

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PALESTINE / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO :** 23 November 2011
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
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)
4. **Your visits to Palestine:** none
5. **The Former Director-General's visit to Palestine:**
 - 14-15 June 2008: Official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Elias Wadih Sanbar, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine (Since 23 January 2012)
 - H.E. Mr Mounir Antas, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office:**
 - UNESCO Office in Ramallah, established in 1997
 - Mr Lodovico Folin-Calabi, Acting Head of Office UNESCO Office in Ramallah since June 2015.
8. **National Commission for Education, Culture and science:**
 - Established in: 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Yahya Yakhlaf
 - Secretary-General: Mr Murad SUDANI (since July 2014)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 5
 - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (1997), An – Najah National University, Nablus.
 - UNESCO Rotating Chair in Archaeology (1995), University of Birzeit, Birzeit.
 - UNESCO Chair in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (2006), Birzeit University.
 - UNESCO Chair in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Sciences (2012), The Islamic University of Gaza.
 - PEACE Programme: Palestinian European Academic Co-operation in Education.
11. **Associated Schools:**
 - Year of adhesion: Palestine joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1996.
 - Number of ASPnet schools: There are at present 44 ASP member institutions (7 primary, 5 primary and secondary and 32 secondary schools).
 - The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently MOHAMMED KHADER Ismail Tellawi, Secretary-General, Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.
 - Palestine is invited to join the first ASPnet in Action online collaborative platform dedicated to learning and exchanging about biodiversity. The purpose of this platform, developed with the support of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust, is to facilitate a global exchange of experiences and to take concrete actions to actively engage in local and global initiatives to support and promote biodiversity.

- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
- 13. Biosphere reserves:** none
- 14. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 15. World Heritage Sites:** 2
- Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (2014)
 - Birthplace of Jesus: Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route, Bethlehem (2012)
- 16. Tentative List:** 13
- Ancient Jericho: Tell es-Sultan (04/02/2012)
 - Anthedon Harbour (02/04/2012)
 - El-Bariyah: wilderness with monasteries (02/04/2012)
 - Mount Gerizim and the Samaritans (02/04/2012)
 - Old town of Hebron al-Khalil & its environs (02/04/2012)
 - Old Town of Nablus and its environs (02/04/2012)
 - QUMRAN: Caves and Monastery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (02/04/2012)
 - Sebastia (02/04/2012)
 - Tell Umm Amer (02/04/2012)
 - Throne Villages (06/06/2013)
 - Umm Al-Rihan forest (02/04/2012)
 - Wadi Gaza Coastal Wetlands (02/04/2012)
 - Wadi Natuf and Shuqba Cave (06/06/2013)
- 17. Intangible Heritage lists:** 1
- The Palestinian Hikaye (Inscribed in 2005)
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** no inscription.
- 19. Creative Cities Network:**
- 20. Legal instruments:** 9 ratified and 31 not ratified
- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratification on 8 December 2011
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification on 8 December 2011.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification on 8 December 2011
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification on 5 June 2015.
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016 - 2017:** none
- 22. Participation Programme**
- 2016 – 2017: next submissions of requests are scheduled in August 2016.
 - 2014 - 2015: 7 national requests have been submitted, the DG has approved two national projects for a total amount of US\$ 40 000 as well as one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.
 - 2012 - 2013: 8 national requests have been submitted, the DG has approved 5 projects for a total amount of US\$ 100 and one request not recommended by the committee. Also, the DG has approved one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.
- 23. Fellowships:** there is no fellowship awarded to Palestine since 2010.