

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ARMENIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 9 June 1992.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** none
4. **The former Director-General's visits to Armenia:**
  - 20-22 November 2001: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Charles Aznavour, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since January 1995)
  - Staff: Mr Levon Sayan, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Vahe Vahramyan, Deputy Permanent Delegate
6. **UNESCO Office:** none.
7. **Armenian National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 10 October 1992
  - President: Mr Edward Nalbandian (*ex officio*), Minister of Foreign Affairs (since May 2008)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Vahram Kazhoyan (since July 2010)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mr Ara Abramian, born in Armenia, was designated as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Dialogue among Civilizations on 15 July 2003 "in recognition of his support to projects for the development of civil actors in the Russian Federation". He is also the President of the World Armenian Congress. In his capacity as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, Mr Abramian represents the Russian Federation.
9. **UNESCO Chairs: 5**
  - UNESCO Chair in Art History, established at the Yerevan State University (1995)
  - UNESCO Chair in Life Sciences, established at the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (1999)
  - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy, established at the Yerevan State Institute of Foreign Languages (2001)
  - UNESCO Chair in Education Planning and Management, established at the National Institute of Education of Armenia (2005)
  - UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development, established at the Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (2011)
10. **Associated Schools:** 11 (2 primary, 5 primary and secondary, 2 secondary schools, and 2 vocational and technical institutions). Armenia joined the ASP Network in 1989.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** 10 Clubs
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
14. **World Heritage Sites: 3**
  - The Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley (2000)
  - The Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots (2000)
  - The Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin (1996)

- 15. Tentative List:** 4 properties
- The monastery of Noravank and the upper Amaghou Valley (1996)
  - The archaeological site of the city of Dvin (1995)
  - The basilica and archaeological site of Yererouk (1995)
  - The monasteries of Tatev and Tatevi Anapat and the adjacent areas of the Vorotan Valley (1995)
- 16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 4 elements on the Representative List
- Lavash, the preparation, meaning and appearance of traditional bread as an expression of culture in Armenia (2014)
  - Performance of the Armenian epic of 'Daredevils of Sassoun' or 'David of Sassoun' (2012)
  - Armenian Cross-Stones Art. Symbolism and Craftsmanship of Khachkars (2010)
  - The Duduk and its Music (2008)
- 17. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions
- Collection of note manuscripts and film music of Composer Aram Khachaturian (2013)
  - First Byurakan Survey (FBS or Markarian survey) (2011)
  - Mashtots Matenadaran Ancient Manuscripts Collection (1997)
- 19. Legal instruments:** 19 ratified and 20 non-ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (17 February 2010)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (27 February 2007)
  - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (18 May 2006)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable
- 20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** 2
- 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ivan Aivazovsky, painter (1817-1900) (joint nomination by Armenia and Russian Federation, with the support of Italy)
  - 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first printed Bible in Armenian (Amsterdam, 1666) (with the support of France and Netherlands)
- 21. Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 39,310
  - 2012-2013: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 81,000
  - 2010-2011: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 95,000
  - 2008-2009: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 125,000
- 22. Fellowships:** 6 fellowship awarded since 2006 for US\$ 46,696
- 23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:** fully paid on 08 February 2016
- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.006%
  - Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 19,590
- 24. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):**
- | Year  | 2015 | 2014   | 2013 | 2012 | 2011  | 2010 | 2009  |
|-------|------|--------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Total |      | 69,157 | 384  | -    | 1,155 | 263  | 1,323 |
- 25. Representation within the Secretariat:** not represented