



UNESCO

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WHAT IS UNESCO?

- ❑ UNESCO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that promotes collaboration among nations through education, science, culture, and communication.
- ❑ Founded in 1946, UNESCO has 195 Member States.
- ❑ The UNESCO Headquarters is located in Paris, France. It was designed by the architect Marcel Breuer and was inaugurated in 1958. The building is made of concrete and glass and has a distinctive "stepped" design. The UNESCO Headquarters is home to the organization's executive offices, as well as its library, archives, and conference facilities.
- ❑ Its mission is to contribute to peace and security in the world by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, culture, and communication.

UNESCO'S WORK

- **Education:** UNESCO works to improve access to education for all, to promote quality education, and to foster lifelong learning.
- **Science:** UNESCO supports scientific research and innovation, and promotes the use of science for sustainable development.
- **Culture:** UNESCO protects and promotes cultural diversity, and encourages the creative arts.
- **Communication:** UNESCO promotes freedom of expression and the free flow of information, and fosters the use of media for peace and development.

UNESCO'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❑ UNESCO has helped to eradicate illiteracy in many countries.
- ❑ It has supported the development of new technologies, such as the Internet, and has helped to ensure that these technologies are used for the benefit of all.
- ❑ It has promoted cultural understanding and tolerance, and has helped to protect some of the world's most important cultural and natural heritage sites.
- ❑ It has played a key role in the development of international law, and has helped to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms.

UNESCO'S CHALLENGES

- ❑ The world is facing a number of challenges, such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and conflict.
- ❑ These challenges threaten peace and security, and they also threaten the progress that UNESCO has made in education, science, culture, and communication.
- ❑ UNESCO is working to address these challenges, but it needs the support of its Member States and of the international community.

UNESCO'S PROGRAMS

- UNESCO has a wide range of programs that it implements in its Member States. These programs are designed to promote education, science, culture, and communication. Some of UNESCO's most important programs include:
 - ❑ **Education for All:** UNESCO works to ensure that all children have access to quality education.
 - ❑ **Science for Sustainable Development:** UNESCO supports scientific research and innovation that can be used to address the challenges of sustainable development.
 - ❑ **Culture for Peace:** UNESCO promotes cultural understanding and tolerance as a way to prevent conflict and build peace.
 - ❑ **Communication and Information for Development:** UNESCO promotes the free flow of information and the use of media for development.

UNESCO'S RESOURCES

- UNESCO has a number of resources that it uses to implement its programs. These resources include:
 - ❑ **Expertise:** UNESCO has a team of experts in education, science, culture, and communication. These experts provide technical assistance to Member States and help to develop new programs and initiatives.
 - ❑ **Funding:** UNESCO receives funding from its Member States. This funding is used to support the organization's programs and activities.
 - ❑ **Partnerships:** UNESCO works with a wide range of partners, including governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. These partnerships help UNESCO to achieve its goals and to reach a wider audience.

UNESCO'S IMPACT

□ UNESCO has a significant impact on the lives of people all over the world. The organization's programs and initiatives have helped to improve education, promote scientific research, protect cultural heritage, and promote freedom of expression. UNESCO is a valuable resource for countries that are working to achieve sustainable development and to build a more peaceful and just world.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

- ☐ Here are the 10 criteria for inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage List:
- ☐ 1. To represent a masterpiece of human creative genius.
- ☐ 2. To exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design.
- ☐ 3. To bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or civilization that is living or has disappeared.
- ☐ 4. To be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural ensemble or technological or landscape feature that illustrates a significant stage in human history.
- ☐ 5. To be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, an agricultural or industrial landscape, which is an important example of a type of cultural or landscape interaction that is now endangered.

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- ☐ 6. To be directly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, that have exerted a significant influence on the development of human society.
- ☐ 7. To contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance.
- ☐ 8. To be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant geomorphic or physiographic features and biotic communities, and areas with important ongoing ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystems.
- ☐ 9. To be the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.
- ☐ 10. To be outstanding examples of the interaction between humankind and the natural environment, particularly when such interaction has given rise to significant cultural landscapes.

TYPES OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES

- There are three types of World Heritage sites according to UNESCO:

- ☐ Cultural sites.

- ☐ Natural sites.

- ☐ Mixed sites.

CULTURAL SITES

❑ Cultural sites are places that bear a significant testimony to human history and cultural development. They can include archaeological sites, architectural monuments, and works of art. For example, the Great Wall of China, the Colosseum, and Machu Picchu are all cultural World Heritage sites.

NATURAL SITES

❑ Natural sites are areas of outstanding natural beauty or scientific importance. They can include mountains, forests, lakes, and glaciers. For example, the Grand Canyon, the Great Barrier Reef, and Yellowstone National Park are all natural World Heritage sites.

MIXED SITES

- ❑ Mixed sites are places that combine cultural and natural features of outstanding universal value. For example, the Galapagos Islands and the Everglades National Park are both mixed World Heritage sites.
- ❑ As of 2023, there are a total of 1,154 World Heritage sites in 167 countries. These sites are considered to be of outstanding universal value to humanity and are protected by UNESCO.

CONCLUSION

- ❑ UNESCO is a valuable organization that is making a real difference in the world.
- ❑ It is important to support UNESCO's work, so that it can continue to promote peace and security, and to improve the lives of people all over the world.

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