

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON QATAR / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 27 January 1972
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, Member (Term expires in 2017)
 - Headquarters Committee, Vice-Chairperson, Member (Term expires in 2017)
 - Legal Committee
 - Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of 2017
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage, Chairperson: H. E. Sheika Al Mayassa Bint Hamad Al-Thani, Member, Term expires in 2017
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Member
4. **Your visits to Qatar: 7**
 - 19-22 June 2014: 38th session of the World Heritage Committee
 - 29-31 October 2013: World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE).
 - 28-29 April 2013: participation at the High Level Strategic Meeting to Accelerate Effort to Reach Out of School Children.
 - 12-14 November 2012: WISE summit
 - 10-11 December 2011: annual forum UNAOC
 - 7-9 December 2010: second edition of WISE summit.
 - 15-18 November 2009: first edition of WISE summit.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Qatar: 6**
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr Ali ZAINAL, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
 - The UNESCO Doha Office serves as the Cluster Office to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. 66, Lusail Street - West Bay, P.O. Box 3945, Doha, Qatar
8. **Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and science:**
 - Date of establishment: 1971
 - Chairperson: H.E Mr. Mohammed Abdul Wahed Ali Al Hammadi, Minister of Education and Higher Education (July 2012).
 - Secretary-General: Dr. Hamda Hassan Al-Sulaiti
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - UNESCO special envoy for Basic and Higher Education: Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 1**
 - UNESCO Chair in Special Needs Education, established in September 2005 at the University of Qatar, College of Education, Doha.
11. **Associated Schools: 69** (1 nursery and pre-schools, 37 primary, 7 primary and secondary and 24 secondary schools).The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms AL DOSARI Hessa, Chief of the UNESCO Department, Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science. ASPnet schools in Qatar are very active.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- Regional Centre for Contemporary Art. Approved by the 36TH General Conference. No agreement has been signed yet.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 1

- Al-Reem since 2007

14. World Heritage Sites: 1

- Al Zubarah Archaeological Site (2013)

15. Tentative List: 1 property

- Khor Al-Adaid natural reserve (2008)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1 inscription on the Representative List

- Falconry, a living human heritage (2012)

17. Memory of the World Register: no inscription.

18. Creative Cities Network:

19. Legal instruments: 8 ratified and 31 none-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (17 October 2013) - Qatar is a State Party to the Convention; it deposited its instrument of ratification (1 September 2008)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (21 April 2009).
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification 524 August 2007).

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

21. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: no requests have been submitted
- 2012-2013: 3 projects submitted
- 2010-2011: 7 projects submitted

22. Fellowships: 1 Fellowship award in 2000 corresponding to the amount of 9500 US\$.

23. Representation within the Secretariat: Under-represented

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 4):