work with the intellectual communities in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of UNESCO's programmes.

National Commissions publicise UNESCO's mission and achievements, and are the channel through which the needs and aspirations of Member States are transmitted to UNESCO.

2.2. Members of the Board of the National Commission for UNESCO, 2016-19



Name		Title
Hon Olivia Grange, CD, MP	Chairperson	Minister of Culture Gender Entertainment and Sport
Mr Lenford Salmon	Vice Chair	Senior Advisor to Hon. Minister
Hon Floyd Green,	Chair, Education Advisory Committee	Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information REASSIGNED Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries
Sen the Hon Pearnel Charles, Jr.	Chair, Youth Advisory Committee	Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade REASSIGNED AS Minister without Portfolio, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
Mrs Laleta Davis-Mattis	Chair, Culture Advisory Committee	University Counsel Regional Headquarters, UWI/Chair, JNHT
Mr Cordel Green	Chair, Information Advisory Committee	Executive Director, Broadcasting Commission
Professor Ronald Young	Chair, Science Advisory Committee	Office of Graduate Studies & Research, UWI
Dr Lloyd Waller NOW Professor	Chair, Social Science Advisory Committee	Department of Government, UWI (Mona)
Ms Joy Douglas	Chair, Man & the Biosphere (MAB) Committee	Chair, ODPEM and National Library of Jamaica (NLJ)
Mr Cliff Hughes	Chair, Communication Advisory Committee	Nationwide News (RESIGNED)
Amb. Marcia Gilbert-Roberts	Member	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
Mr Orville Byfield	Member	Coach/Dept. Head, UTECH
Ms Giselle Jones	Member	Advisor/Consultant, Min. of Tourism
Mrs Roberta Ellis	Member	Caribbean Representative, Cuso International
Ms Nadeen Spence	Member	Student Services & Development Manager/ Prog. Coordinator, UWI
Mr William Mahfood	Member	Chairman, WISYNCO Group Ltd (RESIGNED)
Mr Everton Hannam, JP	Member	Secretary-General, JNC-UNESCO

2.3. The Secretariat

The Jamaica National Commission functions through a Secretariat, Advisory Committees representing each sector of UNESCO (Education, Culture, Communication, Information, Natural Science and Social Science) and other Committees (Youth, MOW, National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica (NBCJ)).

2.3.1. Committees

Advisory Committees relate to the major programme areas of UNESCO to:

- advise the Commission on matters pertaining to their special areas of competence;
- advise the Commission of possible co-operation between the Commission and UNESCO;
- advise the Commission on the preparation of Jamaica's paper and resolutions to the General Conference of UNESCO;
- contribute to the creation of a climate favourable to the development of the areas of UNESCO's competence
- liaise with the Programme Specialists in the UNESCO Caribbean Kingston office

2.3.2. The Secretariat

The Secretariat is responsible to the Commission for the effective implementation and co-ordination of the programmes and activities of UNESCO in Jamaica, and for advising on and implementing policy decisions.

The Secretariat

1. prepares and administers the annual budget of expenditure
2. prepares briefs on the various areas to be covered at the General Conferences of UNESCO
3. monitors projects and ensures that reports and invoices are sent to UNESCO at the completion of each project.
4. Liaise with the Permanent Delegate in Paris to ensure effective coordination of Jamaica's

contribution in UNESCO

5. Liaise with the UNESCO Caribbean Cluster Office

• *Staff*

The complement is:

- Secretary-General, Everton Hannam JP
- Programme Manager, Tara Sue Morgan (Current Programme Manager, Dr Maria Smith)
- Librarian/Documentalist, Doolarie Hopkinson
- Accountant, Dionne McDonald
- Senior Secretary, Stacey Jowhill
- Office Attendant/Messenger, Yvette Francis (Deceased, January 2019)
- Receptionist, Rosemarie Henry

This small staff is supported by local and overseas interns:

3-21 July 2017	Leonie Gray (MCGES Summer Employment)
3-21 July 2017	David Brooks (MCGES Summer Employment)
3-21 July 2017	Nyoka Williams (MCGES Summer Employment)
Dec 2017-March 2018	Traci Jacas (UWI student)



2.4. Permanent Delegation

Jamaica is represented at UNESCO by a Permanent Delegate who is currently Ambassador Shelia Monteith. She assumed duties in December 2017. She is Jamaica's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Permanent Representative to the European Union and UNESCO. She is a non-resident ambassador and operates from the Mission in Brussels.



Permanent Delegates represent their member states in the many activities of UNESCO and its subsidiary bodies particularly when there cannot be a representative from the member state to attend the many meetings convened by UNESCO.

In collaboration with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO; the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport; and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade our Ambassador also coordinates Jamaica's participation and attendance at the Executive Board, General Conference and other UNESCO related activities.

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2.5. Jamaica's Representatives on various UNESCO Bodies/Committees

Organ/Committee	Representative		Duration
UNESCO Executive Board Chair of the Committee on Conventions & Recommendation and Member of the Committee for Non-Governmental Partners.	Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP.		2017-2021
Information For All Council (IFA)	Cordel Green	Executive Director, Broadcasting Commission and Chair, Information Advisory Committee	2017-2021
International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	Hon Floyd Green	Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information/Chair Education Advisory Committee REASSIGNED Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	2015-2019

3. ACTIVITIES IN UNESCO'S PROGRAMME AREAS

3.1. Education

IESALC Board Meeting

Jamaica sits as a member of the Board of IESALC for the period 2013-2017. At the 10th Regular Meeting Jamaica was represented by Hon. Floyd Green who attended the meeting held in Panama, 29-30 May 2017.

Junior Debate International

The Junior Debate International series of debate culminated in June 2017. JNC-UNESCO assisted this exercise once again with the provision of certificates to approximately 200 participants.

3.2. Natural Sciences

Themes are:

- Science and Technology
- Environment
- Oceans
- Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

International Conferences

1-6 October 2017: Jamaica's representative Marc Blake attended The Sandwatch Regional Workshop that was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, under the patronage of the UNESCO National Commission for Trinidad and Tobago. The theme of the workshop was 'Sandwatch, a combined approach to climate change adaptation and Education for Sustainable Development'. Marc Blake reported that there was considerable focus on the Sustainable Development Goals being integrated with Sandwatch methodologies, into the school curriculum across the Caribbean region for the sustainability of the Sandwatch network.



Matthew Rahamut (IMA) assists Michelle Stowe from St. Vincent and Grenadines in reading graduated rod, being held by Marc Blake from Jamaica to plot profile and topography of beach

MAB

JNC-UNESCO's Secretary General, Everton Hannam and MAB National Chairperson, Joy Douglas made presentations to three Municipalities of Westmoreland, Hanover and St. Catherine. This was in effort to sensitize and gain support for Jamaica's MAB programme and was completed in March 2017.



Joy Douglas making her presentation

3.3. Human and Social Sciences (IS-SHE/MOST)

Includes:

- Ethics of Science and Technology
- Human Rights
- Social Transformations
- Sport

International Conferences

6-11 August 2017: The 2017 staging of the World Humanities Conference was held in Liege, Belgium. This Conference brought together academics, leaders and members of the youth cohort. Participants came from across the world with varying languages, values, cultures and perspectives all to achieve the common goal of revitalizing the humanities. Jamaica was represented by NBCJ Chair Prof Tunde Bewaji and youth representative Mikiela Gonzales who was funded through UNESCO's Extra Budgetary Fund. In her report she noted

“The key note addresses were particularly interesting because they allowed for us as participants to not merely listen to presentations but ask ourselves question such as what should happen if we abolish the humanities? How can we in the present capture the past in the most accessible ways? How will we cope with adaption and sustainability issues as we tackle climate change? What is the role of the humanities in a world full of violence? How do we think beyond the crisis? How do we correct challenges with the prejudices of African history and culture; which in particular has affected the Caribbean? What is an Identity? What solutions can we produce through higher education and research?

The importance of the words “it is in the minds of men and women that the defenses of peace must be constructed” taken from the UNESCO constitution have never meant more to me than it has since attending this conference. In working towards achieving the 2030 agenda for sustainable development we must start a movement in the attitudes and values of our people and the most effective place to start that, is by changing the way we all view the world and what kind of world we want to live in.



Youth representative Mikiela Gonzales giving her view point at the Humanities Conference

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

15 November 2017: Contemporary Masculinities is a UNESCO Participation Project project that was executed by the Institute of Gender and Development Studies Regional Office (UWI). The IGDS Dissemination workshop was held to present the preliminary findings of a pilot study which analysed political, economic, and socio-cultural impacts on Caribbean men. The purpose was to provide an in-depth understanding of the impact of crime on the lives of males within Jamaican communities through a pilot study entitled “Males, Crime and Community in Jamaica”.



IGDS Dissemination workshop on Contemporary Masculinities

29-30 June 2017: UNESCO's Caribbean Humanities Symposium was held at the UWI, Mona, with a focus on providing a platform for youth to share their views on matters pertaining to humanities.

Approximately 200 youth actively engaged leaders of thought and policy development from the Caribbean, Africa and the United States of America on the history, contemporary and future role of the humanities in society. The two day symposium, which emphasized the input of the youth voice in creating solutions, will inform the Regional Contribution to the World Humanities Conference

World Philosophy Day

16 November 2017: JNC-UNESCO assisted the Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI to celebrate World Philosophy Day. The theme was “Youth Tolerance and Sustainable Development” and included a panel discussion with panelists Hon. Pearnel Charles Jr (Chair, JNC-UNESCO Youth Committee), Marisa Forbes (graduate student), Tina Renier (PNPYO) and Nicholas James (UWI Mona Guild).

Bioethics

International Conferences

9 -10 August, 2017: The representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean Committees of Bioethics met in Montevideo, Uruguay for the 3rd Regional Seminar of National Bioethics. Jamaica's representative was NBCJ member, Donna McKoy. In her report she noted

Countries gave updates on the activities, projects and challenges of their respective Bioethics Committees some of which were in the formation process

It seemed that many committees were challenged on visibility and were working to raise public awareness of their work. The chairman for the Dominican Republic quite aptly stated that committees seemed to be merely surviving instead of existing. I noted that a number of committees had Philosophers, Social anthropologists and persons trained in Bioethics.

It is regrettable that Jamaica is juxta-positioned between two Spanish speaking countries and many of us speak only English. We are also aligned to Latin America in Bioethics and if we are to remain with them and benefit from cross-fertilization of ideas, it would behoove us to learn to speak Spanish. An alternative would be to join with the Bioethics Society of the English-speaking Caribbean.



Jamaica's representative, Donna McKoy, left, in picture with a fellow participant

3.4. Culture

International Conferences

3-9 December 2017: The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held its meeting in Jeju (Republic of Korea). Jamaica was represented by Bernard Jankie, Director ACIJ/JMB . At the meeting 9 new elements were inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity from Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire and Cuba.

2-12 July 2017: The 41st meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee was convened in Krakow, Poland. The representatives Dr Janice Lindsay and Tracey Commock attended along with Debra-Kay Palmer (MCGES). This was the last meeting for Jamaica as a member of the Committee as its term expired in November 2017.

24 June – 5 July 2017: The World Heritage Young Professional Forum 2017 was convened in Krakow, Poland under the theme “Memory: Lost and Recovered Heritage”. Marc Blake from the Jamaica National Heritage Trust was chosen to represent Jamaica. He was among representatives from 35 countries who had the opportunity to exchange ideas, contribute to the discussions and immerse themselves in topics within the scope of lost and recovered heritage.

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

20-21 March 2018: The sensitization workshop on the issue of combating illicit trafficking of cultural properties was held in Kingston and was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO. Addressing the opening of the workshop, the Honourable Olivia Grange, said the Government would be moving to amend legislation as well as ratify international Conventions as part of a

coordinated response to the theft and export of invaluable cultural artefacts which belong to the people of Jamaica.

Minister Grange said it was critical that key stakeholders, including customs agents, members of the security forces, cultural regulators and practitioners, as well as collectors are engaged in efforts to protect Jamaica's material cultural heritage both inside and outside of the borders.

Participants (over 40) of the first sensitization workshop included representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica National Heritage Trust, various Museums, Galleries, Archives and Libraries of Jamaica, Universities and research institutions, as well as the INTERPOL Kingston, Constabulary Force, Trade Board, Customs Agency, Attorney General, Intellectual Property Office. Sub-regional perspective had been brought by Mr Kevin Farmer, Deputy Director of Barbados Museum & Historical Society.



Minister Grange is flanked on her left by Assistant Commissioner Fitz Bailey and Ms Katherine Grigsby, Director, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office and on her right by Asst. Superintendent Victor Barrett and JNC-UNESCO Secretary General Everton Hannam.

November 2017: The UNESCO Participation Programme project "Revitalisation of Mento" was executed and completed by the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) for the preservation and promulgation of the roots culture Mento Music by developing 5 new youth bands and a training DVD. The leaders of the 5 bands (Red & Gold, Steady Rockaz, Melody Vybez, Minty and Rhumbakah) have signed contracts to keep the bands functional and to submit a report once per year for 5 years. The JCDC is to reintroduce a Mento Band Competition in its annual National Festival of Arts competition.



One of the new mento bands in action



Another of the new mento band

22 September 2017: Eight volunteers from the United Kingdom, Belgium, Guyana and Jamaica completed a 10-day orientation of Jamaica's UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park. The camp was the first of its kind in the Caribbean and was led by the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCdT); manager of the National Park. The World Heritage Youth Action Camp is part of UNESCO's World Heritage Education Programme which aims to increase awareness, knowledge and skills among young adults about world heritage management. The initiative which began in 2008 encourages youth to play an active role in preserving and promoting World Heritage Sites.



Action Campers learning the local dance

20 June 2017: JCDC National Culture Club Conference was held in Mandeville under the theme “ Engendering a Culture of Love”. The Librarian/Documentalist set up a tabletop display showcasing the work/programmes of UNESCO and JNC-UNESCO to over 300 participants



29-31 May 2017: The Regional Symposium Workshop *“Rallying for the Protection of Culture and Heritage in SIDS under a sustainable 21st century climate change programme”* considers SIDS of the Caribbean region and the impacts of Climate Change and the urgent need to highlight its potential negative effects on heritage in all its forms, with specific emphasis on World Heritage. The meeting utilized the Blue and John Crow Mountains, the Caribbean’s only mixed (cultural and natural values) World Heritage property, as a case study for discussing the potential effects of climate change on both the natural and cultural values of the property. Funding was from the UNESCO Participation Programme, the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, which granted USD 20,000 to facilitate participation



Participants pose for group photo at Holywell, during their visit there

of UNESCO Advisory– IUCN and ICOMOS and the Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MECJC), which granted USD1000 to facilitate a publication on shared experiences regarding climate change within the Caribbean. Participants numbered 55, to include nine Caribbean countries with World Heritage properties, local ministries and agencies.



17 May 2017: The Librarian/Documentalist set up a display on the work/programmes of UNESCO and JNC-UNESCO as part of the MCGES. This was to highlight the Ministry of Culture during the sectoral presentation of the Minister.

3.5. Communication & Information

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

September 2017 : Secretary General Everton Hannam attended the Media Exchange Breakfast which is an output of the Intergovernmental Programme for the Development of Communication(IPDC) project *Global Reporters for the Caribbean on Investigative Journalism*. This was implemented in collaboration with the UNESCO Kingston Office.

30 November 2017 : The UNESCO Caribbean Office, C&I sector undertook a visit to Accompong. The Librarian/Documentalist was a participant at this activity to develop the way forward for the Community radio station, Radio Abeng.



Isabel Viera, Programme Adviser, UNESCO Caribbean Office, in discussion at Radio Abeng

MILID

25 October - 1 November 2017: The sixth annual global celebration of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week took place in Jamaica. The event was held in the Caribbean for the first time. The Global MIL Week 2017 highlights include local and regional activities around the world as well as its feature event, namely the Seventh Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue (MILID) Conference. The feature conference was hosted by the University of the West Indies as part of a local organising committee which included the C&I team, UNESCO Caribbean office and the Librarian/Documentalist, JNC-UNESCO. The Conference included ministers, academics, educators and librarians from around the world as they celebrated the progress achieved towards the process of "MIL for all".

The MIL Week Youth Agenda is an extension of the UNESCO Global Youth Forum in Paris and included thematic panels and hands-on workshops by various young people and youth organizations and leaders. Youth were engaged not just as target groups for MIL training but also as actors and as part of the solution to achieve media and information literate societies.



MILID Youth pose for the camera

Website/Facebook

The Commission’s website (www.jncunesco.gov.jm) has been kept updated and current as was JNC-UNESCO’S facebook page with features on the various programmes of UNESCO and JNC-UNESCO including calls for applications, grants, fellowships, prizes etc.

JAMNAT E-NEWS

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**JAMAICA 55 DIASPORA CONFERENCE/
RALLYING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURE & HERITAGE**

Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Hon. Olivia 'Babsy' Grange speaking at the Plenary "The Creative Economy and Jamaica 55 at the Jamaica Diaspora Conference





The Regional Symposium workshop "Rallying for the protection of Culture and Heritage in SIDS under a sustainable 21st century climate change programme" considers SIDS of the Caribbean region and the impacts of Climate Change, the urgent need to highlight its potential negative effects on heritage in all its forms, with specific emphasis on World Heritage

The meeting utilized the Blue and John Crow Mountains, the Caribbean's only mixed (cultural and natural values) World Heritage property, as a case study for discussing the potential effects of climate change on both the natural and cultural values of the property.

The Symposium and workshop was held over the period May 29-31, 2017. Funding was from the UNESCO Participation Programme, the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, which granted USD 20,000 to facilitate participation of UNESCO Advisory- IUCN and ICOMOS and the Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MECJC), which granted USD1000 to facilitate a publication on shared experiences regarding climate change within the Caribbean.

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Publications

Along with the website and exhibitions two issues of the Commission’s newsletter, JAMNAT e-news were produced by the librarian to sensitise the public on the work of the Commission and to increase their knowledge of its work and that of UNESCO:

The newsletter is disseminated to our online mailing list which includes our advisory

committee/board members, agencies with whom we are associated etc. as well as postings uploaded on the facebook and website.

3.6. Youth

International Conferences

6-9 November 2017: JNC-UNESCO assisted Sujae Boswell, Youth Ambassador (JNC-UNESCO Youth Engagement Project) to attend the World Youth Conference 2017 held in Belize. It was the first time that the conference was held in the LAC region. The conference included 250 national, regional and international youth leaders under the theme: “Globally Running to 2030, Becoming Sustainably Strong.” The group focused on giving a voice to the youth through a transitional deliberation on how to make the post-2015 development agenda a reality. This involved four days of panel, roundtable discussions, workshops, and musical and cultural presentations on various community, national and international youth-related issues and the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

21 October 2017: JNC-UNESCO Youth Committee hosted a Youth Forum at UWI as part of the UNESCO Youth Engagement Project. At the Opening Ceremony Honourable Olivia Grange, Senator the Hon. Pearnel Charles Jr., Mr. Yuri Peschkov, SG Everton Hannam, Mrs. Mitsy Beaumont-Daley and Ms. Mikiela Gonzalez were featured. This was followed by five (5) sessions that involved presentations by experts relevant to the issues/topics. Sessions included Challenges and Opportunities for Youth, Citizen Security and Citizen Opportunity.



Hon Minister flanked by participants of the Youth Forum (UNESCO Youth Engagement Project)

15 June 2017: Odayne Haughton, a member of JNC-UNESCO Youth Committee, represented at the PBCJ Youth Consultation. It was the first of two Youth and Public Media Access consultations hosted by the Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ) at the Jamaica Conference Centre. Organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information; the Broadcasting Commission and the Social Development Commission, the forum was aimed at consulting with young persons to create content relevant to the needs of today's youth. State Minister for Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Floyd Green (Chair, JNC-UNESCO Education Advisory Committee), who spoke at the opening ceremony, said the activity

is one of several measures being implemented by the Government to actively engage youth in policy formulation.

UNESCO Clubs

International Conferences



29-30 June 2017: The Secretary General attended the Open-ended Consultation meeting with National Commissions for UNESCO. The objective was to develop a preliminary draft of the Cooperation Framework regarding Clubs for UNESCO (UNESCO Clubs) for presentation the UNESCO General Conference.

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

November 2017: As part of the Culture Clubs of Jamaica Consultation the JFUCCA UNESCO Clubs took part in the JCDC Regional Conferences. The conferences were held in different regions, Eastern, Central, Western and Northern on 9 November, 17 November, 24 November and 1 December respectively. This was to sensitise the respective regions on the Culture Clubs of Jamaica collaboration.



First
Consultation at
Shortwood
Teachers
Training College

26 May 2017: In partial fulfillment of the UNESCO Participation Programme project 'Engaging Youth in UNESCO Related Activities' the Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (JFUCCA) UNESCO Clubs project held its Training Workshop'at the Medallion Court Hotel. It was opened by Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, M.P. Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport. Some presentations included "Preparing Future Leaders for Greatness": a motivational speech by G2K President. *Stephen Edwards* and "A perspective on leadership" by *Cordell Green*, Executive Director, Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica



Yuri Peshkov, Everton Hannam, Keisha Tomlinson, Hon Minister Grange, Stephen Edwards & Odayne Haughton take a group picture after the Opening





Participants of
the Training
Workshop



12 May 2017: 9th Annual UN GLOBAL STUDENT VIDEOCONFERENCE was held on the theme “Remember Slavery: Recognising the Legacy and Contributions of People of African Descent”. This included a Video Presentation on The Ark of Return, The Permanent Memorial to Honour the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, a Presentation by Dr. Richard

Benjamin, Head, International Slavery Museum, Liverpool, United Kingdom as well as the Students' presentation/performance.

Jamaica was represented by UNESCO Clubs from Holy Trinity High School and the Young Women's Cristian Association. They were asked to give an oral presentation on a Black achiever from outside the Caribbean. That presentation was on Benedita Da Silva from Brazil as was the dub poem performed by the group of students.



The group during their performance

4. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

39th UNESCO General Conference

Jamaica's Delegation to UNESCO 39th General Conference comprised of Hon Minister Olivia Grange, H.E Vilma McNeish, Permanent Delegate; Lenford Salmon, Advisor to the Minister; Everton Hannam, Secretary-General and Odayne Haughton, Youth representative

At this 39th session a new DG, Audrey Azoulay, was elected. Also, Jamaica was elected to the UNESCO Executive Board & to the Information for all Council. As part of the Executive Board Jamaica was unanimously ratified to Chair the Committee on Conventions and Recommendation and is also a named member of the Committee for Non- Governmental Partners.

Jamaica representative on the IFA Council is the executive director of the Broadcasting Commission, Cordel Green, who is also the chairman of the Information Advisory Committee of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Honourable Minister also spoke at the General Policy Debate where she extended congratulations to outgoing Director Irina Bokova under whose tenure climate change was given prominence with the implementation of initiatives aimed at promoting the importance of mitigation and building the resilience of SIDS to the impact of the climatic events. Minister Grange also highlighted the inequities of global economic systems that often result in social and psychological damage to citizens. She indicated that added to that dynamic the residue of slavery and colonialism, provides for a prescription for disaster of one kind or another. The Minister stated that it was against this background that Jamaica has intensified its focus on the nation's youth by deepening their involvement and participation in national affairs and promoting youth employment in the cultural and creative industries sector.



Minister Grange with ADG, SHS (on her left), Director, UNESCO Cluster Office and members of the delegation during Executive Board meeting in Paris



Minister Grange with ADG, ERI (on her right), Director, UNESCO Cluster Office and members of both team during Executive Board meeting in Paris

Roundtable Meeting for experience sharing between LAC states and Turkey

29-30 September 2017: Secretary General Everton Hannam attended this Roundtable that was convened by the Turkish National Commission and held in Antalya, Turkey. Also in attendance were representatives from Haiti, St Vincent & the Grenadines and Cuba. There were discussions on possible areas of cooperation, UNESCO's conventions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



SG Hannam with delegation from Cuba, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Guyana and Haiti during meeting of NATCOMS in Turkey



Delegates at break during meeting of NATCOM in Turkey

Consultative Meeting of National Commissions in the Caribbean

10-11 July 2017: This Consultative Meeting was held in Kingston. Secretary General Everton Hannam was in attendance along with other colleagues from the Caribbean natcoms. The aim was to attain a comprehensive view on key priorities and focus areas of opportunities based on UNESCO's Special Initiative for the Caribbean (SPIC); identify joint strategies and actions with a view to enhancing the contribution of National Commissions for UNESCO in achieving the objectives of the Special Initiative for the Caribbean (SPIC) as well as to adopt shared views on key issues related to UNESCO's fields of competence involving the Caribbean region in light of the forthcoming 39th General Conference, Paris, France, 30 October – 14 November, 2017.

The Meeting took into account relevant aspects of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), regional CARICOM strategies and ratified international instruments,

in particular, the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Among agenda topics were Key outcomes and best practices of the national commissions for UNESCO in 2016-2017; Key outcomes of the cluster office in 2016 – 2017; Education 2030 Agenda; Executive Board Debriefing; UNESCO’s approach to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Overview and Processes; as well as Panel discussion on the Special Initiative for the Caribbean, (SPIC).



Director, UNESCO Caribbean Office and SG’s during the Consultative meeting

19 January 2018: Together with the UNESCO Caribbean office JNC-UNESCO exhibited on the work of UNESCO and JNC-UNESCO at th official signing and launch of UN Multi Country Sustainable Development Framework in the Caribbean (MSDF)

The MSDF outlines the collective support of the UN System to help the participating countries achieve four outcomes: (i) An inclusive, equitable and prosperous Caribbean; (ii) A healthy Caribbean; (iii) A safe, cohesive and just Caribbean; and, (iv) A sustainable and resilient Caribbean.

PROJECTS/FUNDING

NAME	TOTAL	ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION
IPDC	USD13,636.36	Building Investigative Reporting Capacity	
UNESCO Participation Programme	USD16,000	Engaging Youth in UNESCO Related Activities	JNC-UNESCO UNESCO Clubs
	USD35,000	Rallying for the protection of Culture and Heritage in SIDS under a sustainable 21st century climate change program	MCGES
	USD20,000	Revitalization of Mento - by developing 5 new youth bands.	JCDC
	USD18,000	Contemporary Masculinity indepth understanding of the impact of crime on the lives of males within Jamaican communities	UWI - IGDS
	USD25,000	Caribbean SIDS Roadmap to Biosphere nomination	
UNESCO Extra Budgetary Fund	JMD124,701.60	In support of Football Against Crime and Violence	
	USD24,000.	Caribbean Humanities Symposium/ World Humanities Conference participation	JNC-UNESCO NBCJ

Fellowship

Aisha Thompson was a fellow under the UNESCO/People's Republic of China (The Great Wall) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme 2017-2018. She studied Project Management for the period 4 Sept 2017—26 July 2019. She was one of seventy-five (75) most qualified candidates.

Internship Programme

JNC-UNESCO hosted a number of interns during the period:

March – September 2017 *Melodie Mussig* (Guadeloupe)

March – August 2017 Luise Glockner (Germany)

March – August 2017 *Andres Rodas Velez* (Germany)



German intern receiving Certificate of Internship from Accountant, Dionne McDonald

5. APPENDIX

Advisory Committee Members

Members of the Education Advisory Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Hon Floyd Green Chairperson	Minister of State Ministry of Education, Youth and Information REASSIGNED TO Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries
Brittany Singh Williams	Senior Advisor to the Minister of State Ministry of Education, Youth and Information
Rebecca Tortello	Education Specialist Unicef Jamaica
Worrel Hibbert	Executive Director Jamaican Foundation for Lifelong Learning
Shamair Henry	Director of Cross Sectoral Coordination Early Childhood Commission
Dr. Grace Mclean	Chief Education Officer Ministry of Education, Youth and Information
Darien Henry	Jamaica Teachers Association
Kenia Mattis	Eduprenuer
Dr. Fritz Pinnock	Executive Director Caribbean Maritime Institute
Dr. Wayne Wesley	Executive Director Heart Trust / NTA
Ambassador Marcia Gilbert Roberts	Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
Jermaine Porter	Youth Representative
Claude Akapabie (reassigned to Haiti)	Programme Specialist Education UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO



Minister Floyd Green chairing the Education Advisory meeting

Members of the Sciences Advisory Committee

Meetings:

One Advisory Committee Meeting was held: 29 November 2017

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Ronald E. Young, PhD Chair	Emeritus Professor of Human & Comparative Physiology, UWI
Dr. Mona Webber	Director, Centre for Marine Science, UWI
Gail Nelson	Science and Development Technology Planner, PIOJ
Dr. Paul Aiken	Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology/Director, Mona School of Engineering
Dr. David Smith	Coordinator Institute for Sustainable Development Coordinator of the University Consortium for Small Island States UWI
Dr. Cliff Riley	Executive Director Scientific Research Council
Dr. Novelette Sadler- McKnight	Lecturer, Chemistry UWI, Mona
	Programme Specialist UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO



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Members of the Culture Advisory Committee

Meetings: One Advisory Committee Meeting was held: **6 December 2017**

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mrs. Laleta Davis-Mattis Chair	Regional Headquarters University of the West Indies
Dr. Sonjah Stanley Niaah	Director and Senior Lecturer BA (Geography) – UWI; PhD (Cultural Studies) UWI
Mr. Gregory Simms	Director, EM &PD JCDC
Miss Kesia Weise	Research Fellow IOJ/ACIJ/JMB
Dr Kathleen Monteith	Senior Lecturer Department of History and Archaeology University of the West Indies,
Mr. Selvenious Walters	Technical Director of Archaeology Jamaica National Heritage Trust
Mr Yuri Peskov	Programme Specialist, Culture UNESCO Caribbean Office
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO



Culture Advisory meeting in session

Members of the Information Advisory Committee

Meetings: One Advisory Committee Meetings was held: **12 September 2017**

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mr. Cordel Green, Chairperson	Executive Director Broadcasting Commission
Professor Fay Durrant	Dept of Library and Information Studies UWI?
Mr. Dennis Brooks	Educator and Online Editor Nationwide News Network
Ms. Valanna Hill	Senior Business Analyst National Commercial Bank
Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office
	Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica

Jolett Russell	President, Library and Information Assoc. of Jamaica
	Director Jamaica Library Service
Isabel Bermúdez Viera	Communication and Information Adviser, UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
Mrs. Doolarie Hopkinson	Librarian/Documentalist, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the Communication Advisory Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mr. Cliff Hughes Chair (RESIGNED)	Nationwide News Network
Mr. Lincoln Robinson	Senior Communications Specialist
Mr. Patrick Champagnie	c/o The Marketing Counsellors
Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office
	Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica
	Communication and Information Adviser, UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
Mrs. Doolarie Hopkinson	Librarian/Documentalist, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the Social Sciences Advisory Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Dr. Lloyd Waller Chair	Department of Government, UWI
Miss Nadeen Spence Deputy Chair	Student Services & Development Manager/ Programme Coordinator UWI
Mr. Orville Byfield Deputy Chair	Head Caribbean School of Sport Sciences UTECH
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Howard Reid	
Trevor Johnson	

Dr. Donna-Marie J. Wynter-Adams	Head Caribbean School of Sciences and Sports, UTECH
N Wright	
Gisselle Burbano F.	Programme Specialist Social and Human Sciences Sector Gender Focal Point UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean
Genille Attella, JP	Trelawny Representative
Dr Maria Smith	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica, 2015-

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Dr. Tunde Bewaji Chair	Department of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy University of the West Indies, Mona
Prof. Ralph Robinson PhD	Professor of Parasitology Dept. of Life Sciences, UWI, Mona Hon. Secretary – BSEC
Ms. Gillian Mignott	Pharmacist, Bioethicist & University Lecturer, University of the Technology (UTECH)
Mr. Simeon Mohansingh	Bioethicist and University Lecturer (UWI)
Ms. Donna McKoy,	Registered Nurse and Pharmacist
Ms. Sarah Newland- Martin	Executive Director YMCA Administrator/General Secretary
Mr. Carey Brown	Executive Director JADCO
Rev. Gary Harriot	Jamaica Council of Churches

	The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Synod Administration Centre (SAC)
Ms. Erica Virtue	Editor The Gleaner Company Limited
Mr. Vincent Morrison	President Union of Clerical Administrative & Supervising Employees
Mr. Charles Grant	Director General International Centre for Environmental and Nuclear Sciences University of the West Indies
Dr. Wayne West	Chairman Jamaican Coalition for a Healthy Society
Ms. Godiva Golding	Youth Representative JNATCOM Social and Human Science Committee, University Student (UWI)
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr . Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO



Members of the NBCJ in meeting

Members of the Memory of the World (MOW) Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mrs. Winsome Hudson Chair	Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica
Dr. Stanley Griffin	Asst. Archivist, UWI
Ms. Carol Newman	General Manager, JAMCOPY
Dr. Kathleen Monteith	History Dept, UWI
Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office
Mrs. Claudette Thomas	JARD
	President, Library and Information Ass. Of Jamaica
Mrs. Karen Barton	Director Jamaica Library Service
Mr. Bernard Jankee	Director ACIJ
Mr. Peter Espeut	Catholic Diocese
Mrs. Nicole Prawle	NLJ
Mrs. Doolarie Hopkinson	Librarian/Documentalist, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the Man & the Biosphere Committee (MAB) from 2015-2018

One MAB meeting was held: 25 September 2015

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Miss Joy Douglas Chairman	
Ms. Ingrid Parchment/ Ms. Ann Sutton	Caribbean Coastal Area Management (C-CAM): NGO
Mr. Anthony McKenzie Alternate: Ms. Carla Gordon	Director, Environment Management & Conservation Division/ Manager, Protected Areas Branch National Environment and Planning Agency
Mrs. Marsha Henry Martin/ Ms. Sherona Campbell,	Urban & Regional Planning/ Actg. Senior Director (Hazard Mitigation and Risk Management) Ministry of Local Government and Community Development
Mrs. Sophia Kerr Reid/ Mr. David Gardener	Director of Planning/ Secretary-Manager Hanover Parish Council
Mrs. Grace Whittley/ Mrs. Opal Beharie	Director of Planning/ Secretary Manager Westmoreland Parish Council
Ms Ethlyn Douglas/ Mr. Alfred Graham	Director of Planning/ Secretary Manager St. Ann Parish Council
Mr. Andre Griffiths/ Mr. Michael Morris, JP	Director of Planning/ Secretary Manager St. Catherine Parish Council
Mrs. Camille Needham	Executive Director Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association
Mrs. Sara Simpson- Tulloch	Urban Development Corporation
Mr. Andre Kong	Fisheries Division Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries
Ms Marilyn Headley	Conservator of Forestry Forestry Department
Mr. Fred Hanley	Rep, Science Advisory Committee, JNC UNESCO

Ronald E. Young, PhD	Chairman Science Advisory Committee
Ms Wendy Lee	Northern Jamaica Conservation Association
Ms Sophie Grizzle-Roumel	Negril Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Althea Stewart	Office Manager, Negril Green Island Local Area Planning Authority
Avril Ranger/ Patrick Watson (proxy)	Director/ Planning Coordinator Local Economic Development and Community Projects
Mr. Simon Stuart Ms. Laura Heron, Secretary	Ocho Rios Nature Preserve Trust
Mr. Tyrone Robinson	Ocho Rios Representative
Ms Marlett Wellington	Director of Planning Trelawny Planning Council
Genille Attella, JP	Trelawny Representative
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO



MAB Committee meeting in session

Members of the UNESCO Youth Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Senator the Hon. Parnel Charles, Jr. Chair	Minister of State Ministry of National Security REASSIGNED Minister without Portfolio, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
Ms Gabrielle Hylton	Assistant Ministry of Education, Youth and Information
Ms. Alaine Laughton	Entertainer
Mrs. Emprezz Golding	TV Executive
Mrs. Shelly-Ann Frasier-Pryce	Athlete
Ms Sherie Ranston	
Mr Paul Simpson	Investment Banker
Mr Jason Diggs-White	Student/ Paralegal
Ms Mikiela M. Gonzales	UWI Guild President
Ms Keisha Tomlinson	President Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations



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