

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 20 April 1972
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Executive Board - Member (Term expires : 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme Vice-President - Member (Term expires in 2017)
 - Oceanographic Commission - Member
4. **Your visits to UAE:**
 - 15 - 17 March 2014:
 - 14 - 16 January 2013: official visit
 - 28 – 31 March 2011:
5. **The Former Director-General visits to UAE:**
 - 28th September to 2nd October 2009
 - 26 - 27 December 2006
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Abdullah Alneaimi Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (14/08/2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** the UAE is covered by the UNESCO Office in Doha
8. **National Commission of the UAE:**
 - Date of establishment: 1964
 - Chairperson: H.E. Mr Hussein bin Ibrahim Al Hamaadi (since 2015)
 - Acting Secretary-General: Msamal AlKoos
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 3
 - UNESCO Chair in Environment and Water Resources (2003), Ajman University of Science and Technology, Ajman (634)
 - 2 UNESCO Chair in Applied Research in Education (2003), Sharjah Women's Higher College of Technology, Sharjah (635)
 - UNESCO Chair in Petroleum Engineering (1998), United Arab Emirates University (428)
11. **Associated Schools:**
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
 - Regional Centre for Educational Planning (Sharjah, UAE)
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - Marawah (2007)
14. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
 - Cultural Sites of Al Ain (Hafit, Hili, Bidaa Bint Saud and Oases Areas) (2011)
15. **Tentative List:** 7 properties
 - Sharjah: the Gate to Trucial States (2014)
 - Settlement and Cemetery of Umm an-Nar Island (2012)

- Sir Bu Nair Island (2012)
- Khor Dubai (2012)
- Ed-Dur Site (2012)
- The Cultural Landscape of the Central Region in the Emirate of Sharjah (2012)
- Al Bidya Mosque (2012)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Al-Ayyala, a traditional performing art of the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates (2014)
- Al-Taghrooda, traditional Bedouin chanted poetry in the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman (2012)
- Falconry, a living human heritage (2012)
- Al Sadu, traditional weaving skills in the United Arab Emirates (2011)

17. Memory of the World Register: none

18. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

19. Legal instruments: 8 ratified and 31 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (2 May 2005).
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (6 June 2012).
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (4 August 2009).

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

21. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: The UAE did not submit any requests.
- 2012-2013: The UAE did not submit any requests.
- 2010-2011: The UAE did not submit any requests.

22. Fellowships: no fellowships awarded

23. Representation within the Secretariat: none represented
(min. 3, max. 6):