

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON EGYPT / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member : 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2013-2017)
  - Ambassador Mohamed Sameh Amr is also the Chairperson of the Executive Board.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Executive Board: Member (term expires in 2017)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere  
President: Ms Boshra Salem  
Member (term expires in 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme  
Member (Term expires in 2017)
  - Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo  
Member (Term expires: 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation  
Member (Term expires: 38th General Conference)
  - Headquarters Committee, Vice-Chairperson. Member (Term expires: 38th General Conference)
  - 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 the 39th session (2017)
  - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education  
Member : Ms Hazem Atlam (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Member
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage  
Vice President Member (Term expires: 2016)
4. **Your visits to Egypt:** 4
  - 12-14 May 2015
  - 11 - 13 March 2013
  - 13- 14 June 2011
  - 5 - 8 December 2009
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Egypt:** 1
  - 23 - 25 December 2003
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
  - H. E. Mr Mohammed Sameh Amr, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Arab Republic of Egypt (since 16 April 2012)
  - Staff: Mrs Ghada Fekhry Ahmed Omar, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous permanent Delegates: Mr El Zahaby, Chargé d'affaires
7. **UNESCO Office:** UNESCO Cairo Office, established in 1947, is the Regional Office for Science and Technology (S&T), Bioethics and Ethics of S&T for the Arab States. It is also the Cluster Office for Egypt, Sudan and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for Education, Social and Natural Sciences, Culture and Communication.
8. **Egyptian National Commission for Education, Culture and science**
  - Date of establishment: 1946
  - Chairperson: Professor Dr Ashraf AL-SHEEHY, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
  - Acting Secretary-General: Ms Zainab AlWakeel

**9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none**

**10. UNESCO Chairs: 5**

- UNESCO Chair for Women, Science, and Technology (840)
- UNITWIN Network Forced Migration Studies (253)
- UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair / Network Environment Sustainable Development (82)
- UNESCO Chair Human Rights (583)
- UNESCO/Arab Region Ecotechnie Network (AREN) (587)

**11. Associate Schools: 3**

- Egypt joined ASPnet in 1960 and there are at present 115 schools (2 nursery and pre-schools, 22 primary, 38 primary and secondary, 48 secondary schools, 1 teacher training and 4 vocational and technical institutions participating in the network.
- The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms ABDEL SALAM Soummaya, Head of Education Department, Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO
- The projects and activities implemented by Egyptian ASPnet schools address the following themes: Education for Sustainable Development (ESD); Intercultural Dialogue, Respect for Cultural Diversity; Peace, Human Rights and Citizenship.

**12. Category 2 institutes and Centres: 1**

- Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones (Sixth of October City)

**13. Biosphere Reserves: 2**

- Omayed
- Wadi Allaqui

**14. World Heritage Sites: 7**

*Cultural sites:*

- Abu Mena (1979)
- Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (1979)
- Historic Cairo (1979)
- Memphis and its Necropolis – the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur (1979)
- Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae (1979)
- Saint Catherine Area (2002)

*Natural sites:*

- Wadi Al-Hitan (Whale Valley) (2005)

**15. Tentative List: 33 properties**

- Siwa archaeological area (1994)
- Temple of Serabit Khadem (#) (1994)
- North Sinai archaeological Sites Zone (1994)
- Temple of Hator built by Ramses III (1994)
- Dahshour archaeological area (1994)
- El Fayoum: Kom Aushim (Karanis), Dimai (Soknopaiounesos), Qasr Qarun (Dionysias), Batn I hrit (Theadelphia), Byahma-Medinet el Fayoum (1994)
- El-Gendi Fortress (1994)
- Rutho Monastery (1994)
- Wadi Feiran (1994)
- Pharaon Island (1994)
- Dahab (1994)
- Minia (#) (1994)
- Newibah castle (1994)
- Ras Mohammed (2002)
- Gebel Qatrani Area, Lake Qaroun Nature Reserve (2003)
- Southern and Smaller Oases, the Western Desert (2003)
- Bird Migration Routes (2003)
- Desert Wadis (2003)

- Mountain Chains (2003)
- Great Desert Landscapes (2003)
- Alexandria, ancient remains and the new library (2003)
- Abydos, city of pilgrimage of the Pharaohs (2003)
- Pharaonic temples in Upper Egypt from the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (2003)
- Necropolises of Middle Egypt, from the Middle Empire to the Roman period (2003)
- Raoudha nilometre in Cairo (2003)
- The monasteries of the Arab Desert and Wadi Natrun (2003)
- Two citadels in Sinai from the Saladin period (Al-Gundi and Phataoh's island) (2003)
- The An-Nakhl fortress, a stage on the pilgrimage route to Mecca (2003)
- Oasis of Fayoum, hydraulic remains and ancient cultural landscapes (2003)
- Historic quarters and monuments of Rosetta/Rachid (2003)
- Dababiya (2008)
- Helwan Observatory (2010)
- Kharga Oasis and the Small Southern Oases (2015)

**16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 1 inscription on the Representative list

- Al Sirah Al Hilaliyah (2008)

**17. Memory of the World Register:** 4 inscriptions

- Memory of the Suez Canal (1997)
- Deeds of Sultans and Princes (2005)
- Persian Illustrated and illuminated Manuscripts (2007)
- The National Library of Egypt's collection of Mamluk Qur'an manuscripts (2013)

**18. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

**19. Legal instruments:** 21 ratified and 18 not ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (17 October 2003)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (20 October 2005)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (19 October 2005)

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

**21. Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 9 projects (7 national and 2 regional for an amount of US\$ 252 000). 4 national projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 98.000 and one regional project for a total an amount of US\$ 35 000.
- 2012-2013: 8 national requests and 4 regional requests: 4 national projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 88.000 and one regional project for a total an amount of US\$ 34 000.
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of \$ 129,000.

**22. Fellowships:** since 2010, 12 Fellowships for a total amount of 134.252 US\$.

**23. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented (min. 3, max. 5):

- 1 professional staff at Headquarters