

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON EGYPT / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member: 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2013-2017)
 - Ambassador Mohamed Sameh Amr was the Chairperson of the Executive Board (2013-2015)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Executive Board: - Member (Term expires: 2017)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere - Vice-President
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Mahmoud Abu-Zeid - Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo - Member (Term expires: 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation - Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Legal Committee - Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - 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: Ms Hazem Atlam (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme - Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission – Member
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - Rapporteur: Mr Ahmed Aly Morsi - Member (Term expires: 2016)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (former UNESCO Institute for Education, UIE) - Member: Ms Malak Zaalouk
4. **Your visits to Egypt:** 5
 - 17 – 19 February 2016
 - 12-14 May 2015
 - 11 - 13 March 2013
 - 13- 14 June 2011
 - 5 - 8 December 2009
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Egypt:** 1
 - 23 - 25 December 2003
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
 - H.E. Mr Ehab Ahmed Badawy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (1st April 2016)
 - Staff: Mrs Ghada Fekhry Ahmed Omar, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous permanent Delegates: H. E. Mr Mohammed Sameh Amr, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Arab Republic of Egypt
7. **UNESCO Office:** UNESCO Cairo Office, established in 1947, is the Regional Office for Science and Technology (S&T), Bioethics and Ethics of S&T for the Arab States. It is also the Cluster Office for Egypt, Sudan and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for Education, Social and Natural Sciences, Culture and Communication.
8. **Egyptian National Commission for Education, Culture and science**
 - Date of establishment: 1946

- Chairperson: Professor Dr Ashraf AL-SHEEHY, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Secretary-General: Dr Mohamed Hossam Eldin El Mallahy
- Assistant Secretary-General: Ms Zainab AlWakeel

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none

10. UNESCO Chairs: 5

- UNESCO Chair for Women, Science, and Technology (840)
- UNITWIN Network Forced Migration Studies (253)
- UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair / Network Environment Sustainable Development (82)
- UNESCO Chair Human Rights (583)
- UNESCO/Arab Region Ecotechnie Network (AREN) (587)

11. Associate Schools: 3

- Egypt joined ASPnet in 1960 and there are at present 115 schools (2 nursery and pre-schools, 22 primaries, 38 primary and secondary, 48 secondary schools, 1 teacher training and 4 vocational and technical institutions participating in the network.
- The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms ABDEL SALAM Soummaya, Head of Education Department, Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO
- The projects and activities implemented by Egyptian ASPnet schools address the following themes: Education for Sustainable Development (ESD); Intercultural Dialogue, Respect for Cultural Diversity; Peace, Human Rights and Citizenship.

12. Category 2 institutes and Centres: 1

- Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones (Sixth of October City)

13. Biosphere Reserves: 2

- Omayed
- Wadi Allaqui

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 7

Cultural sites:

- Abu Mena (1979)
- Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (1979)
- Historic Cairo (1979)
- Memphis and its Necropolis – the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur (1979)
- Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae (1979)
- Saint Catherine Area (2002)

Natural sites:

- Wadi Al-Hitan (Whale Valley) (2005)

16. Tentative List : 33 properties

- Siwa archaeological area (1994)
- Temple of Serabit Khadem (#) (1994)
- North Sinai archaeological Sites Zone (1994)
- Temple of Hator built by Ramses III (1994)
- Dahshour archaeological area (1994)
- El Fayoum: Kom Aushim (Karanis), Dimai (Soknopaiounesos), Qasr Qarun (Dionysias), Batn I hrit (Theadelphia), Byahma-Medinet el Fayoum (1994)
- El-Gendi Fortress (1994)
- Rutho Monastery (1994)
- Wadi Feiran (1994)
- Pharaon Island (1994)
- Dahab (1994)
- Minia (#) (1994)

- Newibah castle (1994)
- Ras Mohammed (2002)
- Gebel Qatrani Area, Lake Qaroun Nature Reserve (2003)
- Southern and Smaller Oases, the Western Desert (2003)
- Bird Migration Routes (2003)
- Desert Wadis (2003)
- Mountain Chains (2003)
- Great Desert Landscapes (2003)
- Alexandria, ancient remains and the new library (2003)
- Abydos, city of pilgrimage of the Pharaohs (2003)
- Pharaonic temples in Upper Egypt from the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (2003)
- Necropolises of Middle Egypt, from the Middle Empire to the Roman period (2003)
- Raoudha nilometre in Cairo (2003)
- The monasteries of the Arab Desert and Wadi Natrun (2003)
- Two citadels in Sinai from the Saladin period (Al-Gundi and Phataoh's island) (2003)
- The An-Nakhl fortress, a stage on the pilgrimage route to Mecca (2003)
- Oasis of Fayoum, hydraulic remains and ancient cultural landscapes (2003)
- Historic quarters and monuments of Rosetta/Rachid (2003)
- Dababiya (2008)
- Helwan Observatory (2010)
- Kharga Oasis and the Small Southern Oases (2015)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1 inscription on the Representative list

- Al Sirah Al Hilaliyah (2008)
- 2016: Tahteeb, stick game (RL) (on-going nominations)

Pending nominations.

- 2015: Egyptian traditional weaving industry (handloom silk weaving) (USL)
- 2014: Documenting, preserving, training and promoting the Egyptian intangible heritage of the art and crafts of Tally in Upper Egypt (Art18)
- 2014: Inventories of intangible culture in six cultural areas in Egypt (IAR+25)
- 2014: Pottery (RL)

18. Memory of the World Register: 4 inscriptions

- Memory of the Suez Canal (1997)
- Deeds of Sultans and Princes (2005)
- Persian Illustrated and illuminated Manuscripts (2007)
- The National Library of Egypt's collection of Mamluk Qur'an manuscripts (2013)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 21 ratified and 19 not ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (3 August 2005)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (23 August 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (23 May 2007)

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

22. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 9 projects (7 national and 2 regionals for an amount of US\$ 252 000). The DG has approved 4 national projects for a total amount of US\$ 98.000 and one regional project for a total an amount of US\$ 35 000.
- 2012-2013: 8 national requests and 4 regional requests: the DG has approved 4 national projects for a total amount of US\$ 88.000 and one regional project for a total an amount of US\$ 34 000.
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of \$ 129,000.

23. Fellowships: since 2010, 12 Fellowships for a total amount of 134.252 US\$.

24. Representation within the Secretariat: under- represented (min. 3, max. 5):

- Currently 2