

COOPERATION BETWEEN KUWAIT AND UNESCO: A SNAPSHOT

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 18 November 1960
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Executive Board Member (Term expires in 2017)
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education – Member (Term expires in 2019)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere Member (Term expires in 2017)
 - Legal Committee - Member elected by the General Conference at its 38th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 39th session (2017) until the beginning of the 40th session (2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission – Member (Term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage - Member (Term expires in 2019)
4. **Your visits to Kuwait:**
 - 15 January 2014: The Second International Humanitarian Conference for Syria
 - 21-24 October 2013
 - 4-10 December 2009
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Kuwait:**
 - 21-22 April 2002
 - 18-20 June 2000
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mr Meshal Hayat, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (designate)
 - Staff: Dr. Muhammad Al-Shatti, Deputy Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office in Doha**
 - Date of establishment: 1976, Doha (Qatar)
 - Member States serviced: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait and Yemen
 - Name of Head: Ms. Anna Paolini (D1, Italy) since September 2013
8. **National Commission of Kuwait for UNESCO**
 - Date of establishment: September 1979
 - Chairperson: M. Bader Al-Essa (since November 2014)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Ahmed Alenezi (since December 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
10. **Associated Schools**
 - Kuwait joined ASPnet in 1997 and at present there are 37 participating institutions (3 nursery and preschools, 7 primary schools 6 primary and secondary and 21 secondary). Kuwait is particularly active in the ASP Network which operates under the auspices of the Kuwait National Commission for UNESCO.
11. **Category 2 and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

14. World Heritage Sites: none

15. Tentative List: 3 properties

- Sa'ad and Sae'ed Area in Failaka Island (2013)
- Abraj Al-Kuwait (2014)
- Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jabir Palace (2015)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: none

17. Memory of the World Register: none

18. Creative Cities Network: none

19. Legal instruments: 11 ratified, 29 not ratified

- Convention on the protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified.
- Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 9 April 2015
- Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions: ratified on 3 August 2007
- Convention of the International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 13 July 2007

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: none

21. Participation Programme

- No requests submitted since 2004-2005.