

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ACP Region:	The Caribbean
Population:	9 million
Official Language:	Spanish
Capital:	Santo Domingo

National authority responsible for culture: Secretaría de Estado de Cultura. Av. George Washington, Esq. Presidente Vicini Burgos, Santo Domingo <http://www.cultura.gov.do>

Culture policy: A culture decree was promulgated in 2000. It is available on the website for the Secretary of State, which drafted a 2003-2012 decennial plan.

Principal public cultural bodies: The DR has a very structured cultural administration including in particular the following bodies:

- Oficina Nacional del Derecho de Autor (ONDA)
- a dozen museums including a museum of modern art
- national artistic companies and groups
- several schools: national conservatory of music, national school of dance, national school of fine arts, national school of dramatic arts, national school of visual arts
- The cultural decree provides for creation of a National Council of Culture.

Some professional organisations:

- Asociación de Cronistas de Arte (Acroarte)
- Asociación Dominicana de Críticos de Arte (ADCA)
- Fotogruppo 23

Some events:

- Bienal del Caribe de Artes Visuales
- Bienal Nacional de Artes Visuales
- Carnaval
- Feria Internacional del Libro en Santo Domingo
- Festival Internacional de Cine de Santo Domingo
- Festival Internacional de Teatro de Santo Domingo
- Festival de Jazz de la República Dominicana
- Festival de Merengue
- Festival de Música Clásica de Santo Domingo
- Festival Presidente de Música Latina
- Muestra Internacional de Cine de Santo Domingo
- Music and Arts Festival

Sources and documents:

- The guide for cultural administration drawn up by the *Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura* offers a great deal of information and links to public and private cultural organisations. <http://www.oei.es/cultura/pdf/RepDom.pdf>

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: The 7th EDF provided for running of the preservation of the Isabela archeological heritage (€750,000) and organising a Dominican and Haitian art exhibition in Brussels (€75,000). Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9th EDF. Regional funds from the 7th EDF contributed to the creation of a Cariforo cultural centre.

Other programmes that may interest cultural participants: The 9th EDF NIP provided €5 million for non-state actors.

Regional cooperation: EC/Cariforum Programme

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