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Foreword



I am pleased once again to provide readers with a synopsis of the activities undertaken by the Jamaican National Commission for UNESCO during the 2013-14 period. The Commission continues to undertake its function as an agency of the Ministry of Youth And Culture under the chair of the Honourable Lisa Hanna.

The appointment of the 15 member Commission to oversee the activities of the Commission was concluded in mid-February 2013.

I commend the small but effective Secretariat and the support of the various advisory Committees for their dedicated and unswerving service.

Do enjoy reading and sharing your comments with us.

Everton Hannam, JP
Secretary General

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1. UNESCO

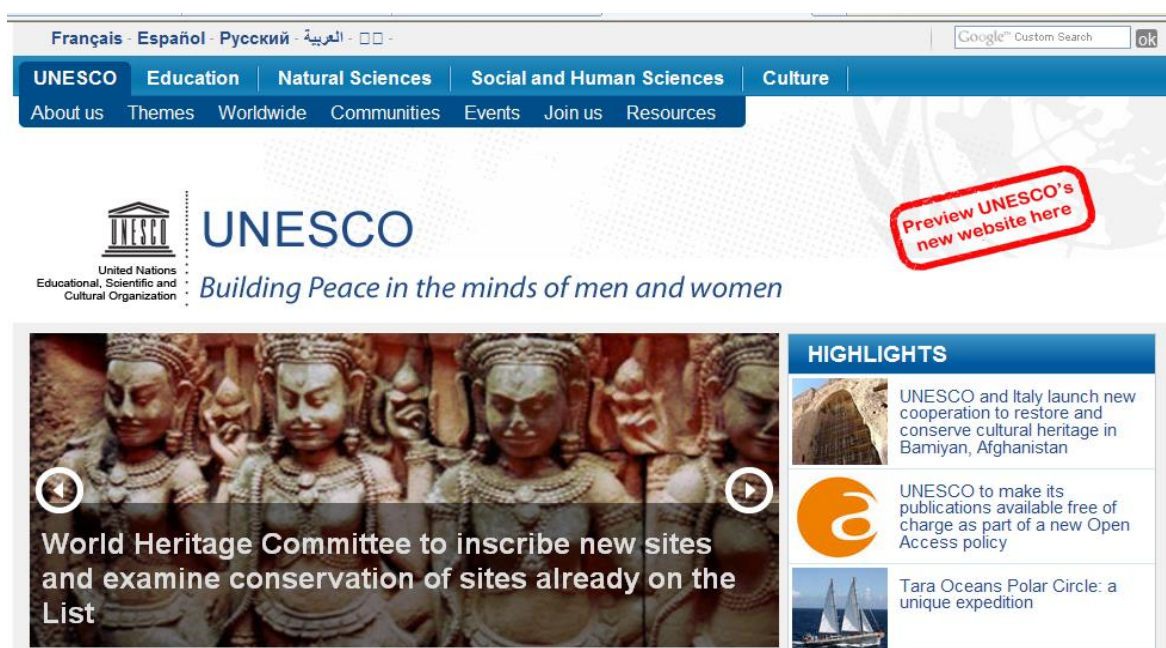
1.1. Introduction

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.



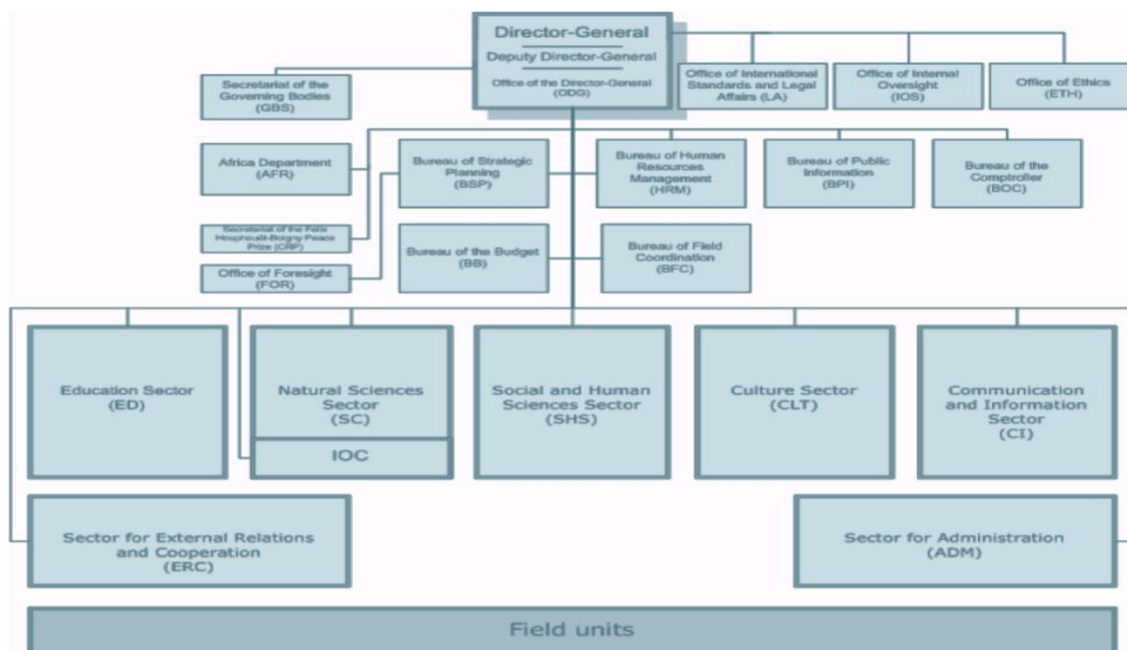
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It has 195 Member States and 9 Associate Members.

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 three Associate member states in the Caribbean. The Officer in Charge is Robert Parua with the new Director, Christine Norton, to assume office after the reporting period.

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 (see Appendix 4).

The office is also located at: The Towers, 3rd Floor, 25 Dominica Drive, Kingston 5

Tel.: 630-5300

Email: Kingston@unesco.org

Website: www.unesco.org/kingston

2. The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Almost all 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 Jamaica 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	Member	Jamaica Teachers' Association
Tracy Ann Thomas	Member	NGO/Civil Society Representative
Diedra Coy	Member	Planning & Research Division, PIOJ
Janice Miller	Member	Multilateral Affairs Division, 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

This 15 member Commission was appointed for the period 18 February 2013 to 17 February 2016. Their first meeting was held 24 April 2013.



New NATCOM Board meets staff before their first meeting

2.3. The Secretariat

The Jamaica National Commission functions through a Secretariat and six Advisory Committees and Adhoc Committees. New Advisory Committee Members will be appointed after the Board meeting.

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:

	DATE OF EMPLOYMENT
— Secretary-General, E. Hannam	October 2004
— Programme Manager, Dr. M. Smith	May 2008
— Librarian/Documentalist, D. Hopkinson	January 2006
— Accountant K. Davidson	July 2010
— Senior Secretary, S. Jowhill	January 1996
— Office Attendant/Messenger, M. Lynch	August 2004 - November 2013
— Office Attendant/Messenger, Y. Francis	November 2013

This small staff complement has been added to from time to time through the work experience programme:

22 April 2013 - January 2014	Abby Gale Barnett/Patrick Boreland (NYS)
13 January -31 March 2014	Gerard Smith

Training

31 January 2014: Kedon Davidson attended the GOJ Compensation Review **Train the Trainer** Workshop held at the Ministry of Local Government. The workshop was conducted by Kitch Consulting of Barbados and looked at the new Job evaluation tool which will form part of a central job evaluation technique in the public sector. This tool was recommended by the IMF.

29 January 2014: Kedon Davidson also participated in the Chart of Accounts Training held at the Altamont Court Hotel, Kingston.

• *The Documentation Centre*

The Centre continued to be developed. The cataloguing and classification of materials continued in areas as:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| — Adult Education | — Human Rights |
|-------------------|----------------|

- Early Childhood Education
- Women's education
- Primary Education
- Education for All
- Technical and Vocational Education
- Heritage and museums
- History
- Arts and Architecture
- Science
- Bioethics
- Biosphere Reserves

There are 2250 books listed on the library's database

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.

Our Ambassador also coordinates, in collaboration with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica's participation and attendance at the Executive Board and General Conference.

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2.5. Jamaica's Representatives to UNESCO

Organ/Committee	Representative		Duration
Higher Institute for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean	Maxine Henry-Wilson	Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission	2011-2015
Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education & Sport (CIGEPS)	Vilma Charlton	Lecturer in Physical Education, Institute of Education, UWI	2009-2013
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs (WFUCA)	Audrey Tulloch-Lorne	Executive Member, WFUCA for Latin America & the Caribbean/ President, Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs	2011-2015

3. Activities in UNESCO's Programme Areas

3.1. Education

International Conferences

- To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet), an International Forum was organized in the Republic of Korea. It assessed the ASPnet's key achievements and its management over the past decade on the school, national, regional and international level as well as the implementation at the country level. It further discussed emerging challenges and defined recommendations for a new Draft Strategy 2014-2021 for the Network.



Caribbean participants at ASPnet 60th Anniv Int'l Forum workshop, Korea held 4-13 September, 2013

ASPnet representatives – National Coordinators, teachers and students – from the 180 ASPnet Member States came together to highlight ASPnet's continued importance in supporting UNESCO priorities and to contribute to the promotion of Global Citizenship. Jamaica was represented by Secretary General, Everton Hannam (see picture below).



- The Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC/UNESCO Santiago) provided support for a sub-regional consultation meeting. It was organised in cooperation with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and supported by UNEP from 3-4 April 2013 at the Knutsford Court in Kingston.



Its aim was to make advances in the preparation of the final monitoring and evaluation report of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014). The meeting contributed to the creation of a new global framework defining follow-up activities for the decade, and added to preparations being made for the world conference held in Japan in 2014.

11 countries participated including Jamaica who had 15 participants thus allowing for input from relevant stakeholders in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

Junior Debate International

The Junior Debate International series of debate culminated on 20 June 2014. JNC-UNESCO assisted this exercise with the provision of certificates to approximately 200 participants.

International Literacy Day/Exhibition

International Literacy Day is celebrated annually on 8 September but in Jamaica in 2013 it was celebrated on Friday 6 September. On that day all MOE regions launched International Literacy Day at a parish library. At the Region 5 Manchester Parish Library Keitho Nembhard, NATCOM member, read the Director's Speech.

In Region 2, there was an activity hosted in conjunction with MOE, Region 2. There JNC-UNESCO exhibited on UNESCO-Education/Literacy



Pupils performing “What is Literacy”

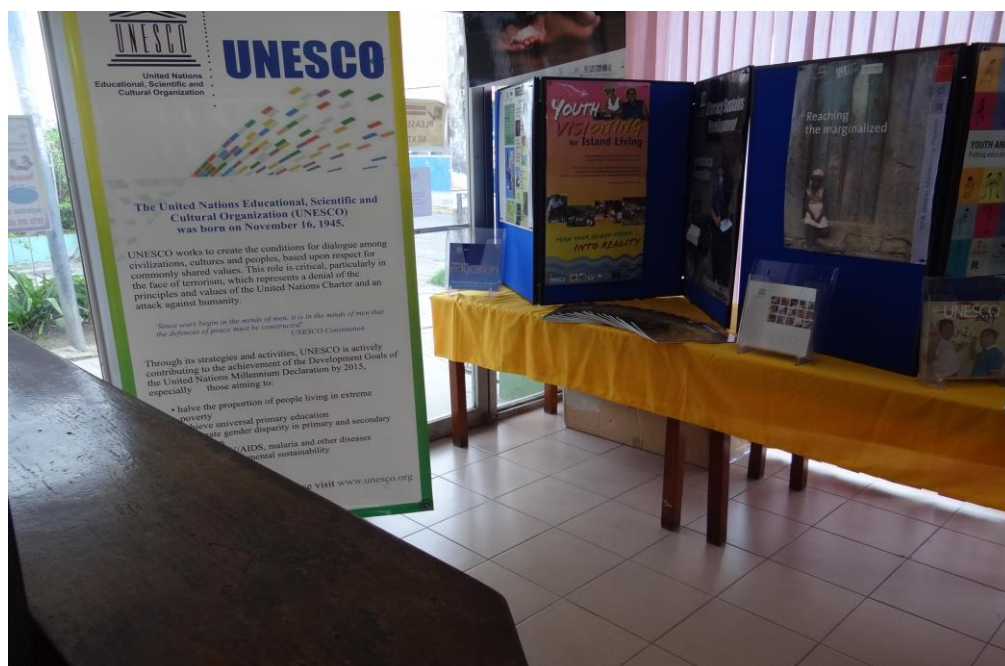


Exhibit on UNESCO in Region 2



Various schools at the exhibit and activity in Region 2

3.2. Natural Sciences

Themes are:

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

International Conferences

The UNESCO/UWI/SOE Education for Sustainable Development /Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development Workshop was held at the Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre, the University of the West Indies from 15-17 May 2013.

It was attended by thirty-two local and regional participants including teachers, Heads of Department, Vice-Principals, Deans. and representatives of various educational institutions in the region. The keynote presenters were Dr. Michael Taylor (HOD, Department of Physics and Chair, Climate Change Studies) and Professor Rosalyn McKeown, UNITWIN/UNESCO Secretariat and Chair in Reorienting Teacher Education to Address Sustainability, York University.

Chairing the Opening Ceremony was Prof. Stafford Griffith, Director of the School of Education. He welcomed all the participants in particular those from other islands. He thanked UNESCO for being largely responsible for funding the workshop. He also spoke about the reality of climate change and of education as an essential element of the response to it. He then outlined the objectives of the workshop and concluded with SOE's commitment to mainstream ESD in teacher education curricula.

Representing the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Swithin Wilmot, Prof. Sylvia Kouwenberg spoke to the question of the concept of 'development'. She went on to acknowledge the importance of the workshop in exploring ways CCESD could be integrated in the curricula at different levels of the education system. She also remarked on the importance of a regional network for ESD.

Mr. Everton Hannam emphasized the need for education at all levels in order to change the way we think and act for sustainability. He pointed out too the importance of their being a decade dedicated to ESD and its importance for a region as vulnerable as the Caribbean. He also spoke to the need for sustainable livelihoods in order to have a sustainable future. He then outlined ways in which support from the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO could be obtained.

Dr. Michael Taylor began his addressing by noting that CCESD has encouraged a crossing of boundaries with the Head of the Department of Physics addressing a workshop in the

Faculty of Humanities and Education. Situating his address in what he referred to as ‘3 embarrassingly simple insights’: climate has changed, climate will change and climate demands change, Dr. Taylor spoke to present climate changes and the vulnerability of Caribbean people whose livelihoods are dependent on climate.

Man and the Biosphere (MAB)

International Conferences

- The **25th Session MAB-ICC** was held in Paris 27-30 May 2013. Participants included representatives of the following Members of the ICC as elected by the UNESCO General Conference at its 36th session: Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine, and VietNam. In addition, observers from the following Member States were present: Albania, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Namibia, Niger, and, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Slovakia, Spain, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Uganda, and Vanuatu. IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), IUBS (International Union of Biological Sciences), SCOPE (Scientific Committee on Problems of Environment), RAMSAR Convention were also present.

This meeting was of particular interest since Jamaica had submitted “The Portland Bight”, its first Biosphere nomination. The Council warmly welcomed the first biosphere reserve proposal from Jamaica to Secretary General, Everton Hannam, who represented Jamaica.

The Portland Bight lies in the centre of Jamaica’s south coast, west of the capital, Kingston. It covers different island ecosystems, including three ranges of coastal hills, coastal plains and the coastal shelf extending to the drop off. The marine area contains mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and wetland areas. The mangrove systems of West Harbour are particularly well preserved and extensive. There is also a freshwater marsh, one of Jamaica’s rarest and most threatened types of ecosystems. This area also includes the Ramsar site of Portland Bight. The site also includes a high fishery production site for local fishermen in an area marked by poverty.

Following the advice of the Advisory Committee, the Council noted that the proposed site has only a marine core area and is not surrounded by a buffer or transition area. The Council encouraged the government to submit a new zonation system, including

terrestrial core area(s) which need(s) to be surrounded by buffer and transition areas.

The Council decided that this site be deferred and that new zonation system with the appropriate figures should be submitted. The Council again recommended the national authorities to seek advice from a member of the Advisory Committee.

— The World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves, 3rd meeting

Organized by the Man and the Biosphere Programme, the West-Estonian Archipelago biosphere reserve, Jeju Island biosphere reserve and Menorca biosphere reserve hosted the Third Meeting of the Global Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves . It took place in the Islands of Hiiumaa and Saaremaa.



The meeting brought together representatives of island and coastal biosphere reserves to discuss the main challenges and threats facing these areas - climate change; water, energy and food self-sufficiency; and waste management - and to share experiences and potential solutions.

The Global Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves was created at the 21st Session of the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme in 2009. This Network aims to realize the potential of biosphere reserves in addressing climate change, particularly as places for learning about sustainable development and also for experimenting on mitigation and adaptation measures on climate change.

This third meeting held in Estonia from 3-7 June 2013 was attended by Jamaica, Haiti and St. Kitts/Nevis who were invited for the first time and were part of the 17 countries in attendance. Secretary General, Everton Hannam was Jamaica's representative.

A recommendation arising out of this meeting is for Jamaica to move expeditiously and re-establish its MAB Committee.

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

Participants at the meeting to discuss the rezonation of Portland Bight and a revision of the dossier to submit as a possible Biosphere reserve

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

Includes:

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

Bioethics

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

3rd Training of NBCJ/ABC Project

Members gathered at the Knutsford Court Hotel in Kingston, May 20-22 for the 3 day training which was conducted by 3 UNESCO selected experts: Ms. Susanna Vidal, Chief of Section for Bioethics at the UNESCO Montevideo Office; Henk ten Have MD, PhD, Professor and Director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University, USA, and former Director of UNESCO'S Division of Science and Technology; and Harald Schmidt PhD, Lecturer at the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Perlman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, USA.

At the end of the training members expressed great satisfaction with and appreciation of the training. Time was taken during the last session of the training to focus on the way forward for the National Committee. After a spirited discussion, in which the current status of the committee was evaluated, it was concluded that the committee needed to adopt a more proactive approach. This would mean responding more readily to issues of national interest whilst cultivating an image free from bias to any particular sector/ group etc. in the society. It was decided to utilise a "think tank" approach to creating documents expressing views on issues of concern and work to get these views publicized. It was also agreed that additional effort was to be made to get involved in government policy development processes. Towards achieving this latter aim, the committee will seek the help of the Deputy Chairman for the National Commission with whom dialogue has commenced.



Above pic: Some participants at the 3rd NBCJ/ABC Project training

Youth representative, Godiva Golding, receiving her certification of participation from Harald Schmidt. Looking on is Susanna Vidal, and Henk ten Have. Dr. Anthony Mullings, NBCJ Chairman is at extreme left

3.4. Culture

International Conferences

The Bahamas hosted a 2-day conference focused on the handicraft sector on 1 and 2 July 2013 under the theme 'Strengthening the Cultural and Creative Potential of the Handicraft Sector within the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean.' Organized by the Bahamas National Commission for UNESCO and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO with technical assistance from the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, the workshop brought together government officials, non-governmental organizations, handicraft practitioners and creative entrepreneurs who are involved in various ways in the handicraft sector. Delegations from *Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Curacao, Guyana, Jamaica and The Bahamas* participated in the conference.



Guests at the Opening Ceremony at the Wyndham Nassau

Dr. Leon Higgs, Secretary-General of The Bahamas National Commission for UNESCO extended warm welcome to participants and guests. Speaking at the official opening, the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Rt. Hon Perry G. Christie urged handicraft stakeholder to "Think Big" and also cited that the handicraft industry was "....a US 300 million dollar per year industry in the Bahamas and which included spend on imported craft items" and encouraged individuals to get serious about the industry. Other Ministers present at the opening included Hon. Dr. Daniel Johnson, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Bahamas and Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Local Government, Bahamas.

Also in attendance were Ms Marva Browne, Secretary-General of Curacao National Commission for UNESCO; Dr. Rudolph Anthony Jr., Secretary-General of Belize National Commission for UNESCO and Dr. Maria Smith, Programme Manager of Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO. Approximately 60 persons inclusive of participants, government officials and handicraft stakeholders were present at the opening. The Secretaries-General and National Commission representatives also used the opportunity to discuss strategies for the submission of the second round of the UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicraft in the English and Dutch Speaking Caribbean slated for Curacao in 2014.

The 2-day workshop saw intense discussions about the handicraft sector in the sub-region with focussed deliberations on national policies specific to the handicraft sector, product design and development strategies, and recreating linkages locally, inter-regionally and globally. Participants also emphasized the need to maintaining the UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicraft. The UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicraft was launched in the Dutch- and English-speaking Caribbean in 2012 in Jamaica with six out of 34 entries receiving the UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicrafts. The six craft items were displayed during the conference alongside other handicraft items from the participating countries.



Prime Minister, Rt. Hon Perry G. Christie looks at the 2012 Award of Excellence handicraft products along with representatives of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, Doolarie Hopkinson (centre) and Dr. Maria Smith

Their Spirits Gone Before

Their Spirits Gone Before Them: Baring The HeArt of Jamaica's Heritage - The work of transformational Jamaican artist, Laura Facey is presented as an example of the national and global appeal of a phenomenal UNESCO endorsed project titled, "Their Spirits Gone Before Them" - a canoe made of poplar wood containing 1357 resin figures. -



Memorial for Transatlantic Slave Trade

Winning entry of the international competition to design a memorial to honour the victims of transatlantic slave trade (**Rodney Leon, author of *Ark of Return***) that will be permanently on display at United Nations Hq in New York.



Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica



Organized by the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank in collaboration with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, a national workshop on community-based inventorying of intangible cultural heritage took place in Kingston from 4-13 September 2013.

The workshop focus was on community participation in the identification and inventorying of intangible cultural heritage, data collection, organization and management, and hands-on experience in preparing field work. The workshop along

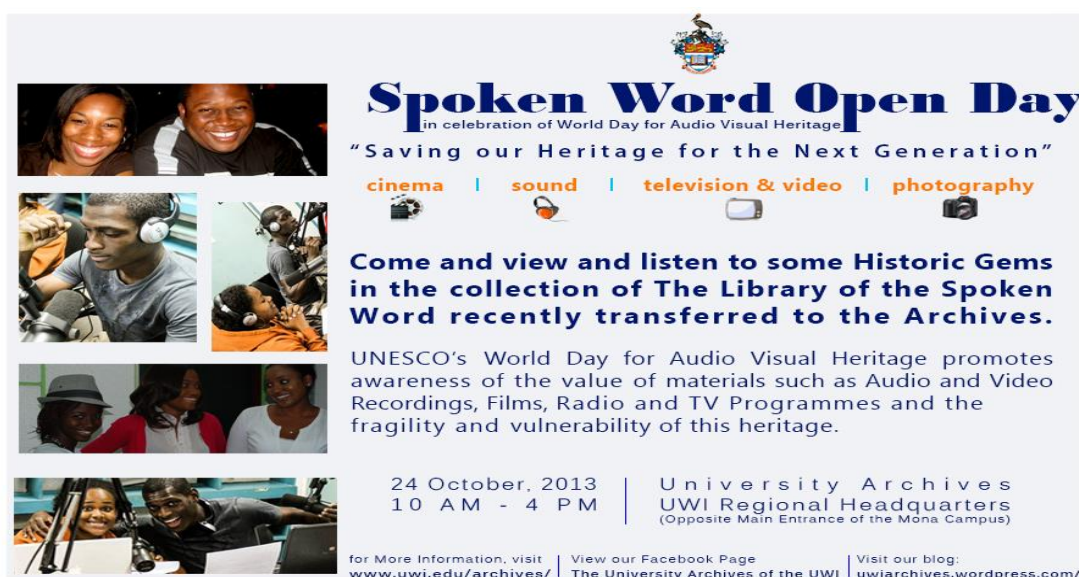
with the field exercise will set the stage for a pilot inventory activity to follow in proceeding months.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the workshop is part of a sub-regional project being implemented in Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago within the context of UNESCO's global strategy on capacity building to safeguard intangible cultural heritage. It was facilitated by UNESCO trained experts Dr. Harriet Deacon and Dr. Kris Rampersad. Programme Manager, Dr Maria Smith, represented JNC-UNESCO

World Day For Audio Visual Heritage

For World Audiovisual Day on Thursday October 24, 2013 the UWI Archives, as one of our partners, hosted an "Open Day". Tours of the Archives facility especially the Media Digital Laboratory where historic tapes were played and a live broadcast from 9 am to 12 noon from the University Archives of the radio programme "STRAIGHT UP" was broadcast from the radio station

World Day for Audiovisual heritage (27 October) was declared by UNESCO to raise awareness of the significance of AV documents and to draw attention to the need to safeguard them.



The poster for "Spoken Word Open Day" features a collage of images on the left showing people in a recording studio. The main text is in a bold, serif font. At the top, it says "Spoken Word Open Day" with a small crest above it. Below that, it says "in celebration of World Day for Audio Visual Heritage" and "Saving our Heritage for the Next Generation". There are four categories listed: "cinema", "sound", "television & video", and "photography", each with a small icon. The main body of text invites people to view and listen to historic gems in the collection of The Library of the Spoken Word. It also mentions UNESCO's World Day for Audio Visual Heritage. At the bottom, it gives the date and time: "24 October, 2013 10 AM - 4 PM" and the location: "University Archives UWI Regional Headquarters (Opposite Main Entrance of the Mona Campus)". There are also links for more information, a Facebook page, and a blog.

Spoken Word Open Day
in celebration of World Day for Audio Visual Heritage
"Saving our Heritage for the Next Generation"

cinema | sound | television & video | photography

Come and view and listen to some Historic Gems in the collection of The Library of the Spoken Word recently transferred to the Archives.

UNESCO's World Day for Audio Visual Heritage promotes awareness of the value of materials such as Audio and Video Recordings, Films, Radio and TV Programmes and the fragility and vulnerability of this heritage.

24 October, 2013
10 AM - 4 PM

University Archives
UWI Regional Headquarters
(Opposite Main Entrance of the Mona Campus)

for More Information, visit www.uwi.edu/archives/ | View our Facebook Page [The University Archives of the UWI](#) | Visit our blog: uwiarchives.wordpress.com/

3.5. Communication & Information

World Book and Copyright Day

On 23rd April 2013 The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, the Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (JUFUCA) and the Jamaica Library Service (JLS) conducted some reading sessions in Kingston and Mandeville.

In Kingston the sessions were aimed at the primary level pupils of MICO Practising, St Francis and St. Aloysius.

Book Merchant and Headstart supplied the reading material (big books) which were then presented to the various principals at the end of the exercise.

As part of its celebration of Don Quixote Day Amb. Celsa Nuno of the Embassy of Spain assisted at St. Francis.

Medals were given out to students in each class who answered a given question from the story.

Besides the UNESCO Club members reading volunteers included NYS Intern Patrick Boreland, and UWI student Amashika Lorne.

Certificates were presented to the schools, the readers and book donors for a successful WBCD 2013.



Students at MICO Practising being read to



Students being read to at St Francis and St. Aloysius respectively.

Website/Facebook

The Commission's website (www.jncunesco.gov.jm) has been kept updated and current.

However plans were afoot to migrate the website to one of Content Management.

JNC-UNESCO'S facebook page has also been kept updated and current.

Publications

Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO		VOLUME 5, ISSUE 16 May 2011 ISSN 0799-2025	
 <h1>JAMNAT E-NEWS</h1>			
Inside this issue		CARIBBEAN MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE	
<i>A report on the 2ND Training for the NBCJ</i>	2	<p>The Caribbean has a vast underwater cultural heritage due to its maritime history. The majority of Latin American and Caribbean countries are without the experts and national systems necessary for safeguarding this heritage hence they run the risk of its disappearance.</p>	
<i>Exhibitions</i>	3	<p>Ratification of the 2001 Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage protect countries from the pillage of submerged archaeological sites and aid in the development, protection and preservation of the sites. When protected it is possible for the sites to be marketed as tourist attractions.</p>	
<i>Secretariat activities</i>	3	<p>This meeting sought to promote ratification and create awareness of the existence of this area of heritage and to create a legal framework for its protection. Legal and archaeological experts met with Participants from 13 countries in Port Royal, 10-11 May 2011, to discuss the importance and pertinence of the 2001 Convention. Participants</p>	<p>Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture and Chairperson of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, Hon. Olivia Grange (left), along with Programme Specialist for Culture at UNESCO's Kingston office, Himachuli Gurung (second left) and the Commission's Vice Chairman and Chairman of Jamaica's Culture Advisory Committee, Hugh Nash (second right), in discussions with Programme Specialist at UNESCO's Havana, Cuba Office, Tatiana Villegas, (JIS)</p>
<i>Staff News</i>	3	<p>came from Antigua/ Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and host Jamaica. Cont'd p.4</p>	
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REGGAE FILM FESTIVAL 2011 receives JAD \$100,000 in support from UNESCO			
<p>UNESCO supported this venture based on its links to the African Week celebrated at UNESCO - Panafrikanism and the rapprochement of cultures - 25-28 May 2011</p>		<p>In picture (l to r) Dr Maria Smith, Programme Manager, JNC-UNESCO; Everton Hannam, Secretary General, JNC-UNESCO; Carl Bradshaw, Jamaica Film Academy; Hema Gurung, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Caribbean Office and Barbara Blake Hannah, Director Jamaica Film Academy - REGGAE FILM FESTIVAL 2011</p>	

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
- Annual Report 2010-2011

3.6. YOUTH

- The 8th UNESCO Youth Forum which preceded the General Conference was held from October 29-31 at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.

Maurice Smith, a Prime Minister Youth Awardee and an active member of the Graduates Foundation of Jamaica was Jamaica's representative to this Youth Forum.

Over 500 young participants have called on Member States, coming to UNESCO for the 37th General Conference, to create autonomous structures in each country to encourage and support youth engagement from now until 2021. (UNESCO)



Jamaica's representative Maurice Smith, 3rd from right

- Increase the visibility of UNESCO among youth and increasing volunteers for UNESCO programme was held in 3 locations

Facilitated by the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO the project was formulated by Paul McFarlene and Stefanie Thomas in an effort to help UNESCO have a more direct impact on the youth of Jamaica.

This PP project was designed as an island-wide train the trainers Programme with special emphasis in the following areas: sexuality and behavioral changes, environment and climate change, social media development. Through this initiative workshops were conducted and young people from across the Island received training in the areas cited.

In a ceremony held on March 21, 2014 at the Knutsford Court Hotel, some 32 persons were presented with their certificate of competency having completed their training.

The certificates were presented by Minister of Youth and Culture Lisa Hanna, who is

also the chairperson for the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO. The minister expressed her satisfaction with the execution of the programme and says she is pleased that young persons are taking advantage of the assistance being offered by UNESCO.

The Youth For UNESCO project targeted persons aged 15 to 25 years in schools, community based groups, churches, and youth clubs.

The Way Forward: The Solutions

- Active use of developed social media platforms for advocacy in the relevant areas;
- The implementation of small projects influenced by the training received. Room for the identification of select projects for enhancement;
- The effective use of Youth 4 UNESCO developed manuals in related projects and by our partners.





Pic 1: Hon Minister being thanked by one of the trainee

Pic 2: Coordinators and trainers at the training in Mandeville

Pic 3: Participants on Social Media in Kingston

Pic 4: Participants at "Sexuality and Behavioral Change" training in Kingston

International Youth Day

JNC-UNESCO collaborated with NCYD with its activity for International Youth Day Forum “Youth Migration: Moving Development Forward”. It consisted of discussions, skits and a giveaway of exhibited publications



Pic 1: Participants listening to the various presenters

Pic 2: Participants selecting their material



UNESCO Clubs



The UNESCO Club of Guys Hill High School have been making an impact in their community. They treated for Christmas and child month two basic schools in the community i.e. Waterford Basic School and Stone Hill Basic School.

They were also engaged in a senior citizen community project during which the students cleaned up a senior's house and yard. They also found time to beautify their school grounds by landscaping the name of the club.





UNESCO Club students of Guys Hill High at work in their school and in their community

Publication

Under a UNESCO Kingston Activity Financing Contract the following project was completed:

A comparative policy analysis study on the inclusiveness of youth in public policies in the CARICOM countries and prepare a report.	USD10,000	NYCD/ the Youth Crime Watch of Jamaica
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4. External Relations

Thematic Debate on Culture and Development

Minister of Youth & Culture & Chair of JNC-UNESCO, the Hon. Lisa Hanna, spoke at the UN General Assembly Thematic Debate on Culture and Development held in cooperation with UNESCO in New York on 12 June 2013.

On that day along with the Ministers of Culture of Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago she participated in the Informal Ministerial session on Culture chaired by UNESCO's Director-General, Irina Bokova.

37th session of the UNESCO General Conference

The 37th session of the Conference was held 5–20 November 2013. Jamaica's delegation headed by Hon. Minister Lisa Hanna included Ambassador of Jamaica to the Kingdom of Belgium and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to UNESCO, Amb. Vilma McNish; Secretary General Everton Hannam; candidate for the World Heritage Committee, Dr. Janice Lindsay; First Secretary/Consul at the Embassy of Jamaica & Mission to the European Union, Mr. Rohan Clarke; Dr. Maurice Smith, Executive Director/Principal, National College for Educational Leadership, representing the Ministry of Education; and Special & Legacy Projects Coordinator in the Ministry of Youth and Culture, Ms. Joan Young-Davis.

Highlights of the Conference for Jamaica and the Caribbean:

- Jamaica, for the first time, was elected to the World Heritage Committee



Aide Memoir produced for WHC/ Hon Minister lobbying for WHC

- CARICOM/UNESCO signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding.



- The Hon. Minister, Lisa Hanna, chaired the meeting of CARICOM Ministers present at UNESCO
- An MOU was signed between the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and the Korean National Commission for UNESCO
- The following Caribbean countries were elected to

UNESCO Executive Board:

Belize	2013-2015
St Kitts/Nevis	2013-2017
Trinidad & Tobago	2013-2017
Haiti	2015-2017

International Coordinating Council for the Man and the Biosphere Programme:

St. Vincent & the Grenadines	2013-2017
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Sub-regional Seminar for Caribbean National Commissions & Cluster Consultation

Secretary Generals or their representatives from 19 countries participated in this Sub-Regional Seminar hosted by the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office, in Kingston from 21-23 May 2013. The participants included four new Secretary Generals from Barbados, The Bahamas, St. Maarten and Canada.

The Opening Ceremony was moderated by JNC-UNESCO's Everton Hannam and included the following who addressed the gathering:

- Eric Falt, Asst. Director-General for External Relations & Public Information, UNESCO;
- Arun Kashyap, UNDP Resident Representative & UN Resident Coordinator.
- the Hon. Lisa Hanna, Minister of Youth & Culture and Chair of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO.

Presentations given included:

- Partnerships between the Canadian Natcom & other Natcoms — Myriam Montrat

- Preparation for UNESCO 37th General Conference — Andrei Chevelev
- Good practices of Natcoms on the visibility of UNESCO at country level
- Natcoms engagement with UNESCO networks in-country



Hon Minister Lisa Hanna addressed the Delegates of the sub regional seminar representing Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

PROJECTS/FUNDING

The organization has received from UNESCO Activity Financing Contracts as funding support to undertake the following project/activity:

Name of meeting/event (s)	Date, venue	Participant
National Parent Teacher Conference 2013. USD5,000 in support to organize a conference on human rights education, peace education and violence in schools		National Parent Teachers Association
25 th Session of the International Coordinating Council of MAB Committee and 3 rd meeting of the Global network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves	28 May -06 June, 2013 Estonia and Paris	Secretary-General

Internship Programme

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

September 2012-Feb 2013 Ariane Wolf/Laura Gonzalez (Germany)

2 March – August 2014 Janina Brendel (Germany)

FELLOWSHIPS*UNESCO Fellowship Programme*

Date	Programme	Venue	Fellowship	
14-24 May 2012	“Profiles of Trafficking: Patterns, Populations & Policies”	Haifa, Israel	MASHAV, Israel	Latoya Waugh, Policy Analyst, Ministry of National Security

5. Condolences

JNC- UNESCO deeply regrets the passing of Dr. Olive Lewin who provided invaluable service to the Commission during the decades of the 80s & 90s as she brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the Cultural Advisory Committee.

Dr. Lewin, ethnomusicologist, fully embraced the ideals of UNESCO – capacity building, research, commitment to Traditional Heritage and promoting the participation of the primary stakeholders of the tradition. Her work with the Memory Bank, Indigenous groups, The Jamaican Folk Singers, Colleges, Schools and Communities across the Island provided a reservoir of information in support of UNESCO’S Conventions for Culture.

Dr. Lewin served as a member of The International Jury for Proclamation by UNESCO of Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town was so proclaimed in 2003.