

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON IRAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since September 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently
Previous terms: 1952-1958 (Mr Gholam Ali Raadi); 1964-1968 (Mr Djahanguir Tafazoli); 1974-1978 (Mr Majid Rahnema); and 1999-2003 (a Member)
3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees/Commissions and other bodies:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere: Vice-President. MAB (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. CIGEPS (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport : Vice-Chairman and Member (2014-2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: elected Member of the Executive Council (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication. IPDC. (term expires in at 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. IFAP. (term expires at 38th General Conference)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Iran: 1**
 - 25-29 April 2014: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Ahmad Jalali (since 1 April 2014)
 - Staff: Mr Morteza Hamissi, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Akbar Rezaei, Counsellor
6. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Tehran:**
 - Date of establishment: June 2003
 - Member States serviced: Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan
 - Director: Ms Esther Kuisch-Laroche (D-1 - The Netherlands) since July 2014
Premises: The Cluster Office is located in the "Sa'adabad Cultural & Historical Complex" of northern Tehran, in premises generously provided by the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization.(ICHTO)
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: July 1948
 - President: H.E. Mr Mohammad Farhadi (since February 2015)
 - Acting Secretary-General: Dr Sadollah Nasiri Gheydari (since May 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Azam Iraj Zad is a Member of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology. COMEST (1st mandate ends on 31 December 2017)
 - Bagheri Prof. (Mr) Alireza is a Member of the International Bioethiccs Committee of UNESCO(IBC) 2014-2015. (Mandate 2010-2017)
9. **UNESCO Chairs: 9**
 - UNESCO Chair on teachers as lifelong learners (2015), Farhangian University of Iran (1093)
 - UNESCO Chair on Interdisciplinary Research in Diabetes, University of Tehran (2014)

- UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran (2014)
 - UNESCO Chair on Engineering Education, College of Engineering, University of Tehran (2014)
 - UNESCO Chair in Clean and Renewable Energies, Islamic Azad University, Tehran (2014)
 - UNESCO Chair on Natural Disasters Management in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Countries in the Region, The Natural Disaster Research Institute and the Natural Disaster Higher Education Institute of Applied Science and Technology (2014)
 - UNESCO Chair in Water and Environment Management for Sustainable Cities, Sharif University of Technology (2012)
 - UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship, University of Tehran (2010)
 - UNESCO Chair in Management, Planning and Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education (2008)
- 10. Associated Schools:** 21 (3 primary, 4 primary/secondary, 13 secondary and 1 vocational and technical). Iran joined the ASP Network in 2003.
- 11. UNESCO Clubs and Associations:** 14
14 UNESCO clubs have been established in different Iranian provinces over the last two years. The activities of these clubs are focused on educational initiatives, publicity regarding UN and UNESCO projects, organizing social and cultural activities and promoting cooperation with other UNESCO Clubs.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and centres:** 5
- The Regional Educational and Research Centre for Oceanography for Western Asia, Tehran (2013)
 - The Regional Research Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in West and Central Asia, Tehran (2010)
 - The Regional Centre for Science Park and Technology Incubator Development, Isfahan (2010)
 - The Regional Centre on Urban Water Management, Teheran (2002)
 - The International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHHS), Yazd (2002)
- 13. Biosphere Reserves:** 11
- Designated in 1976:
- Arasbaran
 - Arjan
 - Geno
 - Golestan
 - Hara
 - Kavir
 - Lake Oromeeh
 - Miankaleh
 - Touran
- Designated in 2010:
- Dena
- Designated in 2015:
- Tang-e-Sayad and Sabzkuh

14. **World Heritage Sites:** 19

Cultural sites:

- Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran (2008)
- Bam and its Cultural Landscape (2004)
- Bisotun (2006)
- Cultural Landscape of Maymand (2015)
- Golestan Palace (2013)
- Gonbad-e Qābus (2012)
- Masjed-e Jāmé of Isfahan (2012)
- Meidan Emam, Esfahan (1979)
- Pasargadae (2004)
- Persepolis (1979)
- Shahr-i Sokhta (2014)
- Sheikh Safi al-din Khānegāh and Shrine Ensemble in Ardabil (2010)
- Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System (2009)
- Soltaniyeh (2005)
- Susa (2015)
- Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex (2010)
- Takht-e Soleyman (2003)
- Tchogha Zanbil (1979)
- The Persian Garden (2011)

15. **Tentative List:** 49 properties

The most recent inscribed:

- Silk Route (Also as Silk Road) (2008)
- The Natural-Historical Landscape of Izeh (2008)
- The Zandiyeh Ensemble of Fars Province (2008)
- Kerman Historical-Cultural Structure (2008)
- Hegmataneh (2008)
- The Collection of Historical Bridges (2008)
- Touran Biosphere Reserve (2008)
- Hamoun Lake (2008)
- Harra Protected Area (2008)
- Damavand (2008)

16. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 10 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Qālišuyān rituals of Mašhad-e Ardehāl in Kāšān (2012)
- Naqqāli, Iranian dramatic story-telling (2011)
- Traditional skills of building and sailing Iranian Lenj boats in the Persian Gulf (2011)
- Music of the Bakhshis of Khorasan (2010)
- Pahlevani and Zoorkhanei rituals (2010)
- Ritual dramatic art of Ta'zīye (2010)
- Traditional skills of carpet weaving in Fars (2010)
- Traditional skills of carpet weaving in Kashan (2010)
- Radif of Iranian music (2009)
- Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (multinational submission) (2009)

17. **Languages in Danger:**

25 languages in Iran are in danger, ranging from Vulnerable to Extinct

18. **Memory of the World Register:** 7 inscriptions

- A Collection of selected maps of Iran in the Qajar Era (1193 - 1344 Lunar Calendar / 1779-1926 Gregorian Calendar) (2013)

- Dhakhīra-yi Khārazmshāhī (2013)
- Al-Tafhim li Awa'il Sana'at al-Tanjim (2011)
- Collection of Nezami's Panj Ganj (2011)
- Administrative Documents of Astan-e Quds Razavi in the Safavid Era (2009)
- "Bayasanghori Shāhnāmeḥ" (Prince Bayasanghor's Book of the Kings) (2007)
- The Deed For Endowment: Rab' I-Rashidi (Rab I-Rashidi Endowment) 13th Century manuscript (2007)

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

20. **Legal instruments:** 14 ratified and 25 non-ratified

21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:**

- 800th anniversary of the compilation of Fawā'ih al-Jamāl wa Fawatih al-Jalāl, work of philosophy and mysticism (c. 1214)
- 600th anniversary of the compilation of Maqāsed al-Alhān, work in the field of musicology (c. 1414) (with the support of Azerbaijan and Turkey)
- 800th anniversary of the birth of Fakr-al-Dīn Ebrāhīm Erāqī, poet and sufi (c. 1214-1289)
- 700th anniversary of the birth of Mirseyed Ali Hamedani (1314-1385), mystic and poet (Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan, with the support of India and Pakistan)
- 600th anniversary of the birth of Abd ar-Rahman Jami, poet, philosopher and humanist (1414-1492) (in support of Tajikistan)

22. **Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 77,000
- 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 79,000 and 1 Emergency Assistance for a total amount of US\$ 50,000
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 107,000

23. **Fellowships:** 12 fellowships awarded, with a total amount of US\$ 233,387

24. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO** (expressed in US\$):

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes (Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
IRAN	42,726	148,210	71,627

25. **Assessed contribution for 2014-2015:**

(Assessment rate: 0.356%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 2,324,680)

26. **Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented

1 professional staff in geographical post (min. 3, max. 5)