

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AZERBAIJAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 3 June 1992
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Last term: 2007-2009.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport. Vice-Chairperson : Ms Matanat Mammadova, Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference) Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. Vice-Chairperson
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education; Vice-Chairperson: Prof. Fatma Abdullazade
4. **The Director-General's visits to Azerbaijan: 3**
 - 16-18 May 2015: visit on the occasion of the 3rd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID)
 - 29-31 May 2013: to attend the 2nd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue
 - 28 July – 2 August 2010: official visit and to participate in the opening ceremony of the International Music Festival in Gabala
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Azerbaijan: 4**
 - 19-21 March 2009: on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the International Mugham Centre and in the International Mugham Festival in Baku
 - 13-16 May 2008: on the occasion of the UNESCO Regional Conference in Support of Global Literacy, entitled "Addressing the Literacy Challenge in Europe with a Sub-Regional Focus: Building Partnerships and Promoting Innovative Approaches", 23-26 August 2005: official visit
 - 8-10 April 2000: on the occasion of the 1300th anniversary of the Epic Dede Gorgoud
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Anar Karimov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate
 - Former Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Husseinova (February 1997 – January 2013)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none (Azerbaijan was covered by the UNESCO Office in Moscow)
8. **National Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for UNESCO:**
 - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Elmar Mammadyarov (since 2000)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Gunay Efendiyeva (since April 2009)
9. **Azerbaijani personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**

- Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Oral and Musical Traditions
- Eynulla Fatullayev, journalist and human rights activist, winner of the 2012 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- Ms Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace
- Prof. (Ms) Fatma Abdullazade, Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
- Prof. Dr. Ali M. Abbasov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of Azerbaijan, member of the Broadband Commission for Digital Development

10. UNESCO Chairs: 2

- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, established at the Baku Institute of Public Administration and Political Sciences (1997)
- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, The Baku State University (2015)

11. Associated Schools: 19 (1 nursery/pre-school, 1 primary, 2 primary and secondary, 13 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institutions). Azerbaijan joined the ASP Network in 1985.

12. UNESCO Clubs: none

13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 2

- Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (2000) (Inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003 and removed in June 2009)
- Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape (2007)

16. Tentative List: 10 properties

- Surakhany, Atashgyakh (Fire - worshippers, temple - museum at Surakhany) (1998)
- The mausoleum of Nakhichevan (1998)
- Hyrkan State Reservation (1998)
- "Binegadi" 4th Period Fauna and Flora Deposit (1998)
- "Lok-Batan" Mud Cone (1998)
- "Baku Stage" Mountain (1998)
- The Caspian Shore Defensive Constructions (2001)
- Susha historical and architectural reserve (2001)
- Ordubad historical and architectural reserve (2001)
- Sheki, the Khan's Palace (2001)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 7 elements

- Azerbaijani Mugham (2008)
- The art of Azerbaijani Ashiq (2009)
- Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (2009) (jointly with India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Turkey)
- Traditional art of Azerbaijani carpet weaving in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2010)
- Craftsmanship and performance art of the Tar, a long-necked string musical instrument (2012)

- Chovqan, a traditional Karabakh horse-riding game in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2013)
- Traditional art and symbolism of Kelaghayi, making and wearing women's silk headscarves (2014)

18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

- Medieval manuscripts on medicine and pharmacy (2005)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: **non-ratified. Position: favourable.**
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: **ratification (18 January 2007)**
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: **accession (15 February 2010)**
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: **accession (23 July 2007)**

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: 2

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Afandiyev, writer and playwright (1914-1996) (2014)
- 1100th anniversary of the death of Ahmad Al-Bardiji, philosopher and scholar (834-914) (2014)

Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017: 3

- 600th anniversary of the death of Nasimi (Sayyid 'Imād-ad-Dīn), poet (1369-1417) (with the support of Kazakhstan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Turkey)
- 300th anniversary of the birth of Molla Panah Vagif, poet (1717-1797) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Turkey)
- 200th anniversary of German settlements in the South Caucasus Region (migration of the Schwab Germans to Azerbaijan and Georgia) (with the support of Germany)

22. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 3 project approved for a total amount of US\$ 69,000
- 2012-2013: 4 project requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 82,900
- 2010-2011: 10 project requests submitted with a total amount of US\$ 249,279, none of which was approved
- 2008-2009: no requests received
- 2006-2007: 9 project requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 122,090

23. Fellowships: 2 fellowships awarded since 2004, for US\$ 125,523

24. Extrabudgetary participation (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	1,500,000	2,002,612	114,573	1,060	17,523

25. Payment of assessed membership fees: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2015: 0.040%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 261,200

- 26. Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented
- 1 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)