

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: United States National Commission for UNESCO

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

United States National Commission for UNESCO

3b. GSA

Committee No.

22803

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/23/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/23/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

22 U.S.C. 287o et seq.

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

22 U.S.C. 287o et seq.

13. Effective Date

07/30/1946

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

-- The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) has been administratively inactive since FY 2019 due to the U.S. withdrawal from UNESCO on December 31, 2018. While active, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO advised the U.S. Government regarding its activities as a member state of UNESCO. by:--

- 1) Providing expert advice in the areas of UNESCO's mandate, which include: natural science, education, social and human science, culture, and communication and information. --
- 2) Highlighting opportunities and benefits Americans could receive while the U.S. was a member state of UNESCO. --
- 3) Raising the profile of UNESCO

in the United States.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

-- Under its charter, which expired on March 23, 2019, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO could seat no more than 100 Americans with no more than 60 percent representing NGOs, 15 percent representing state/local government, 10 percent representing the Federal government, and 15 percent as Members-at-Large.-- Appointments to the Commission were from a large cross section of American civil society and represented a full spectrum of diversity in terms of ethnicity, geography, age, subject matter expertise, gender, background, professional affiliations, and viewpoints.-- As members rotated off the Commission, nominations for new members were sought from a diverse range of sources to ensure the Commission was continually able to offer a range of viewpoints representing our nations diversity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

-- Per enabling legislation, the Commission holds at least one general meeting annually. However, the U.S. withdrawal from UNESCO on December 31, 2018, and the expiration of the Commission's Charter on March 23, 2019 have rendered the Commission administratively inactive.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

-- National Commissions are common as part of member states' participation within the UNESCO international organization (article VII of its constitution). Per the U.S. enabling legislation, while the U.S. is engaged with UNESCO, a

National Commission shall be established.-- In addition to the recommendations provided, the Commission also served as a liaison with U.S. civil society regarding UNESCO issues. While the U.S. was a member of UNESCO, the Commission was vital in the work to achieve U.S. Government objectives within UNESCO.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) was administratively inactive in FY 2019 due to the U.S. withdrawal from UNESCO on December 31, 2018. While active, the Commission occasionally received approval from the Department of State to close sections of meetings because it sometimes reviews and gives advice on individuals' applications for employment or fellowships. Due to the personal nature of this material, the Commission has received approval to close the relevant portions of the meetings/conference calls; all other portions of calls are open to the public and specific designated time is given for public comments. Since no meetings were held in FY 2019 or 2020, there was not a need to hold a closed meeting this year.

21. Remarks

-- On October 12, 2017, the United States announced its withdrawal from UNESCO, effective December 31, 2018. Per the U.S. enabling legislation, while the U.S. is engaged with UNESCO, a National Commission shall be established. Agency recommended that the committee be administratively inactive in FY 2019.

-- The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and

Cultural Organization) became administratively inactive in FY 2019 -- and remains so until further notice.

Designated Federal Officer

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National Commission for UNESCO

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

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|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

The Commission was administratively inactive in FY 2021

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

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What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

392

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission was administratively inactive in FY 2021.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Many of the Commission recommendations continue to be used and implemented. As the UNESCO organization works on a two-year cycle, many issues are longer term and their full implementation might not yet be realized. Any recommendations relating to legislation might require additional action and time.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Commission was administratively inactive in FY 2021.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

The Commission was administratively inactive in FY 2021.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The Commission was administratively inactive in FY 2021. Historical information is available on the GSA FACA Website or through the former DFO.