

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON JORDAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 14 June 1950
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport - Member (Term expires in 2015)
 - 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 : Mr Adnan Badran (Term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee Member (Term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - Member
4. **Your visits to Jordan:** 2
 - 17-19 March 2014
 - 20-23 May 2012
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Jordan:** 3
 - 2 – 3 November 2008
 - 5 – 6 January 2003
 - 20 21 June 2000
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr Makram M. Queisi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 08/08/2014)
 - Staff: Ms Rima Al Bakheet, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Cultural Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H. E. Ms Dina Kawar (May 2002 – July 2013)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Jordan is covered by the UNESCO office in Amman
8. **Jordan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science**
 - Date of establishment: 1971
 - Chairperson: Mr Mohammad Thneibat
 - Secretary-General: Mr Suheil shaheen
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Her Royal Highness Princess Firyal of Jordan, Goodwill Ambassador
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 6
 - UNESCO Chair in Desert Studies and Desertification Control (1994), Yarmouk University, Irbid
 - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Democracy (1994), Al-Bayt University, Amman
 - UNESCO - EOLSS Chair in Wadi Hydrology (1999), University of Jordan, Jumaiha, Amman
 - UNESCO Chair for the Teaching of Intellectual Property Rights: Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (2000), University of Jordan, Amman
 - UNESCO Chair in Heritage and Sustainable Tourism (2010), Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Ma'an
 - UNESCO Chair in Development of Vocational Resources for the Future (2011), the Al-Balqa Applied University
11. **Associated Schools :** none

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:

- International Museum for Women in the Arts (IMWA), Amman, Jordan

13. Biosphere Reserves: 2

- Dana, 1998
- Mujib, 2011

14. World Heritage Sites: 5

Cultural sites

- Petra (1985)
- Quseir Amra (1985)
- Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a) (2004)
- Baptism Site "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" (Al-Maghtas) (2015)

Mixed

- Wadi Rum Protected Area (2011)

15. Tentative List: 14

- Abila City (Modern Qweilbeh) (2001)
- Al Qastal (Settlement) (2001)
- Gadara (Modern Um Qeis or Qays) (2001)
- Jerash Archaeological City (Ancient Meeting Place of East and West) (2004)
- Mujib Nature Reserve (2007)
- Pella (Modern Tabaqat Fahil) (2001)
- Qasr Al-Mushatta (2001)
- Qasr Bshir (a Roman Castellum) (2001)
- Shaubak Castle (Montreal) (2001)
- The Sanctuary of Agios Lot, At Deir 'Ain 'Abata (2001)
- Um el-Jimal (City) (2001)
- Azraq (2007)
- Dana Biosphere Reserve (2007)
- Arab Eclecticism - Foundation and evolution of an Architectural School in the city of As-Salt (1860-1925) (2015)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1

- Cultural space of the Bedu in Petra and Wadi Rum: 2008

17. Memory of the World Register: no inscription.

18. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

19. Legal instruments: Conventions: 18 ratified and 21 non ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: 1

- 1350th anniversary of the death of al-Khansa, poetess (575-664) (2014)

21. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 7 national projects for an amount of US\$ 143 281 (second phase of submission online).
- 2012-2013: 11 requests (10 national projects and one regional regional).
DG has approved 5 projects for a total amount of US\$ 118 000 (4 national projects for an amount of US\$ 88 000 and one regional for an amount of US\$ 30 000)

22. Fellowships:

- 12 fellowships awarded to Jordan nationals since 2000, for a total amount of US\$ 177.808

23. Representation within the Secretariat: Jordan is in balance.

With minimum 2 and maximum 4,