

<b>KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON BANGLADESH / UNESCO COOPERATION</b>
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1. **Membership of UNESCO:** since 27 October 1972
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: Currently a member.** (Term expires 2017)
3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees/Commissions and other subsidiary bodies:**
  - Headquarters Committee: Chairperson: H.E. M. S. Islam (Member term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST): (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC): Vice-President (Member term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC): Member term expires 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Bangladesh: 2**
  - May 2012: official visit
  - September 2014: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Shahidul Islam, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since October 2012)
  - Staff: Ms Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury, First Secretary, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Md. Firoz Uddin, Counsellor (Commercial); Mr Mohammad Hazrat, Counsellor; Ms Anisa R. Amin, First Secretary.
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Md. Enamul Kabir (2008 - 2012)
6. **UNESCO Office in Dhaka:**
  - Date of establishment: November 1995
  - Head: Ms Beatrice Barbara Kaldun (since 18 August 2014)
7. **National Commission of Bangladesh for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: April 1973
  - Chairman ex-officio (since January 2009): H.E. Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister of Education
  - Secretary-General: Mr Md. Nazrul Islam Khan (since September 2014)
  - Secretary: Mr Md. Monjur Hossain (since July 2013)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
  - Ms Bibi Russell, UNESCO Artist for Peace
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
10. **Associated Schools:** 37 (1 nursery and pre-school, 8 primary, 13 primary/secondary, 14 secondary and 1 teacher training). Bangladesh joined the ASP Network in 1968.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **World Heritage List:** 3  
*Cultural sites:*

- Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat (1985)
- Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur (1985)

*Natural sites:*

- The Sundarbans (1997)

**14. Tentative List:** 5 properties (all cultural - 1999)

- Halud Vihara
- Jaggadala Vihara
- Lalbagh Fort
- Mahansthengarh and its environs
- The Lalmai-Mainamati Group of monuments

**15. Intangible Heritage lists:** 2 elements

- “Baul Songs” (traditional music), first recognized as a Masterpiece of Intangible Heritage in 2005 and inscribed on the List in 2008
- Traditional art of Jamdani weaving (2013)

**16. Memory of the World Register:** no entry

**17. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

**18. Legal Instruments:** 14 ratified and 25 non-ratified

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

**20. Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 5 projects approved and paid for a total amount of US\$ 127,781
- 2012-2013: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 128,200 and 1 regional project approved for an amount of US\$ 30,000
- 2010-2011: 8 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 186,000

**21. Fellowships:**

- 2014-2015: 4 fellows granted for the total amount of US\$ 101,000
- 2012-2013: 9 fellows granted for the total amount of US\$ 160,176
- 2010-2011: 7 fellows granted for the total amount of US\$ 147,500

**22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO :**

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
( Expressed in US Dollars )			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
BANGLADESH	-	1,635	-

**23. Payment assessed membership fees for 2014-2105:**

(Assessment rate: 0.010%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 65,300)

**24. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented

3 Professional Staff in Geographical Posts (min. 3, max.5)