# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON KAZAKHSTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

- 1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 22 May 1992
- 2. Membership on the Executive Board: currently not
- 3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere: Vice-President (Member term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2017)
  - Legal Committee (term expires in 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (term expires 2017)

#### 4. The Director-General's visits to Kazakhstan: 2

- 28 31 May 2012: official visit
- 22 24 August 2013: official visit
- 5. UNESCO Office in Almaty: Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
  - Date of establishment: 1994 designated Cluster Office in 2001 as part of your predecessor's decentralization policy
  - Director: Mr Sergey Lazarev since 9 November 2009 (D-1, Russia)

#### 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- H.E. Mr Nurlan Danenov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 9 November 2013)
- Staff: Mr Satybaldy Burshakov, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Aigul Darmenbayeva, First Secretary

#### 7. National Commission of Kazakhstan for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: December 1992
- Chairperson: Mr Arystanbek Mukhamediuly (since May 2014), Minister of Culture
- Secretary-General: Ms Assel Utegenova (since 13 November 2008); also Head of Division in the Department of International Organisations and Multilateral Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### 8. Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:

Mr Sarik Sapiyev, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador

#### 9. UNESCO Chairs: 4

- UNESCO Chair in Journalism and Communication, Kazakhstan State University (1996)
- UNESCO Chair on Educational Science and Teacher Training, Abai State University (1999)
- UNESCO Chair in Sciences and Spirituality, Institute for Oriental Studies (2004)
- UNESCO Chair on Ethnic and Religious Tolerance, Eurasian National University named after Lev Gumilev (2013)

**10. Associated schools:** 30 (5 primary/secondary, 23 secondary and 2 vocational/technical). Kazakhstan has joined the ASP Network in 1985.

### 11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

Central Asian Regional Glaciological Centre, Almaty

# 12. Biosphere Reserves: 5

- Korgalzhyn (2012)
- Alakol (2013)
- Katon-karagay (2014)
- Ak-Zhayik (2014)
- Aksu-Zhabagly (2015)

#### 13. World Heritage Sites: 4

Cultural sites:

- Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi (2003)
- Petroglyphs within the Archeological landscape of Tamgaly (2004)
- Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan 2014)

Natural sites:

Saryarka – Steppe and Lakes of Northern Kazakhstan (2008)

# 14. Tentative List: 13 properties

- Turkic Sanctuary of Merke (1998)
- Megalithic mausolea of the Begazy-Dandybai culture (1998)
- Barrows with stone ranges of the Tasmola culture (1998)
- Petroglyphs of Eshkiolmes (1998)
- Petroglyphs of Arpa-Uzen (1998)
- Paleolithic sites and geomorphology of Karatau mountain range (1998)
- Archeological sites of Otrar oasis (1998)
- Cultural landscape of Ulytau (1998)
- Northern Tyan-Shan (Ile-Alatau State National Park) (2002)
- State National Natural Park "Altyn-Emel" (2002)
- Aksu-Zhabagly state natural reserve (2002)
- Western Tien-Shan (2010)
- Silk Road (2012)

#### **15.** Intangible Heritage Lists: 2 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Kazakh traditional art of Dombra Kuy (2014)
- Traditional knowledge and skills in making Kyrgyz and Kazakh yurts (Turkic nomadic dwellings) (2014)

# **16. Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions

- Collection of Manuscripts of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi (2003)
- Audiovisual documents of the International and anti-nuclear movement "Nevada-Semipalatinsk" (2005)
- Aral Sea Archival Fonds (2011)
- 17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments
- **18.** Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 24 non-ratified

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

- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Shaken Aimanov, film-director and actor (1914 -1970) - 2014
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Yesenberlin, writer (1915-1983) 2015

#### 20. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 95,500
- 2012-2013: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 79,900
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 96,900
- 21. Fellowships: 5 fellowships awarded since 2010, with a total amount of US\$ 24,977

# 22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes				
(Expressed in US Dollars)				
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014		2013
KAZAKHSTAN	157,902		107,862	205,598

- **23.** Payment of assessment fees for 2014-2015: (Assessment rate: 0.121%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 790,130)
- 24. Representation within the Secretariat: non-represented No Professional staff in Geographical Posts (min.2 max.4)