

## Detailed Curriculum Vitae

*Ms Vera El Khoury Lacoueilhe*

### LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN UNESCO

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO

Oct 2022-2025	Chairperson of the Executive Board 2023-2025 (elected 24 November 2023) Representative of Saint Lucia to the Executive Board
2019-2021	Vice-Chairperson for Group III (GRULAC) in the Executive Board of UNESCO
2017-2021	Member of the Executive Board of UNESCO for a mandate of four years
2012-2013	President of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board of UNESCO
2009-2013	Member of the Executive Board of UNESCO for a mandate of four years
2009-2011	President of the Ad Hoc Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO (IEE)
1999-2001	Chairperson of the Group of Experts on Finance and Administrative Matters
1999-2001	Alternate Vice-Chairperson for Group III (GRULAC) in the Executive Board of UNESCO
1997-2001	Member of the Executive Board of UNESCO for a mandate of four years

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO

2006	President of the Think Tank of the General Conference on the Reform of the Executive Board and the General Conference of UNESCO
2003	President of the Group on the Right to Vote at the 32 <sup>nd</sup> session of the General Conference of UNESCO
1999	Chairperson of the Joint Commission - Administration and Programme - at the 30th session of the General Conference of UNESCO

#### OTHER UNESCO BODIES

2022	President of the open-ended Working Group on Sites of Memory Associated with Recent Conflicts established by the World Heritage Committee
2021	President of the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts that negotiated the Recommendation on Open Science
2018	Member of the International Advisory Board «Transforming-Education Conference for Humanity» (India)
2015-2017	Campaign for the Post of Director General of UNESCO
2014	President of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris)
2011	Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts for the negotiation of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape
2009	Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Convention for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
2007	Chairperson of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors to UNESCO
2007	Chairperson of the Electoral Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) of UNESCO
2006	Acting Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee of UNESCO
2005	Chairperson of the Commonwealth Group of Ambassadors to UNESCO
2004-2005	Vice-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Meetings for the negotiation of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

- 2004 Vice-Chairperson of the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee (Suzhou, China)
- 2003 Chairperson of the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris)
- 2003 Chairperson of the Drafting Group on the International Convention against Doping in Sport
- 2001 Chairperson of the Working Group on the Budget of the World Heritage Committee
- 1999 Chairperson of the G77 Working Group on the Reform of the General Conference and the Executive Board of UNESCO
- 1999 President of the Cultural Committee of the Francophone Group of UNESCO

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- 2016 Member of the Independent Team of Advisors (ITA) ECOSOC (UN Economic and Social Council), New York  
Active member of the panel established by ECOSOC tasked with making recommendations on the long term positioning of the United Nations Development System in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: function, financing, governance, organisational structures and partnerships.
- 2001-2016 Alternate Representative of the Head of Government of Saint Lucia to the International Organisation of Francophonie (OIF)
- 2014 President of the Ad Hoc Group on the Reform of the Governing Bodies of the International Organisation of Francophonie, appointed by President Abdou Diouf, Secretary General of Francophonie

## PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITIES

- Since 2018 Lecturer at Sciences Po Paris  
School of Public Affairs. Case study: The World Heritage Convention and its Committee: Challenges and Solutions
- Since 2013 Lecturer at Paris 1 Pantheon- Sorbonne University  
Law School, Department of International Administration: Course on «International Institutions and Organisations»

## EDUCATION

- 1983 Master of Arts (MA), New York University (NYU) Near and Middle Eastern Studies Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 1979 Bachelor of Arts (BA) (with distinction), American University of Beirut (AUB)  
Political Science and Government, School of Arts and Sciences

## DECORATIONS

- 2005 Knight of the National Order of Merit (France)
- 2005 Insignia of the Order of Vytautas the Great (Lithuania)

## LANGUAGES

Fluent in [English](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#)

## UNESCO RELATED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2022 [Speaker](#) at Pre-Summit on Transforming Education side event launching the International Science and Evidence based Education (ISEE) Assessment, (Paris)
- 2022 [Speaker](#) in the Panel “Discussion on Promoting Open Science Globally: The UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science”, organised by the German National Commission, (online)
- 2019 [Speaker](#) at “Dialogue with Mahatma Gandhi on the Future of Education”, (Paris)
- 2017 [Speaker](#) in the “Disruptive Panel: We Don’t Need Education», with Professor Sugata Mitra at the TECH2017 Conference «Transforming Education for Humanity», (Andhra Pradesh, India)
- [Speaker](#) in the Ministerial Panel for «Reforming the United Nations Development System», United Nations General Assembly (September)  
<https://t.co/Z3Cp6E7dWn> (*intervention El Khoury Lacoeyuilhe*)  
<http://bit.ly/2flcKzv> (*panel*)
- [Speaker](#) at the French Court of Auditors, «External Audit, Performance and Risk Management in International Organisations» NATO- IBAN (Paris, October)  
<https://www.facebook.com/111523122813125/posts/135379920427445/>
- 2011 [Speaker](#) at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions organised by the Presidents of the National Assembly of Quebec and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (Quebec)
- 2008 [Speaker](#) at the Seminar «Sharing Strength: Commonwealth and Francophone Cultural Engagement with the UNESCO Convention» organised by Commonwealth Foundation (London)  
«Interaction between the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and the Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity», UNESCO (Paris)

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