

# Glossary:United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Statistics Explained

The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** , abbreviated as **UNESCO** , is a specialised [United Nations](#) agency. Its mission is to promote international co-operation among its Member States and Associate Members in the fields of education, science, culture and communication. UNESCO was founded on 16 November 1945, and has 193 Member States and 11 Associate Members (as of February 2019).

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