

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AZERBAIJAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 3 June 1992.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (Previous term: 2007-2009).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Education and Sport. Vice-Chairperson: Ms Matanat Mammadova, Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage: Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC): Member since 27 January 1998
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. Vice-Chairperson
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education; Vice-Chairperson: Prof. Fatma Abdullazade
4. **The Director-General's visits to Azerbaijan: 3**
 - 16-18 May 2015: visit on the occasion of the 3rd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID).
 - 29-31 May 2013: to attend the 2nd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID).
 - 28 July – 2 August 2010: official visit and to participate in the opening ceremony of the International Music Festival in Gabala.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Azerbaijan: 4**
 - 19-21 March 2009: on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the International Mugham Centre and in the International Mugham Festival in Baku.
 - 13-16 May 2008: on the occasion of the UNESCO Regional Conference in Support of Global Literacy, entitled "Addressing the Literacy Challenge in Europe with a Sub-Regional Focus: Building Partnerships and Promoting Innovative Approaches", 23-26 August 2005: official visit.
 - 8-10 April 2000: on the occasion of the 1300th anniversary of the Epic Dede Gorgoud.
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Anar Karimov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2014)
 - Former Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Husseinova (February 1997-January 2013)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none (Azerbaijan was previously covered by the UNESCO Office in Moscow)
8. **National Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for UNESCO:**
 - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Elmar Mammadyarov (since 2000)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Gulnara Aghalarova (since 2015)
9. **Azerbaijani personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Oral and Musical Traditions
 - Mr Eynulla Fatullayev, journalist and human rights activist, winner of the 2012 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

- Ms Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace
- Prof. (Ms) Fatma Abdullazade, Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
- Prof. Dr. Ali M. Abbasov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of Azerbaijan, member of the Broadband Commission for Digital Development

10. UNESCO Chairs: 2

- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, The Baku State University (2015)
- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, established at the Baku Institute of Public Administration and Political Sciences (1997)

11. Associated Schools: 19 (1 nursery/pre-school, 1 primary, 2 primary and secondary, 13 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institutions). Azerbaijan joined the ASP Network in 1985.

12. UNESCO Clubs: none

13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 2

- Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape (2007)
- Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (2000) (Inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003 and removed in June 2009)

16. Tentative List: 10 properties

- The Caspian Shore Defensive Constructions (2001)
- Susha historical and architectural reserve (2001)
- Ordubad historical and architectural reserve (2001)
- Sheki, the Khan's Palace (2001)
- Surakhany, Atashgyakh (Fire - worshippers, temple - museum at Surakhany) (1998)
- The mausoleum of Nakhichevan (1998)
- Hyrkan State Reservation (1998)
- "Binegadi" 4th Period Fauna and Flora Deposit (1998)
- "Lok-Batan" Mud Cone (1998)
- "Baku Stage" Mountain (1998)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 8 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

- Copper craftsmanship of Lahij (2015)
- Traditional art and symbolism of Kelaghayi, making and wearing women's silk headscarves (2014)
- Chovqan, a traditional Karabakh horse-riding game in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2013)
- Craftsmanship and performance art of the Tar, a long-necked string musical instrument (2012)
- Traditional art of Azerbaijani carpet weaving in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2010)
- The art of Azerbaijani Ashiq (2009)
- Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (2009) (jointly with India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Turkey)
- Azerbaijani Mugham (2008)

- 18. Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription
- Medieval manuscripts on medicine and pharmacy (2005)
- 19. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
- 20. Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: **accession (15 February 2010)**
 - Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: **non-ratified. Position: favourable.**
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: **ratification (18 January 2007)**
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: **accession (23 July 2007)**
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2016-2017: 3**
- 600th anniversary of the death of Nasimi (Sayyid ‘Imād-ad-Dīn), poet (1369-1417) (with the support of Kazakhstan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Turkey)
 - 300th anniversary of the birth of Molla Panah Vagif, poet (1717-1797) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Turkey)
 - 200th anniversary of German settlements in the South Caucasus Region (migration of the Schwab Germans to Azerbaijan and Georgia) (with the support of Germany)
- 22. Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015: 3 project approved for a total amount of US\$ 69,000
 - 2012-2013: 4 project requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 82,900
 - 2010-2011: 10 project requests submitted with a total amount of US\$ 249,279, none of which was approved
 - 2008-2009: no requests received
 - 2006-2007: 9 project requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 122,090
- 23. Fellowships:** 2 fellowships awarded since 2004, for US\$ 125,523
- 24. Extrabudgetary participation (expressed in US\$):**
- | Year | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| Total | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 2,002,612 | 114,573 | 1,060 | 17,523 |
- 25. Payment of assessed membership fees:** fully paid
- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.060%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 195,900
- 26. Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented
- 1 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)
 - 3 professional staff in non-geographical posts