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Foreword

It is my pleasure once more to present this 2015-16 Annual Report of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and to also welcome our Minister and Chair of the Commission, the Honourable Olivia Grange.

The Commission continues to perform in the various areas of UNESCO as per its mandate. This report provides the pertinent information in these areas.



Our international engagement not only with UNESCO but also with National Commissions were strengthened. The Korean National Commission for UNESCO hosted a second Website Development Workshop and a Memory of the World Training Workshop in Jamaica. We continue to fulfill our mandate as a member of the World Heritage Committee for the period 2013-17 by having once again a representative at the World Youth Heritage Forum. This time Jamaica was represented by Oshane Robinson in Bonn, Germany.

The highlight of the year certainly would be

1. World Heritage Site Status for the Blue & John Crow Mountains
2. Kingston being designated a Creative City (music)

Congratulations to the teams that made that happen.

Activities to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO began with a church service in Portland and continued with a 50th anniversary supplement and exhibitions at the JLS Parish libraries in Mandeville, Portland and St. Thomas. Thanks to JLS for their unwavering support.

I must also commend the members of the Secretariat whose support contributed to these outstanding achievements as well as former Permanent Secretary Mrs. Sonia O'Reggio Angus and former Minister Lisa Hanna who led the process.

Everton Hannam, JP
Secretary General

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1. UNESCO

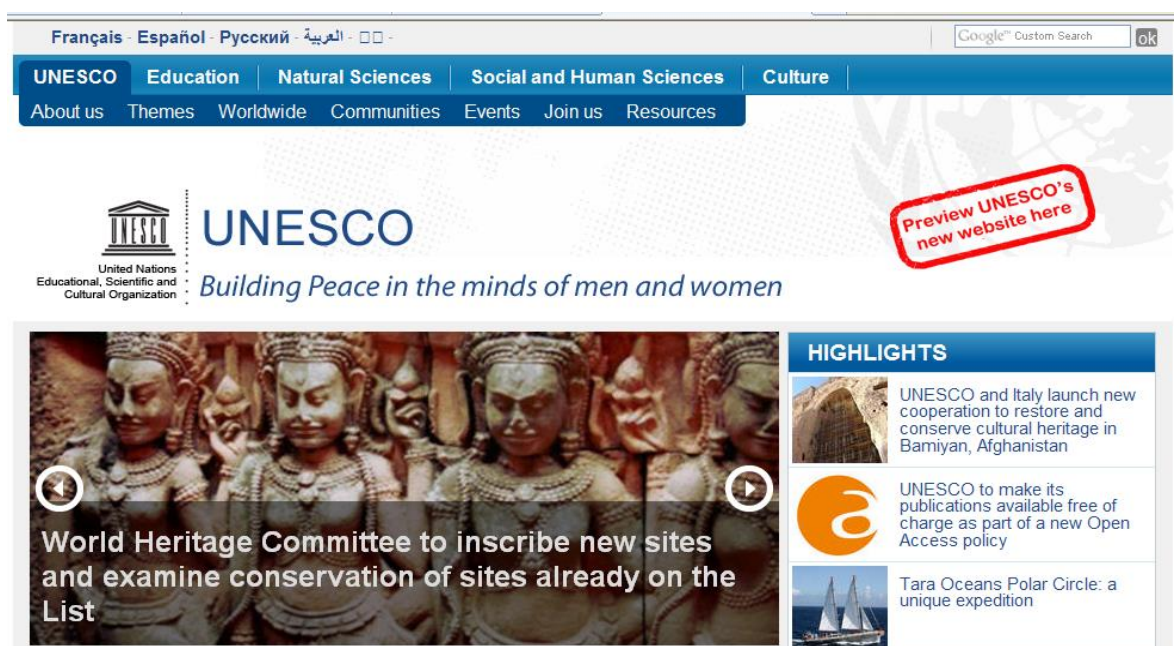
1.1. Introduction

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.



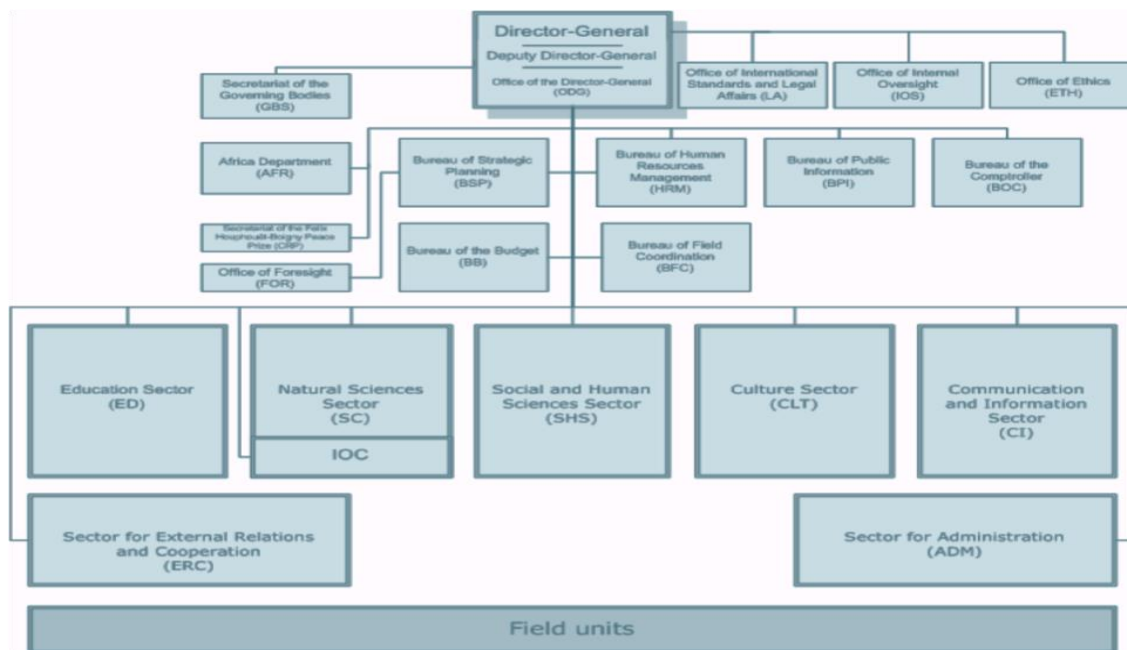
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It now has 195 Member States and 10 Associate Members.

1.2. Structure

<http://en.unesco.org/about-us/unescos-governing-bodies>

1.2.1. Secretariat



1.3. The UNESCO Office for the Caribbean

The UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office covers 13 member states including Jamaica and four 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 (201) 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

Name		Title
Hon. Lisa Hanna, Chair	Chairperson	Minister of Youth and Culture
Dr. Donald Rhodd, Vice-Chair	Chair, Education Advisory Committee	
Lincoln Robinson	Chair, Information/Communication Advisory Committee	Information/ Communication Expert (OPM)
Cheryl Brown	resigned	Member, International Bioethics Committee (UWI)
Mark Thomas	Chair, Culture Advisory Committee	Manager, Corporate Communications, JAMPRO (Creative Industries)
Everlyn Craig Brown		Private Sector
Professor Ronald Young	Chair, Sciences Advisory Committee	Science Expert (UWI)
Dr. Dorothy Raymond, deceased September 2015	Member	Jamaica Teachers' Association

Tracy Ann Thomas	Member	NGO/Civil Society Representative
Diedra Coy	Member	Planning & Research Division, PIOJ
Amb. Kathleen Monteith	Member	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
Andrene Blackwin	Member	Director, Youth Policy & Programmes, NCYD
Keitho Nembhard	Chair, Youth Committee	Youth Representative, Mandeville, Manchester
Everton Hannam, JP	Member	Secretary-General, JNC-UNESCO

2.3. The Secretariat

The Jamaica National Commission functions through a Secretariat, Advisory Committees and Adhoc Committees (Education, Culture, Communication & Information, Sciences).

2.3.1. Committees

The 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

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 prepares and administers the annual budget of expenditure; prepares briefs on the various areas to be covered at the General Conferences of UNESCO; monitors

projects; and ensures that reports and invoices are sent to UNESCO at the completion of each project.

• *Staff*

The complement is:

- *Secretary-General, Everton Hannam JP*
- *Programme Manager, Dr. Maria Smith succeeded by Sherricca Brandford, July 2015*
- *Librarian/Documentalist, Doolarie Hopkinson*
- Accountant Kedon Davidson
- Senior Secretary, Stacey Jowhill
- Office Attendant/Messenger, Yvette Francis
- Receptionist, Rosemarie Henry

This small staff is complemented from time to time with local and overseas interns:

- 6-24 July: Kadeem Cummings (MYC)
- Mario Barnes & Veneisha Simpson (NYS)
- 3-21 August: Natasha Wallace (MYC)
- 10-28 August: Vanessa Scott (NYS)

Staff Training

Kedon Davidson, Accountant Government Accounting Level 1 Module 4,
MIND (6-13 July 2015)

• *The Documentation Centre*

The Centre has 2250 books listed on its database in areas as:

- Education for All
- Early Childhood Education
- Art and Architecture
- Woman's Education
- Heritage and Museums
- Adult Education
- Human Rights
- Primary Education
- Technical and Vocational Ed.
- Biosphere Reserves
- History
- Science

2.4. Permanent Delegation

Ambassador Vilma McNish 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
World Heritage Committee	Janice Lindsay PH.D. (Culture)	Principal Director of Culture, Ministry of Youth & Culture	2013-2017
	Tracey Commock (Natural History)	Director, Natural History Museum, Institute of Jamaica	
International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean	Dr. Donald Rhodd		2015-2019
International Bioethics Committee (IBC), currently Vice Chair	Cheryl Brown	former Director, Office of Sponsored Research, UWI	2010 - 2017

3. Activities in UNESCO's Programme Areas

3.1. Education

Junior Debate International

The Junior Debate International series of debate culminated in June 2015. JNC-UNESCO assisted this exercise once again with the provision of certificates to approximately 200 participants.

This debate is hosted by Mr Campbell of the Police Commissioner's Office and is geared towards the Primary/Prep school age group.

3.2. Natural Sciences

Themes are:

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

International Conferences

27-28 April 2015: *UNESCO's Sub-regional Micro-science workshop* was held in Guyana and our representative was Sadpha Bennett, Science Education Specialist. He said that it facilitated hands-on experiences in the use of the microscience kits to conduct specific practical exercises. It affirmed the objectives of the UNESCO micro-science Project which include:

- allowing students to do practical work
- encouraging enquiry while
- attracting more students towards science careers

The Microscience Experiment is a hands-on science education project that gives primary,

secondary and tertiary students the opportunity to conduct practical work in physics, chemistry and biology, using small kits that come with pedagogical materials.

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

Includes:

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

Addressing the Gap of Gender based violence

The main focus of this UNESCO Participation Programme project was on sensitization around gender-based violence with special emphasis on Trafficking in Persons and Sexual Harassment. Although several initiatives have been implemented to address gender-based violence against women and girls in Jamaica, gender-based violence in general and sexual violence against women and girls in particular continue to be a challenge.

The outputs from the project were:

1. **222 civil servants** sensitized on the draft National Sexual Harassment Policy and trained on how to develop a Sexual Harassment workplace policy. Sensitization was also provided on covered international conventions and treaties regarding women's rights and gender-based violence
2. **1,312 Community Leaders (Women and Girls)** sensitized on the Gender-based violence with emphasis on Trafficking in Persons
3. **173 members of the Justice System sensitized** on Gender-based violence with emphasis on Trafficking in Persons
4. **6 brochures** on gender-based violence printed and being disseminated. The types of gender-based violence covered are:
 1. Sexual harassment in the workplace
 2. Sexual harassment in educational institutions

3. Domestic violence
4. Rape
5. Incest
6. Trafficking in persons



Participants at two of the workshops

Bioethics

International Conferences

- 10-11 September 2015: The 2nd *Regional Meeting of NBCs of the LAC Region* was organized by the Latin America and the Caribbean Programme for Bioethics of UNESCO and the National Bioethics Committee of El Salvador was held in San Salvador (El Salvador). Participants were coordinators of existing Bioethics Committees as well as those in the process of creation. The Chairperson of the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica, Dr. Tunde Bewaji, was our representative.

The aim was to consolidate a common space for identification of the main needs and difficulties of already existent CNBs and seek opportunities for mutual cooperation within the framework of the Latin American and the Caribbean Network of CNBs created in 2013.

UNESCO will contribute to this task through the promotion of CNB meetings and the provision of information and technical assistance through its Assistance to Bioethics Committees Programme to those who require.

- 2 October 2015: Cheryl Brown was elected as Vice Chair (2016-17) of the the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) at the twenty-second Session of the IBC and Ninth Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) meeting. It is the very first time the Caribbean was elected in the 22 years of the IBC. She is an Attorney-at-Law and was a Member of the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica and Former Vice-Chairperson, Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IGBC).
- 16 to 18 March 2016: 11th Global Summit of National Ethics/Bioethics Committees had nearly 200 representatives from National Ethics Councils, National Bioethics Committees and members of international organizations (WHO and UNESCO etc) at its meeting in Berlin/Germany. Prof. Dr. John Bewaji, Chair of the

National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica, and Steering Committee Member for the WHO Region of the Americas, was in attendance.

The Global Summit is the only international meeting of National Ethics and Bioethics Committees for dialogue and exchange on bioethical questions as well as issues in the life sciences. The objectives of the Summit are to identify ethical issues of global concern, to provide a forum for exchange and to offer opportunities to discuss public health policies and research activities at international and regional levels.

3.4. Culture

International Conferences

- 1-3 June 2015: UNESCO held a workshop on Developing a Follow-up Mechanism for Capacity-building Activities related to the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Paris

UNESCO's Secretariat for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage had identified that there exists a paucity of information on the progress made after UNESCO-funded capacity building workshops have concluded and has, further, identified that it needs to develop a follow-up and evaluation matrix to extract additional data to properly gauge the impact of the workshops and to see if there are any additional needs that the workshops could speak to.

Accordingly, UNESCO invited a group of 30 Experts, including Facilitators for the 2003 Convention, to discuss the need to provide this additional information and to formulate more effective delivery and reporting mechanisms on these workshops. The Senior Research Fellow of the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank, David Brown, was invited in his capacity as a Facilitator for the 2003 Convention (1 of only 79 worldwide and 1 of only 3 from the region).

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

JNC-UNESCO held two World Heritage Workshops '*Youth Leadership Training in Heritage Preservation and Protection*' to create an awareness of World Heritage in Jamaica and to build capacity among its young people from the different parishes. The project took place against the background of the country lobbying for the Blue & John Crow Mountains to be listed as a UNESCO Heritage site

25-27 April 2015: The Kingston workshop was held at the Knutsford Court and catered to 44 participants from the parishes of Manchester, Clarendon, St. Catherine, Kingston & St. Andrew, St. Thomas, Portland and St. Mary. The participants visited the Blue and John Crow Mountains and Port Royal.

15-17 April 2015: The Montego Bay workshop was held at the Wexford Hotel. The 34 participants were mobilized from St Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St James, Trelawny and St Ann including two overseas participants viz:

- Ralph Cantave, Youth rep., St. Maarten
- Rashel Hawker, Youth rep., Curacao ICH Committee

For this leg the participants visited the Seville Heritage site and undertook a Heritage Walk through Falmouth led by a knowledgeable Oshane Robinson.

Hon Minister Lisa Hanna, who handed out certificates of participation in Kingston, said that she was pleased that UNESCO had sponsored this training for the youths. She told the group " you are an exclusive group of young people who can make use of this opportunity in heritage training and know what is in Jamaica's best interest in having a heritage site and so move Jamaica forward as the cultural superpower it is".

5-9 October 2015: Phase 3 of the Project was initiated in Havana, Cuba. Jamila Pinto and Keitho Nembhard, the Chairman of the JNC-UNESCO Youth Advisory Committee, were the participants.

The Havana leg was in tangent with the two previous phases as it raised awareness of the importance of the sustainability of Heritage, especially since Cuba has the most World Heritage Sites (all of 9) in the Caribbean.

During the visit, they got a chance to visit the Revolution Square, Old Havana and the Fortifications as well as meet with Alicia Gonzalez Gutierrez, Permanent Secretary for the Cuban National Commission and Sandra Varela Labarrere, Assistant to the Director of the Regional Office of Culture for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mr Herman van Hoof).

From this visit to Cuba, Jamila Pinto, in the capacity as the Humanities and Education Rep, have decided to do a similar programme in the faculty as well as partner with JNC-UNESCO on this task for Youth Month in November. (Jamila Pinto)



The Kingston participants at the Opening of the training workshop



The Kingston group as they depart on the Field Trip



Facilitators with the Montego Bay participants showing off their certificate of completion at the end of their workshop

3.5. Communication & Information

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

World Radio Day

6 January 2016 : The Accompong Maroon Festival is celebrated with gusto by the Maroons of Western Jamaica, the descendants of runaway slaves. They gather every year on 6 January, in Accompong, to mark their victory over the British with a day of festivities.

As part of the festivities this year ABENG 88.7 went ON THE AIR at a launch ceremony held in *Accompong, St Elizabeth*. Funding for the station was financed through an UNESCO-IPDC project



JNCU Secretary General Everton Hannam, listening to the broadcast as Radio Abeng 88.7 went on the air.



Accompong Maroon Festival

Memory of the World (MOW)

International Conferences

9 October 2015: MOW International Advisory Committee inscribed 47 new nominations on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. One of the 47 nominations included The West India Committee collection submitted on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, UK, Anguilla and Montserrat

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

24 – 27 August 2015: The UNESCO Memory of the World Training Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Kingston. The workshop was organized by the Korean National Commission for UNESCO and the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea in cooperation with the UNESCO Kingston Office and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO.

The primary purpose of the workshop is to develop an increase in the identification and preservation of documentary heritage with global significance in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Participants came from the British Virgin Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El

Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Maarten, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The workshop was opened by the Hon. Lisa Hanna, Minister of Youth and Culture who spoke to the significance of the Memory of the World programme. “As policy makers we need to anchor these things that make our country move and preserve our history. More training needs to be involved in protecting our intangible heritage in order to protect the information and create posterity”, she stated.



After the Opening Ceremony the participants and guests in group picture with Hon Lisa Hanna and KNCU Secretary General, Mr. Dong-seok Min whose National Commission supported the activity

Website/Facebook

The Commission's website (www.jncunesco.gov.jm) has been kept updated and current as was JNC-UNESCO'S facebook page which has reached 867 likes.

Publications

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WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Hon. Minister Lisa Hanna said of the website development workshop "it is a glorious opportunity to build the capacity and raise the performance... to better service the peoples whom we serve, especially the young who desire to see governments speaking their language and meeting them where they are".

Participants from across the Caribbean were keenly involved in developing their websites as a means of raising the visibility of their respective NATCOMs. They were appreciative of the invitation extended to them by the Jamaica National Commission who, together with the Korean National Commission, hosted this Training Workshop.

The workshop was held at JNCU from 2-4 September and participants included national commissions staff or their representative from Curacao, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Martin, Aruba, St. Kitts and Jamaica.

The websites were developed using Wordpress which is a content management program that will facilitate real time uploading and currency.

The Website Development Project emanated from an MOU signed between KNCU and JNCU as a means of fostering South South cooperation through UNESCO's Bridge Capacity Building Project.

To date two National Commissions have launched their new websites and will be followed by JNCU in the New Year.

www.natcomcuracao.org
www.skunesco.com

WE HAVE MOVED!

2014 Website Development Training Workshop

JAMNAT E-NEWS 1

Along with the website and exhibitions the following publications 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:

- Three issues of the Commission's newsletter, JAMNAT e-news

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 on the facebook and website.

3.6. YOUTH

International Conferences

- 18 - 29 June 2015: The World Heritage Young Expert Forum was held in Koblenz and Bonn, Germany under the theme “Towards a Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites”. The Forum is part of the World Heritage Education Programme of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and is financed by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

Oshane Omar Robinson, our representative presented on one of the tentative World Heritage sites of Jamaica. The aims of the presentations are: – to give an impression of a world heritage site in your country. – to exchange different practices of sustainable management of World Heritage sites around the globe in a flash light.



Flag bearing youths including Jamaica's representative, Oshane Robinson, proudly representing

— 26 to 28 October 2015: The 9th UNESCO Youth Forum – Young Global Citizens for a Sustainable Planet – took place in Paris, France 26-28 October 2015. The forum brought together over 500 young women and men from all over the world to focus on issues related to Climate Change and the post-2015 Sustainable Development agenda to ensure that the voices of future generations remain front and centre of the new development agenda:

1. Rights, freedoms, responsibilities
2. Diversity, identity
3. Learning, personal development and sustainability
4. Knowledge, awareness and media
5. Local practices, biodiversity and prevention of natural disasters
6. Capture the energy of youth

Godiva Golding was the Jamaican representative at the Forum and was one of the participants in the “Learning, Personal Development and Sustainability” working group.



Jamaica's representative at the Youth Forum, Godiva Golding, highlighted Jamaica's flag at UNESCO's flag credenza

Conferences/Workshops in Jamaica

The Youth Mobile App Development UNESCO Participation Programme Workshop held its development workshop at UWI from 7-8 Nov, 2015. Individuals were selected by the National Centre for Youth Development. The final phase was the Entrepreneurship bootcamp held on 4 March 2016 at Startup Jamaica, Jamaica National Building, Duke Street, Downtown Kingston. Most of the participants from the Workshop held at UWI were participants at this bootcamp.

UNESCO Clubs



21-25 July, 2015: IX World Congress of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations was held in Beijing, China.

Jamaica's representatives were Monique Clarke and Keisha Tomlinson



Monique Clarke and Keisha Tomlinson representing Jamaica at WUFUCA Congress

The Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (JFUCCA) seek to engage students in high schools and universities to participate in UNESCO related activities through the formation of UNESCO clubs. The challenge is in maintaining the level of interest and engagement as participating students graduate and move on to different institutions. Currently the three most outstanding clubs are: St Andrew High School for Girls, Holy Trinity High and the Kingston YWCA School Leaver's Institute.

St. Andrew High School for Girls UNESCO Club has been active for 10 years. This particular club include students who have an interest in science. Therefore, students are engaged in science related activities such as experiments, debates, gardening, volunteerism and the use of recycle materials for Art & Craft. Visits to a children's Home within the community form part of their voluntary activities.

Holy Trinity High School UNESCO Club activities are centred around fostering freedom of expression and Culture. The Celebration of International Days, research and visit of cultural sites are the main features of this club. Two club members Odetta Bundy and Clorian Cohen competed in the Caribbean Child Research Conference in 2015. These students submitted research papers entitled "An investigation on the Causes and Effect of Pollution on Children Living in the Community of Breaton" and "The Effects of Absentee Fathers" they were placed fourth and fifth respectively in the child researcher award category.



Caribbean Child Research Conference Participant, Clorian Cohen from Holy Trinity High School



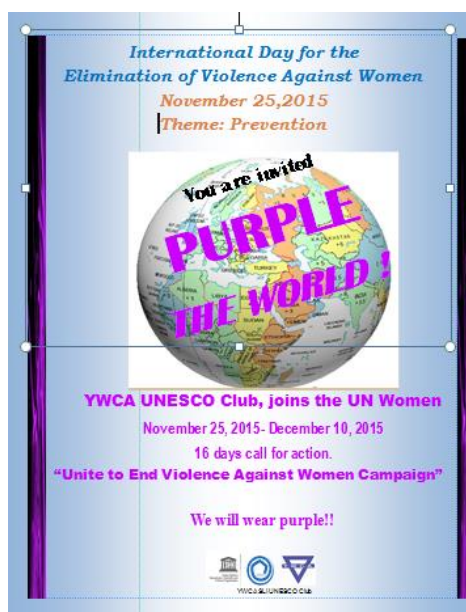
Caribbean Child Research Conference Participant, Odetta Bundy, from Holy Trinity High School



Port Royal Jamaica (Holy Trinity High UNESCO Club Cultural Site Visit)

The Kingston YWCA School Leaver's Institute UNESCO Club priority areas of focus are Education and Culture. These focus areas were chosen in order to enhance and compliment the educational experience of these students who are mostly slow learners. Emphasis is also placed on activities that unearth talents and skills. The students have organized a dance group that has performed at specific school functions.

The club is also registered with Recycling Partners of Jamaica. Plastic bottles are collected for recycling purposes. Additionally, specific International Days are also celebrated with presentations from students and guest speakers and various symbolic gestures. On November 25, 2015 the YWCA UNESCO Club, observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women





Human Rights Day. Pictured below: Left to right, Carol Blake, Club Advisor, club member, Meoshe Rhoden, Centre Attorney, Courtney Rowe, Guest Speaker. Right to left club member, Shana- lee Eurell and Samantha Foster, Treasurer.



Attorney Courtney Nigel Rowe, engages student about her view of human rights.

4. External Relations

World Heritage

28 June - 8 July 2015 : Hon Lisa Hanna led a delegation, including Secretary General Everton Hannam to the 39th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. On 3 July 2015 the renowned Blue and John Crow Mountains was inscribed to UNESCO's Prestigious World Heritage List. The inscription represents the first World Heritage site for Jamaica and the first mixed (cultural and natural) site for the Caribbean sub-region. It is one of only 32 mixed sites.

Addressing the World Heritage Committee following the unanimous decision, Minister of Youth and Culture, the Hon. Lisa Hanna, expressed gratitude to the World Heritage Committee for recognizing the extraordinary natural and cultural values of the Blue and John Crow Mountains. According to Minister Hanna, "This has been quite a journey for us as a country. The experience has taught us many things, and among them, we have learnt to appreciate our distinctive natural and cultural heritage even more.



The Hon Lisa Hanna being congratulated on the announcement that Jamaica's BJCM was inscribed to UNESCO Heritage List

The WHC members noted that the site is a further example on how different UNESCO conventions can exist together, recognizing that the intangible heritage of the Moore Town Maroons, which is one of the maroon communities in the Blue and John Crow Mountains, was inscribed on the Intangible World Heritage List in 2009.

Also addressing the World Heritage Committee was Colonel of the Moore Town Maroons, Wallace Sterling who dedicated the prestigious listing to the maroons of Jamaica, “We know our ancestors are looking down on this moment, very proud that this universal prestige is being given to us, in part because they were selfless, committed, strong, cunning and resourceful persons who found ingenious ways to dismantle a system that blighted peoples of the region. Their efforts to put an end to one of the darkest periods of our history are what we acknowledge and celebrate as Maroons today. Importantly, we hail the legacy passed on to us by our ancestors - they have helped to shape our identity of self, and community”.

The Ministry of Youth and Culture and its agencies worked vigorously since 2013 by lobbying for a prestigious space as one of 21 countries to sit on the World Heritage Committee.

30 October 2015: The official launch of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Blue & John Crow Mountains was held in Jamaica at Moore Town, Portland.



Cultural presentation by the Charles Town Maroon

15 June 2015: Ambassador Sung-Joo Choi and a Korean delegation met with Secretary General Everton Hannam to discuss World Heritage matters.



Mr. Dong-ik Shin, Deputy Minister for Multinational and Global Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea accompanied by the Amb. of the Republic of Korea and Members of his team

UNESCO Creative Cities

11 December 2015: Kingston was designated a Music City in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. Being the economic, social and cultural center of creation, Kingston has given the world 6 distinct musical genres: mento, ska, reggae, rocksteady, dub and dancehall. With music and cultural activities at its core, Kingston boasts numerous theatres, a National Dance Theatre Company, a National Gallery, a craft market, the region's only Visual and Performing Arts College, the island's most important TV and radio stations, numerous sound systems, recording studios and music venues.



CELAC

17-21 September 2015: Secretary General Everton Hannam represented Minister Lisa Hanna at the 3rd Meeting of Ministers of Culture of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), Cuba. UNESCO's Director General, Irina Bokova also participated in this meeting.

The Meeting was preceded by the UNESCO Workshop for the adoption of a Work Plan for Culture for Latin America and the Caribbean 2016-2021, which will focus on articulating a cultural action plan as defined in two previous meetings held in Suriname (2013) and Venezuela (2014).

Within this plan are issues such as the defense and conservation of tangible and intangible heritage, the prevention and fight against the illegal trafficking of cultural goods, social and cultural development, diversity of cultural expression and the strengthening of artistic exchanges, among others.

In its final declaration the CELAC Ministers of Culture welcomed the initiative of this UNESCO work plan and encouraged its enrichment through participatory work with the countries of CELAC. They also celebrated the 70th anniversary of UNESCO and the 10th anniversary of the *Convention on the protection & promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions*, a legal instrument of high relevance to the region.

50th Anniversary Celebration

November 2015: The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO celebrated 50 years which according to UNESCO's Director General, Irena Bokova, was "50 years of leadership and action".

We have had the issuance of a 50th Anniversary supplement, a Church Service, launch of the exhibition and lecture series, exhibitions at various JLS libraries (Kingston & St Andrew

Parish Library, Manchester Parish Library).

At the Church service Dr. Donald Rhodd, Vice Chair of JNC-UNESCO, delivered the anniversary message at the Shiloh Apostolic Church in Port Antonio, Portland.

The choice of worshipping in Portland for the 50th Anniversary was made because this parish, along with St Thomas and St Andrew, now boasts the distinction of being the home to Jamaica's first UNESCO World Heritage site – the Blue and John Crown Mountains.

MESSAGES

We are indebted to UNESCO

I feel honoured to contribute this message to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO. It is a testament to the commitment of the Jamaican people to the preservation of their cultural heritage and the promotion of sustainable development. The Commission has been instrumental in the successful nomination of the Blue and John Crown Mountains as a UNESCO World Heritage site, a milestone that has brought international recognition to Jamaica's natural beauty and cultural significance.

Heartiest congratulations

The President and Vice President of the National Commission for UNESCO, Jamaica, have been instrumental in the successful nomination of the Blue and John Crown Mountains as a UNESCO World Heritage site. This achievement is a testament to the commitment of the Jamaican people to the preservation of their cultural heritage and the promotion of sustainable development.

An exceptional model

On the 50th anniversary of the National Commission for UNESCO, I would like to commend the Commission for its exceptional model of governance and leadership. The Commission has been instrumental in the successful nomination of the Blue and John Crown Mountains as a UNESCO World Heritage site, a milestone that has brought international recognition to Jamaica's natural beauty and cultural significance.

Thanks for setting a good example

On behalf of the Jamaican people, I would like to thank the National Commission for UNESCO for setting a good example of how a national commission should function. The Commission has been instrumental in the successful nomination of the Blue and John Crown Mountains as a UNESCO World Heritage site, a milestone that has brought international recognition to Jamaica's natural beauty and cultural significance.

An exemplary commitment

The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Commission on its 50th anniversary. The Commission's commitment to the promotion of sustainable development and the preservation of cultural heritage is exemplary and has been instrumental in the successful nomination of the Blue and John Crown Mountains as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Dr Rhodd, then Vice Chairman, delivering the anniversary message at the Shiloh Apostolic Church where the 50th anniversary church service was held



Going through the exhibition is Everton Hannam with then Minister Lisa Hanna & Katherine Grigsby, Director/Representative, UNESCO Caribbean Office

Korean Nation Commission Collaboration

27-29 August 2015: The Korean National Commission (KNCU) and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO (JNCU) co-organized the website development Training Workshop following a successful collaboration in 2014, resulting from the 2013 MOU between the two National Commissions.

During the Development Training workshop which took place at the Jamaica Pegasus, website managers from each of the participating National Commissions received hands-on training and expert advice that equipped them with the necessary skills to manage and operate their new websites.

Three National Commissions in the Caribbean and Central America region were selected for the 2015 Web Development Project: the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Trinidad and Tobago National Commissions. These three female participants were joined by two male Jamaican youth participants from the Ministry of Youth and Culture.

KNCU hopes that the project will increase the capacities of the three participating National Commissions and that the newly created websites will successfully promote cooperation and knowledge sharing among National Commissions

(see also Memory of the World)

38th General Conference

Jamaica's Delegation to UNESCO 38th General Conference comprised of H.E Vilma McNeish, Permanent Delegate; Everton Hannam, Secretary-General and Rohan Clarke, First Secretary. The activities during the period comprised of

- Welcome Dinner hosted by the Korean National Commission for UNESCO - 1st November 2015
- 2nd Interregional meeting of National Commission - 2nd November 2015

- 38th General Conference UNESCO - 3-18 November 2015
- 20th Session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural Heritage -18-20 November 2015

An Interface session between National Commissions and Field Offices was organized, for the first time, within the framework of Interregional meetings of National Commissions.

CARICOM Delegates/Ministers and other Delegates organized and held a number of Caucus Meetings geared towards a meeting with the Director-General which was held on 6th November 2015.

The CARICOM Caucus was chaired by St. Lucia and discussed:

- CARICOM'S participation in the 38th Session
- Submission of Ministers/Heads of Delegation Statements to the General Policy Debate
- CARICOM Reception date/format. Not many Member States contributed to this effort. Jamaica however supported the activity as it was used to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

PROJECTS/FUNDING

NAME	TOTAL	ACTIVITY	ORGANIZATION
IPDC	USD 13,500	Community radio station set up	Accompong Town Maroons
UNESCO Participation Programme	USD26,000	"Youth leadership training in preservation and protection"	
	USD26,000	"Addressing the gap of gender-based violence between the state and vulnerable women and girls"	Bureau of Gender Affairs
	USD18,000	"Mobile Youth App",	JNC-UNESCO
IFCD	USD60,000	"Towards the revision of the National Cultural Policy in Jamaica"	MCGES

Internship Programme

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

2 March – August 2015	Manana Kulumbegashvili
1 4 September 2015 - 29 February 2016	Sarah Ahlrichs
14 September 2015 - 31 August 2016	Michael Steffen

"In Action" on Sustainable Development for the Caribbean meeting

Secretaries-General from 12 Caribbean territories met in Montego Bay under the theme "The Caribbean in Action for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals", 26-27 October 2015. The meeting was organized by UNESCO Cluster Offices for the Caribbean in collaboration with Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO. The goal is to come up with actionable strategies to meet the still significant challenges in their respective territories as the 38th General Meeting in Paris fast approaches and to align the needs of the Small Island Developing states with the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The sub-regional meeting achieved the following objectives:

- Outlined the way forward to strengthen UNESCO's work in the Caribbean toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and anchoring Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) priorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- Enhanced partnerships and networking among the Caribbean National Commissions between themselves and with the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean be strengthened as well as with other actors such as the academy;
- Facilitated that the Caribbean National Commissions for UNESCO be better prepared to attend and contribute to the work of the upcoming 38th General Conference;

5. Condolences

Ms. Patricia Patterson, a former Committee member and one who had worked tirelessly on the UNESCO Slave Route Project has passed away. We thank her for her years of service (January 2016).

We have also mourned the passing of Dr. Dorothy Raymond, Member of the National Commission for UNESCO and its Education Advisory Committee. (September 2015).

Walk good Ms. Patterson and Dr. Raymond!

6. APPENDIX

Advisory Committee Members, effected up to February 2016

Members of the Education Advisory Committee

Meetings:

One Advisory Committee Meeting was held: 16 December 2015

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Dr. Donald Rhodd	Chairperson
Dr. Dorothy Raymond, deceased September 2015	Retired Senior Secretary for Administration and Finance Jamaica Teachers' Association
Dr. Lorna Down	Senior Lecturer/Associate Dean University of the West Indies, Mona
Mrs. Maxine Henry-Wilson	Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission
Dr. Maureen Campbell	Principal Manchioneal All-Age, Manchioneal, Portland
	Programme Specialist UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
Mr. Maurice Smith	Youth Rep
Ms. Shamair Henry	Director of Cross Sectoral Coordination Early Childhood Commission
Mr. Worrel Hibbert	Executive Director Jamaican Foundation for Lifelong Learning
Ms. Rose Davis	Former Lecturer, UWI
Mr. Jermaine Lambert	St. George's College
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

*Members of the Sciences Advisory Committee**Meetings:*

One Advisory Committee Meeting was held: 25 September 2015

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Ronald E. Young, PhD Chair	Emeritus Professor of Human & Comparative Physiology, UWI
Dr. David Smith	Coordinator, Institute for Sustainable Development, UWI
Mr. Cliff Riley	Associate Professor, UTECH
Dr. Fred Hanley	Technical/Research and Development Manager, Best Dressed Feed Mill
Dr. Marcia Roye	Biotech Centre, University of the West Indies
Ms. Vilma Charlton	Lecturer, University of the West Indies
Mr. Carey Brown	Executive Director, JADCO
Ms.Sharon Coburn Robinson	Director, Policy & Research (Actg.) Bureau of Women's Affairs
Mrs. Mona Whyte	Manager Information Services Division, SRC
Mr. Chadwick Anderson	Coordinator, Resource Mobilization Unit, Dean's Office, Fac of S & T, UWI
Dr. Tunde Bewaji	Department of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy, UWI
Mr. Paul McFarlene	Youth Representative
	Programme Specialist UNESCO Office of the Caribbean
Ms. Godiva Golding	Youth Representative JNATCOM
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

*Members of the Culture Advisory Committee**Meetings:***One Advisory Committee Meeting was held: 18 June 2015**

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mr. Mark Thomas Chair	Corporate Image and Solutions
Ms. Carol Newman	General Manager, JAMCOPY
Ms. Stephanie Abrahams	Jamaica Producers
Ms. Donna Hayes	
Mr. Delroy Gordon	Executive Director, JCDC
Ms. Annmarie Bonner	Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica
Mrs. Gillian Wilkinson	Ministry of Tourism
Ms. Krystal Tomlinson	Youth rep
	Programme Specialist, UNESCO Caribbean Office
Mr. Vivian Chin	Executive Director, Jamaica National Heritage Trust
	Principal Director of Culture Ministry of Youth and Culture
Mr. Bernard Jankee	Director, ACIJ
Ms. Dianne McIntosh,	Director-General, Ministry of Finance and Planning
Ms. Diedra Coy	Planning Institute of Jamaica
	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the Communication & Information Advisory Committee

Meetings:

Two Advisory Committee Meetings were held: 18 August & 10 November 2015

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mr. Lincoln Robinson Chair	Senior Communications Specialist
Professor Fay Durrant	Dept of Library and Information Studies UWI
Ms. Carol Newman	General Manager, JAMCOPY
Mr. Patrick Champagnie	c/o The Marketing Counsellors
Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office
Mrs. Winsome Hudson	Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica
	President, Library and Information Assoc. of Jamaica
Mrs. Karen Barton	Director Jamaica Library Service
Mr. Bernard Jankee	Director ACIJ
	Communication Representative, MYC
	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 National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica, 2015-18

Meetings:

One Committee Meeting was held: 24 September 2015

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Prof. Ralph Robinson PhD	Professor of Parasitology Dept. of Life Sciences UWI, Mona Hon. Secretary – BSEC
Dr. Tunde Bewaji	Department of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy University of the West Indies, Mona
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
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Dr. Wayne West	Chairman Jamaican Coalition for a Healthy Society
Ms. Godiva Golding	Youth Representative JNATCOM Social and Human Science Committee, University Student (UWI)
Dr. Maria Smith	Programme Manager, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the Memory of the World (MOW) Committee

Meetings:

One Memory of the World meeting was held: 22 April 2016

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Mrs. Winsome Hudson Chair	Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica
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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
Mr. Anthony McKenzie/ Ms. Carla Gordon	NEPA
Ms. Ingrid Parchment/ Ms. Ann Sutton	Caribbean Coastal Area Management (C-CAM): NGO
Dr. Barbara Carby/ Dr. David Smith	Science Advisory Committee, JNC UNESCO
Mrs. Debbie Devonish/ Dr. Kamilah Hylton	UTECH
Ms. Chantal Bennett/ Dr. Kathy-Ann Brown	Attorney General's Chambers
Dr. Cliff Riley, SRC/ Dr. Oral Rainford	Representing Ministry of Mining
Ms. Gillian Guthrie	Ministry of Climate Change, Land and Environment
Mr. Donovan Stanberry	Ministry of Agriculture (Fisheries)
Mrs. Shanti Persuad-Levy	Jamaica Bauxite Institute
Mrs. Sara Simpson-Tulloch	UDC
Mrs. Audrey V. Sewell	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing
Mrs. Sherrill O'Reggio Angus	Ministry of Youth And Culture
Mr. Fred Hanley	Chairman Rep, Science Advisory Committee, JNC UNESCO
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Members of the UNESCO Youth Committee

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Keitho A. Nembhard Chair	Youth Representative, Mandeville, Manchester
Shamoy Hajare	Young Women of Purpose
Paul McFarlane	Youth For UNESCO
Steffany Thomas	Youth For UNESCO
Sudany Blair	Youth for UNESCO
Jamila Pinto	NSSC/JUTS
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