

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PAKISTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** September 1949.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: currently a Member** (Term ending in 2015)
 - Representative: H.E. Mr Ghalib Uqbal.
3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP). (Term expires : 38th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC).(Term expires : 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC). Term expires: 38th General Conference)
 - IOC Executive Council Member State. Elected every 2 years by the IOC Assembly (the 28th Session of the Assembly was held in Paris, 15 – 25 June 2015)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Pakistan: 2**
 - 31 August – 1 September 2010: official visit.
 - 6-7 February 2014: official visit.
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Ghalib Iqbal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Pakistan to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since March 2013)
6. **UNESCO Office in Islamabad:** established in 1989 (National office)
 - Director: Ms Vibeke Jensen (Denmark) – since 10 November 2014
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Established in 1984.
 - Mr Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Chairperson (since October 2014)
 - Mr Hafiz Sher Ali, Secretary-General (since September 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mrs Zubaida Jalal, then Minister of Social Welfare and Special Education, was Chairperson of Commission II (Education) at the 32nd session of the General Conference in 2003;
 - Ms Attiya Inayatullah, Member of Parliament, former representative of Pakistan on the Executive Board.
9. **UNESCO Chairs & UNITWIN Networks: 7 Chairs**
 - UNESCO Chair on Distance Education (1995), Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad;
 - UNESCO Chair on awareness raising among poor and rural people for improving the quality of life through science and technology (2009), Lahore College for Women;
 - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Halophyte Utilization (2009), University of Karachi;
 - UNESCO Chair in the Conservation and Management of Historic Towns and Urban Centers (2009), The National College of Arts, Lahore;
 - UNESCO Chair in Women, Science and Technology (2009), Lahore College for Women University – Vice Chancellor Prof. Bushra Mateen, (participation to the WCHE 2009).

- UNESCO Chair in Community Education for Mountain Conservation and Watersheds Management (2010), The University of Punjab.
 - UNESCO Chair “Light for Health” (2011), The Pakistan Institute for Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS).
- 10. Associated schools:**
Pakistan joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1953, and there are at present **241** ASP member institutions (9 primary, 4 primary and secondary, 227 secondary schools and 1 vocational and technical institution).
- 11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:**
- Regional Centre for Water Management Research in Arid Zones
- 12. Biosphere Reserves:**
- The Lal Suhanra National Park, inscribed in 1977.
 - The Ziarat Juniper Forest, inscribed in 2013.
- 13. World Heritage List: 6 sites** (all cultural)
- Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro (1980);
 - Taxila (1980);
 - Buddhist Ruins at Takht-i-Bahi and Neighbouring City Remains at Sahr-i-Bahlol (1980);
 - Historic Monuments of Thatta (1981);
 - Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (1981), also inscribed, at the Government's request, on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2000;
 - Rohtas Fort (1997).
- 14. Tentative List: 18 properties**
- Badshahi Mosque, Lahore (1993)
 - Wazir Khan's Mosque, Lahore (1993)
 - Tombs of Jahangir, Asif Khan and Akbari Sarai, Lahore (1993)
 - Hiran Minar and Tank, Sheikhpura (1993)
 - Tomb of Hazrat Rukn-e-Alam, Multan (1993)
 - Rani Kot Fort, Dadu (1993)
 - Shah Jahan Mosque, Thatta (1993)
 - Chaukhandi Tombs, Karachi (1993)
 - Archaeological Site of Mehrgarh (2004)
 - Archaeological Site of Rehman Dheri (2004)
 - Archaeological Site of Harappa (2004)
 - Archaeological Site of Ranigat (2004)
 - Shahbazgarhi Rock Edicts (2004)
 - Mansehra Rock Edicts (2004)
 - Baltit Fort (2004)
 - Tomb of Bibi Jawindi, Baha'al-Halim and Ustead and the Tomb and Mosque of Jalaluddin Bukhari (2004)
 - Tomb of Shah Rukn-e-Alam (2004)
 - Port of Banbhore (2004)
- 15. Intangible Heritage Sites: 1**
Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz or Nevruz (inscribed in 2009), a multinational entry with Azerbaijan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Turkey; celebrated on 21 March every year, a date originally

determined by astronomical calculations, festivities mark the New Year and the beginning of spring across a vast geographical area.

- 16. Memory of the World Register:** 1 element
Quaid-I-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah's papers in the Islamabad National Archives, inscribed in 1999.
- 17. Creative Cities Network:** None
- 18. Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 24 non-ratified.
- 19. Anniversaries 2014-2015:**
- 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) – 2014.
- 20. Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015: 7 projects have been submitted.
 - 2012-2013: 2 projects approved for the total amount of US\$ 58,000.
 - 2010-2011: 7 projects approved for the total amount of US\$ 186,000 and one emergency assistance for an amount of US\$ 50,000.
- 21. Fellowships:**
27 Fellowships awarded since 2010, with the total amount of US\$ 847,622
- 22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
(Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
PAKISTAN	5,506	298,496	9,644,670

- 23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:**
(Assessment rate: 0.085%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$555,050)
- 24. Representation in the Secretariat:** normal representation
4 professionals in geographical posts.(min: 3; max: 5)