

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)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Education and Sport (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage: Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Member
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict: Member (term expires in 2019)
 - 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)
 - Staff: Mr Rashad Baratli, Second secretary; Mr Parviz Rustamov, third Secretary; Mrs Narmina Rasulbayova, Attaché
 - Previous 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, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since 2000)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Gulnara Aghalarova (since February 2016)
9. **Azerbaijani personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Oral and Musical Traditions
 - Ms Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace
 - Ms Khadija Ismayilova, investigative journalist, winner of the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
 - Mr Eynulla Fatullayev, journalist and human rights activist, winner of the 2012 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
 - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, Baku State University (2015)
11. **Associated Schools:** 19 (1 nursery/pre-school, 1 primary, 2 primary and secondary, 13 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution). Azerbaijan joined the ASP Network in 1985.
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** no element
16. **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)
17. **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)
18. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 9 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
 - Flatbread making and sharing culture: Lavash, Katyrma, Jupka, Yufka (2016), jointly with the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey
 - Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (2016), jointly with Afghanistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
 - 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)
 - Azerbaijani Mugham (2008)
19. **Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription
 - Medieval manuscripts on medicine and pharmacy (2005)
20. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

- 21. Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (18 January 2007)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (23 July 2007)
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (15 February 2010)

22. Anniversary proposals for 2018/2019 recommended by the 201st session of the Executive Board

- 100th anniversary of Baku State University (1919), with the support of Kazakhstan and Georgia
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Garayev Gara, composer (1918-1982), with the support of Kazakhstan, Georgia and the Russian Federation

23. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: 4 project approved for a total amount of US\$ 75,554
- 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 69,000
- 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 82,900
- 2010-2011: 10 project requests submitted, none of which was approved
- 2008-2009: no requests received
- 2006-2007: 9 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 122,090

24. Fellowships: 2 fellowships awarded since 2004, for a total amount of US\$ 125,523

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

26. Extrabudgetary participation (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,002,612	114,573	1,060

27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.06%
- Contributions assessed for 2016 - 2017: US\$ 391,800

28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)