

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ICELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 8 June 1964
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2001-2005)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Iceland:** 1
 - 24-27 May 2014: official visit to Iceland and participation in the 9th edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Iceland:** 1
 - 23-25 June 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Berglind Asgeirsdóttir, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iceland to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 29 March 2011) **[N.B. Mr Kristján Andri Stefánsson has been nominated new Perm.Del and will replace Ms Asgeirsdóttir in August].**
 - Staff: Mrs Nina Björk Jonsdóttir, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Thórir Ibsen (January 2010 – January 2011); H.E. Mr Tómas Ingi Olrich (December 2004 – December 2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Icelandic National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: June 1964
 - Chairperson: Mr Gunnar Haraldsson (since January 2015)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Áslaug Dóra Eyjólfsdóttir (since May 2012)
9. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:**
 - Ms Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former President of Iceland (1980-1996), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Linguistic Diversity and Multilingual Education (since 1998), member of the International Jury of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, and a member of the international jury of the Mondialogo School Contest. She participated in the first meeting of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures in 2010.
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:** 1 primary school. Iceland joined the ASPnet in 2003
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** Vigdís International Centre for Multilingualism and Intercultural Understanding, Reykjavik (approved by the General Conference in 2011)
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** 2
 - Katla Global Geopark (2015)
 - Reykjanes Global Geopark (2015)

16. World Heritage Sites: 2

- *Cultural*: Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park (2004)
- *Natural*: Surtsey (a volcanic island) (2008)

17. Tentative List: 7 properties

- Torfajökull Volcanic System / Fjallabak Nature Reserve (2013)
- Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve (2011)
- Mývatn and Laxá (2011)
- Viking Monuments and Sites / Þingvellir National Park (2011)
- Þingvellir National Park (2011)
- The Turf House Tradition (2011)
- Vatnajökull National Park (2011)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

18. Creative Cities Network: 1

- Reykjavik, City of Literature (since August 2011)

19. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions

- 1703 Census of Iceland (2013)
- The Arnarnagnæan Manuscript Collection (2009, submitted jointly with Denmark)

20. Legal instruments: 11 ratified and 29 non-ratified

- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (23 November 2005)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: acceptance (1 February 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 February 2006)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

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

22. Participation Programme:

- 2012-2015: no requests presented
- 2010-2011: 1 inter-regional request presented, 'The Complete Sagas of Icelander I-V', for US\$ 46,000; it was not recommended for approval by the Culture Sector
- 2008-2009: no requests presented
- 2006-2007: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 41,000

23. Fellowships: no fellowship requests

24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: Fully paid.

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.023%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 75,095

26. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	1,764	1,764	102,742	2,742	5,036	1,167

27. Representation within the Secretariat: non-represented

- No professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4); no staff in other categories