

SNAPSHOT: UNESCO AND BAHRAIN

1. **Bahrain joined UNESCO on 18 January 1972.**
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: No**
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and/or Commissions:**

Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education

Bureau Member

Member (Term expires: 38th General Conference)

Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication

Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)

Legal Committee

Member elected by the General Conference at its 36th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 37th session (2013) until the beginning of the 38th session (2015)

Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme

Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)

4. **Bahrain National Commission for UNESCO:** established in October 1967

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(Established in 7 October 1967)

Chairperson

(Since 11 November 2002)

Dr Majed Ali Al Noaimi

Secretary-General

(Since January 2011)

Mr Ghazi Isa Almarzooq

5. **UNESCO Office in Doha:**
 - Date of establishment: 1976, Doha (Qatar).
 - Member States serviced: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Yemen
 - Name of Head: Ms. Anna Paolini (Italy)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO: Mr Subah Alzayani, Officer in charge of the Permanent Delegation of Bahrain.
7. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
8. **Associated Schools:** 13

Bahrain joined the UNESCO Associated Schools (ASPnet) in 1981

Bahrain participates in the UNESCO/Daimler "Mondialogo School Contest" in support of

intercultural dialogue, whereby some 2,800 school teams in 144 countries have been twinned with schools from different continents involving more than 36,000 students. The third round of the Contest was launched on 21 May 2007, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Ramsar Game on Wetlands

Bahrain was selected to pilot and provide feedback on the game produced by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, with educational and scientific advice and support from UNESCO, and financial contributions from the DANONE Group. This game is being tested in a pilot phase in selected countries through the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network.

9. **UNESCO Chairs: 2** (Within the framework of UNITWIN/UNESCO)

- **UNESCO Chair in Energy (1994) at the University of Bahrain**
Activities in the field of Bioclimatic Architecture; Energy.

The Chair submitted its last report in 1999, requesting the diversion of its activities into conservation of Energy. UNESCO approved this request; however, the detailed project was never received.

- **UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair in Environment and Sustainable Development, (2001) at the University of Bahrain, Environmental Research Centre (ERC)**

A UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair is a Center of excellence recognized under the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme and the UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Programme for the promotion of multi-disciplinary education, research, and training in sustainable development that combine ecology, economics, the social sciences and technology.

The Chair has benefitted from a US \$500,000 UNDP funded project for the Government. The Chair is part of the AREN (Arab Region Ecotechnie Network). UNESCO is expecting the nomination of a new Chairholder.

10. **Biosphere Reserves: none**

11. **World Heritage Site: 2**

Bahrain fort Site (Qal'at al-Bahrain) - Ancient harbour and capitol of Dilmun (2005)

Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy (2012)

12. **Tentative list: 5 sites**

Hamad Town Tumuli Moundfield (2001)

Barbar Temple (2001)

Saar Heritage Park (2001)

Hawar Islands Reserve (2001)

Burial Ensembles of Dilmun and Tylos (2008)

13. **Memory of the World : none**

14. **Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity: No file has been submitted.**

15. **Standard-setting instruments: 10 ratified; 29 not ratified.**

16. CONVENTIONS

- **Convention on the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage:** Not ratified.
- **Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions:** Not ratified.
- **Convention on the protection of underwater cultural heritage:** Not ratified.
- **Convention on the anti-doping in sport:** Ratified on 15/12/2008.

17. Status of personnel: Bahrain is not represented.
Minimum 2 and maximum 4: under represented

18. Personalities linked to UNESCO: none.

19. Participation Programme:

- 2010-2011: 10 requests have been submitted and 3 requests have been approved for the total amount of \$48,700.

- 2012-2013: For the current biennium, Bahrain has submitted 3 national projects for a total amount of US\$ 57, 700

20. CATEGORY II CENTRES:

- Regional Center for Information and Communication Technology in Manama
- Arab regional centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH)

23. CREATIVE CITIES: none

24. UNDAF in Bahrain: Yes