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KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ARGENTINA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 15 September 1948.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:**
 - **Previous terms:** 1962-1970; 1972-1974; 1975-1976; 1978-1983; 1985-1989; 1989-1993, 1995-1999 and 2007-2011.
 - **Representatives:** Mr Atilio Dell'Oro Maini (1962/70 and 1972/74), Mr Carlos I. Rivas (1975/76), Mr Victor Massuh (1978/83), Ms Elsa R.D. Kelly(1985/89), Mr Jorge Cayetano Zain Asis (1989/93), (1995/99), Mr Daniel Filmus (2007/2011).
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 7**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere – MAB-. Vice-President: Mr Alfredo Reca (Term expires: 36th General Conference).
 - Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme –MOST-. Vice-President: Mrs Alicia Kirchner (Term expires: 36th General Conference).
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation –ICPRCP-.
 - Legal Committee (elected by the General Conference at its 34th session).
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission –IOC-.
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Term expires: 2015).
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Term expires: 2013).
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - **Ambassador and Permanent Delegate:** Mr Miguel Ángel Estrella, since 13 February 2004.
5. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Montevideo (Uruguay):**
 - Established in 1949 as Regional Bureau for Science (ROSTLAC).
 - UNESCO Office representative to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay and to the MERCOSUR.
 - Director: Mr Jorge Grandi (D-1, Italy) is the Director since 1st July 2004.
6. **Comisión Nacional Argentina de cooperación con la UNESCO:**
 - Established in October 1958 as a Governmental body.
 - **President ex-officio** (since 24 July 2009): Mr Alberto Sileoni, Minister of Education.
 - **Permanent Secretary:** Mr Miguel Vallone (2005).

- 7. Argentinean Personalities associated to UNESCO:** 3 Goodwill Ambassadors
- Mr Miguel Ángel Estrella, pianist and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.
 - Mr Julio Werthein, banker.
 - Ms Susana Rinaldi, singer.
- 8. UNESCO Clubs:** 0
- 9. UNESCO Chairs:** there are 23 UNESCO Chairs and 2 UNITWIN Networks established in Argentina.
- 10. Associated Schools:** 146 (3 nursery, 38 primary, 14 primary-secondary, 65 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 25 teacher training institutions).
- 11. Biosphere Reserves: currently 13**
- San Guillermo (1980)
 - Laguna Blanca (1982)
 - Costero del Sur (1984)
 - Nacuñán (1986)
 - Pozuelos (1990)
 - Yabotí (1995)
 - Mar Chiquito (1996)
 - Delta del Paraná (2000)
 - Riacho Teuquito (2000)
 - Laguna Oca del Río Paraguay (2001)
 - Las Yungas (2002)
 - Andino Norpatagonica (2007)
 - Pereyra Iraola (2007)
- 12. World Heritage Sites: 8** (one of them is inscribed jointly with Brazil: the Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis 1983/1984).
- **Cultural sites:**
 - The Cueva de las Manos, Río Pinturas (1999)
 - The Jesuit Block and the Jesuit Estancias of Córdoba (2000)
 - Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis (1983/1984) Argentina/Brazil
 - Quebrada de Humahuaca (2003)
 - **Natural sites:**
 - Los Glaciares National Park (1981)
 - Iguazú National Park (1984)
 - Península Valdés in Patagonia (1999)
 - Ischigualasto- Talampaya National Parks (2000)
- 13. Tentative List: 6 sites**
- Valle Calchaquí (15/11/2001)
 - Sierra de las Quijadas National Park (24/02/2005)
 - Casa Curutchet (01/06/2007)
 - Sistema Vial Andino/Qhapaq Ñan (2010)
 - Campos Volcánicos Llanquanelo y Payun Matru, Distrito Payunia (18/07/2011)

- Parque Nacional Los Alerces (PNLA) (2012)
- 14. Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity: 1 inscription.**
- El Tango (2009), an Argentinean and Uruguayan tradition, now familiar around the world, was developed by the urban lower classes in Buenos Aires and Montevideo, in the Rio de la Plata basin.
- 15. Convention, ratifications:**
Argentina has ratified **16** UNESCO's standard-setting instruments but **20** remain non-ratified.
- 16. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions**
- Documents of the Viceroyalty of Rio de Plata (1997), National Archives, Buenos Aires.
 - Human Rights Documentary Heritage 1976 - 1983 - Archives for Truth, Justice and Memory in the struggle against State Terrorism (2007).
- 17. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:** none in 2012-2013, and no candidature for 2014-2015.
- 18. Participation Programme:**
- **2010-2011: 5** requêtes ont été approuvées pour un montant total de **97 000** dollars.
 - **2012-2013 : 11** requêtes ont été soumises pour un montant total de **292,501 US\$**.
- 19. UNESCO fellowships Programme: 22** fellowships for a total amount of US\$ 264,974 (2000-2013).
- 20. UNESCO Coupons:** Argentina does not participate.
- 21. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2013:**
- The Assessment rate for 2013 is 0.432 %.
 - Last payment: February 2013.
- 22. Representation within the Secretariat: 17 (all categories included)**
- The breakdown is as follows:
 - 6** Professionals in geographical posts.
 - 7** Professionals in non geographical posts.
 - 1** National Professional Officer in the field
 - 3** General Service in the field
 - Maximum: **5**, minimum: **3**. Current: 6, Status: **over-represented**.