

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE RUSSIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 21 April 1954
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2015-2019)
 - Representative: Ambassador Alexander Kuznetsov
 - Previous terms: continuous member since 1954
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Vice-President (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2017)
 - Legal Committee (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Vice-President (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Vice-President: Dr Alexander Postnov
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education. Member: Dr Nikolai Toivonen
4. **The Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 8**
 - 14-15 December 2015: to chair the 4th Scientific Advisory Board and attend the IV St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum. Also met with President Putin and the Governor of St. Petersburg
 - 8-10 May 2015: invited by President Vladimir Putin to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War in Moscow
 - 6-9 December 2014, sixth visit to the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg
 - 19-21 August 2014: first visit to the Republic of Tatarstan on the occasion of the celebration of the inscription of the "The Bolgar historical-architectural complex" on the World Heritage List in June 2014
 - 20-22 April 2014: official visit, on the occasion of celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the country's membership in UNESCO
 - 24-27 June 2012: official visit, on the occasion of the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee in Saint-Petersburg
 - 6-10 September 2011: official visit, on the occasion of the Global Policy Forum in Yaroslavl
 - 26-30 September 2010: official visit, on the occasion of the First World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education in Moscow
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 9**
 - 20-23 July 2009: Moscow
 - 9-12 June 2008: Moscow, on the occasion of 10th World Congress of the Russian Press
 - 23-26 July 2006: the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
 - 16-17 July 2006: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the G8 Summit

- 9 May 2005: Moscow, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II
 - 23-25 September 2004: Moscow, on the occasion of the World Congress of Information Agencies
 - 24-26 November 2003: Moscow, on the occasion of the Presidential Council on Culture and Arts
 - 30 May-3 June 2003: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the city; the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania; and the Republic of Tatarstan
 - 30 July-2 August 2000: Moscow and St. Petersburg
- 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
- H.E. Mr Alexander Kuznetsov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 6 October 2016)
 - Deputy Permanent Delegate: Mrs Tatiana Dovgalenko
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova (March 2009 – September 2016); H.E. Mr Vladimir Kalamanov (June 2002 – January 2009); H.E. Mr Evgeniy Sidorov (March 1998 – June 2002)
- 7. UNESCO Office in Moscow:** closed on 24 September 2015
- 8. UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) :**
- Date of establishment: 26 March 1998
 - Member States serviced: all
 - Director : Mr Tao Zhan (China, since 11 February 2017)
- 9. Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO:**
- Date of establishment: 1955
 - President: Mr Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs (since 16 April 2004)
 - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Vladimir Fortov (since 2004)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Grigory Ordzhonikidze (since 2003)
- 10. Russian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Mr Zurab Tsereteli, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (1996)
 - Mr Ara Abramyan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2003)
 - Mr Vitaly Ignatenko, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2008)
 - Ms Alexandra Ochirova, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2012)
 - Mr Denis Matsuev UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2014)
 - Mr Valery Gergiev, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2003)
 - Mr Sergey Markarov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2002)
 - Mr Vladimir Spivakov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2006)
 - Ms Alsou Abramova, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2011)
 - Ms Zarifa Mgoyan, UNESCO Artist for Peace (designated on 5 December 2016)
 - Mr Vyacheslav Fetisov, UNESCO Champion for Sport (2004)
 - Mr Vladimir Fortov, Laureate of the UNESCO Albert Einstein Gold Medal (2005)
 - Prof. Tatiana Birshtein, Laureate of the 9th L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science (2007)
 - Ms Alexandra Shatkovskaya, Laureate of the 2012 Young Scientists Awards of the UNESCO MAB Programme (July 2012)
- 11. UNESCO Chairs:** 58 Chairs and 6 UNITWIN Networks
- UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Dialogue and Social Studies (1996), Moscow Linguistic State University
 - UNESCO Chair in Environmental Education in Siberia (1995), Altai State Technical University, Barnaul

- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Social Problems (1997), Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk
- UNESCO Chair in Marine Geology and Geophysics (1994), Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair on Culture of Peace and Democracy (1997), Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair on Ecologically Safe Development of Large Regions: The Volga Basin (1997), Nizhni Novgorod State Academy of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Nizhny Novgorod
- UNESCO Chair in Renewable Energy and Rural Electrification (1997), All – Russian Research Institute for Electrification of Agriculture, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair for Fine Arts and Architecture (1998), Russian Academy of Arts, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in University Management and Planning (1998), Ural Federal University named after the First President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin, Ekaterinburg
- UNESCO Chair in Journalism and Communication (1992), Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair on Sciences of Education (1993), State Pedagogical University of Russia Alexander I. Herzen, Saint-Petersburg
- UNESCO Chair in Ecologically Clean Chemical Engineering (1994), Moscow State Polytechnic University
- UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy (1994), Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UNESCO Chair in Social Sciences (1993), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair on Training and Retraining of Specialists under Market Economy Conditions (1998), University of Management «TISBI», Kazan
- Chaire UNESCO sur le tourisme culturel pour la paix et le développement (1999), Russian International Academy for Tourism, Skhodnya
- UNESCO Chair in Marine Ecology (1998), Far Eastern State University (FESU), Vladivostok
- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Peace, Tolerance and International Understanding (1999), Ural A. M. Gorky State University, Ekaterinburg
- UNESCO Chair in Education for a Culture of Peace and Human Rights (1999), Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik
- UNESCO Chair on Distance Education in Engineering (1999), St Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation
- UNESCO Chair on New Information Technologies in Education and Science (1999), Kemerovo State University, Kemerovo
- UNESCO Chair in Policies of Higher Education (2000), Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (PFUR), Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue (2000), The Russian Institute for Cultural Research, St. Petersburg
- UNESCO Chair in Water Resources (2001), Irkutsk State University, Irkutsk
- UNESCO Chair in New Materials and Technologies (2001), Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk
- UNESCO Chair in Education in a Multinational and Multi-Confessional Society (2003), Bashkir State University, Ufa
- UNESCO Chair in Healthy Life for Sustainable Development (2003), Moscow State Dentistry Medical University
- UNESCO Chair in Multilingual Education (2005), the Northern Ossetian Pedagogical State Institute, Vladikavkaz
- UNESCO Chair in the learning society and human sustainable development (2004), the Astrakhan State University, Astrakhan
- UNESCO Chair in Remote Sensing and Modeling in Oceanography (2006), The Russian State Hydrometeorological University, St.Petersburg

- Chaire UNESCO « La fonction publique et la gestion des processus sociaux et économiques » (2006), Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscou
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Ethics (2006), The East-Siberia State University of Technology and Management, Ulan-Ude
- UNESCO Chair on Psychology and Pedagogy of Higher Education (2007), at the Academy of Law and Management, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in "Philosophy in the Dialogue of Cultures" (2008), the Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in international education and integration of foreign migrants' children in school (2008), the Moscow Institute of Open Education
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change (2008), The Yugra State University
- UNESCO Chair in the protection of Biodiversity of Forest Ecosystems in the Context of Sustainable Development (2009), The Voronezh State Academy of Forestry Engineering
- UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management and Ecohydrology (2010), Water problem Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair in the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity of the Steppe and Wetland Ecosystems (2010), The Southern Federal University
- UNESCO Chair on Emerging Global Social and Ethical Challenges for Large Cities and their Population (2010), Lomonosov Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair in Social and Human Adaptation of the Arctic regions to Climate Change (2011), M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University, Yakutsk
- UNESCO Chair in Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Rights (2011), The National Research University – Higher School of Economics
- UNESCO Chair on the Cultural and Historical Psychology of Childhood (2012), The Moscow State University of Psychology and Education
- UNESCO Chair in Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development (2012), The D. Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in Musical Arts and Education in Life-long Learning (2013), Moscow State Pedagogical University
- UNESCO Chair on the Application of the Fundamental Principles of the Earth Charter for a More Sustainable Society (2013), Institute of Problems of Ecology and Mineral Wealth Use of the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences, Kazan
- UNESCO Chair in the Study and Preservation of the Ecosystems' Biodiversity in the Volga River Basin (2012), Institute of Ecology of the Volga River Basin RAS, Togliatti
- UNESCO Chair on "Training of a Multifunctional Teacher for Modern Rural Schools" (2013), M. Akmullah Bashkir State Pedagogical University, Ufa
- UNESCO Chair on Musical Mastery and Contemporary Performing Arts (2014), The Russian Gnesins' Academy of Music
- UNESCO Chair on Education for the Sustainable Development of Cooperatives (2014), Belgorod University of Cooperation, Economics and Law
- UNESCO Chair on Asian and African Studies: Modern methods of studying and teaching (2014), The Institute of Asian and African Studies (IAAS) of the Lomonosov Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair on the Theory and Technology of Environmental Safety in Water Resources Control (2015), Novosibirsk State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering (Sibstrin)
- UNESCO Chair on Bioethics (2016), Kazan State Medical University
- UNESCO Chair on media and information literacy and the media education of citizens (2016), Moscow State University of Education
- Chaire UNESCO « Langues titulaires dans l'espace éducatif interculturel » (2016), Université Pédagogique d'État Ilya Oulianov

- UNESCO Chair on “Innovative Education in the Euro-Asian Region» (2016), Altai State University, Barnaul
 - UNESCO Chair on Communication and Media Culture (2016), Moscow State University of Printing Arts
 - UNESCO Chair on Wooden architecture research and preservation (2016), Petrozavodsk State University and Kizhi Open Air Museum, Petrozavodsk
 - UNESCO Chair / Network in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (1996), International Centre of Educational Systems, Moscow
 - UNESCO-INCORVUZ Chair / Network for the Development of Non-Governmental Organizations in Countries in Transition (1997), State University of Management,
 - International UNESCO Chair / Network on Transfer of Technologies for Sustainable Development (TTSD) (1993), International Centre for Educational Systems, Moscow
 - UNITWIN Network of Pedagogical Education: the Multicultural Dialogue Cooperation Programme (2006), Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg
 - UNITWIN Network in Water Resources (2009), Irkutsk State University
 - UNITWIN Network for Achieving the Education For All goals (2009), Russian Academy of Education, Moscow
- 12. Associated Schools:** 344 (4 nursery and pre-schools, 10 pre-primary to secondary, 10 primary, 113 primary and secondary, 186 secondary schools, 5 teacher training, and 16 vocational and technical institutions). Russia joined the ASP Network in 1966.
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
- International Sustainable Energy Development Centre, Moscow (2008)
- 14. UNESCO Clubs:** 32 Clubs and 1 Federation
- 15. Biosphere Reserves:** 44
- Kavkazskiy, 1978
 - Okskiy, 1978. Part of Oka River Valley until 2000
 - Sikhote-Alin, 1978
 - Tsentral'nochernozem, 1978
 - Astrakhanskiy, 1984
 - Kronotskiy, 1984
 - Laplandskiy, 1984
 - Pechoro-Ilychskiy, 1984
 - Sayano-Shushenskiy, 1984
 - Sokhondinskiy, 1984
 - Voronezhskiy, 1984
 - Tsentral'nolesnoy, 1985
 - Baikalskiy, 1986. Part of Lake Baikal until 2000
 - Tzentralnosibirskii, 1986
 - Chernyje Zemli, 1993
 - Taimyrskiy, 1995
 - Ubsunorskaya Kotlovina, 1997
 - Daurskiy, 1997
 - Teberda, 1997
 - Prioksko-Terrasnyi, 1978. Part of Oka River Valley until 2000
 - Barguzinskiy, 1986. Part of Lake Baikal until 2000
 - Nerusso-Desnianskoe-Polesie, 2001
 - Visimskiy, 2001
 - Vodlozerskiy, 2001
 - Commander Islands, 2002
 - Darvinskiy, 2002
 - Nijegorodskoe Zavolje, 2002
 - Smolensk Lakeland, 2002
 - Ugra, 2002
 - Far East Marine, 2003
 - Kedrovaya Pad, 2004
 - Kenozerskiy, 2004
 - Valdaiskiy, 2004
 - Khankaiskiy, 2005
 - Middle-Volga Integrated, 2006
 - Great Volzhsko-Kamskiy, 2005. Composed of Raifa, Sarali, Spasskiy and Sviyazhskiy units
 - Rostovskiy, 2008
 - Altaiskiy, 2009
 - Volga Akhtuba Floodplain, 2011
 - Bashkirskiyi Ural, 2012
 - Great Altay, 2017. Transboundary with Kazakhstan) (including former Katunskiy BR, 2011)
 - Khakasskiy, 2017
 - Kizlyar Bay, 2017
 - Metsola, 2017

16. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

17. World Heritage Sites: 26 (16 cultural and 10 natural)

Cultural sites:

- Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex (2014)
- Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (2005)
- Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent (2004)
- Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent (2003)
- Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin (2000)
- Ensemble of the Ferapontov Monastery (2000)
- Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye (1994)
- Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad (1993)
- Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings (1992)
- Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands (1992)
- White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal (1992)
- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (1990)
- Kizhi Pogost (1990)
- Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow (1990)

Cultural transnational properties:

- Struve Geodetic Arc (with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)
- Curonian Spit (transboundary with Lithuania) (2000)

Natural sites:

- Lena Pillars Nature Park (2012)
- Putorana Plateau (2010)
- Natural system of "Wrangel Island" Sanctuary (2004)
- Central Sikhote-Alin (2001)
- Western Caucasus (1999)
- Golden Mountains of Altai (1998)
- Volcanoes of Kamchatka (1996, 2001)
- Lake Baikal (1996)
- Virgin Komi Forests (1995)

Natural transboundary property:

- Uvs Nuur Basin (transboundary with Mongolia) (2003)

18. Tentative List: 23 properties

- Centre historique de la ville de Gorokhovets (2017)
- The Oglakhty Range (2016)
- Testament of Kenozero Lake (2014)
- Virgin Komi Forests (re-nomination) (2014)
- Western Caucasus (re-nomination) (2014)
- Mamayev Kurgan Memorial Complex "To the Heroes of the Battle of Stalingrad" (2014)
- Bashkir Ural (2012)
- Bikin River Valley (Extension of the "Central Sikhote-Alin") (2010)
- The archeological site of Tanais (2009)
- Ensemble of the Astrakhan Kremlin (2008)
- The Ilmensky mountains (2008)
- Krasnoyarsk Stolby (2007)
- The Great Vasyugan Mire (2007)
- Daurian Steppes (Daursky State Biosphere Reserve) (2005)
- The Commander Islands (Comandorsky State Nature Reserve) (2005)
- Magadansky State Nature Reserve (2005)

- Petroglyphs of Sikachi-Alyan (2003)
 - Great Pskov (2002)
 - Historic Center of the Yenisseisk (2000)
 - The ensemble of former city building of Sviyazhsk (1998)
 - Centre historique d'Irkoutsk (1998)
 - Rostov Kremlin (1998)
 - Historical and Cultural Jeyrakh-Assa Reservation (1996)
- 19. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2 elements on the Representative List
- The Cultural Space and Oral Culture of the Semeiskie (2008)
 - The Olonkho, Yakut Heroic Epos (2008)
- 20. Memory of the World Register:** 13 inscriptions
- The Sobornoye Ulozheniye of 1649 (2015)
 - The Laurentian Chronicle 1377 (2013)
 - Ostromir Gospel (1056–1057) (2011)
 - Tolstoy's Personal Library and Manuscripts, Photo and Film Collection (2011)
 - Radzwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (2009), submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine
 - "Codex Suprasliensis – Mineia četia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March)", jointly with Poland and Slovenia (2007)
 - Historical Collections (1889-1955) of St. Petersburg Phonogram Archives (2001)
 - Archangel Gospel of 1092 (1997)
 - Khitrovo Gospel (1997)
 - Slavonic publications in Cyrillic script of the 15th century (1997)
 - Newspaper collections (1997)
 - Maps of the Russian empire and its collection of the 18th century (1997)
 - Russian posters of the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries (1997)
- 21. Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Ulyanovsk – Literature (2015)
- 22. Legal instruments:** 23 ratified and 17 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable. Considering ratification.
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (29 December 2006).
- 23. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:**
- 2016-2017:*
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Aivazovsky, painter (1817-1900), joint nomination by Armenia, with the support of Italy
 - 250th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Mikhailovich Karamzin, writer (1766-1826)
 - 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory (1866)
 - 150th anniversary of the birth of Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky, painter (1866-1944)
- 2018-2019 anniversaries proposals for 39GC:*
- 150th anniversary of the birth of Maxim Gorky, writer (1868-1936), with the support of Belarus, Italy and Kazakhstan

- 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev, writer (1818-1883), with the support of Belarus, France and Kazakhstan
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Marius Petipa, dancer and choreographer (1818-1910), with the support of Cuba, France and Japan
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, writer (1918-2008), with the support of Germany and Switzerland

24. Participation Programme:

- Since 2008: no requests presented
- 2006-2007: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,000
- 2004-2005: 10 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 121,000

25. Fellowships Programme:

- 4 fellowships awarded to Russian nationals since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 56,080
- UNESCO/ISED (Russian Federation) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme: Initiated in 2008, the UNESCO category II International Center for Sustainable Energy Development (ISED) in Moscow, offers 20 fellowships per year of 1 month duration with an estimated value of US\$9,000 per fellowship. To date, a total of 130 fellowships awarded for a total estimated value of US\$1,170,000 with UNESCO's seed money under the Regular Programme towards travel grants amounting to US\$325,000.

26. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:

NGOs with consultative status:

- International Academy Of People's Diplomacy - 2014
- International Coordination Council Of Educational Institutions Alumni (INCORVUZ-XXI) - 1994
- Russian Peace Foundation (RPF)
- V.I. Vernadsky Nongovernmental Ecological Foundation – 2016

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

Assessment rate for 2017: 3.088%

Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 20,164,640

28. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO's activities (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	54,645	163,935	325,964	372,416	880,543	1,739,120

29. Representation within the Secretariat: underrepresented – 7 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 9, max. 14)

- *5 International Professional Staff at Headquarters in Geographical Posts*
- *2 International Professional Staff in the Field in Geographical Posts*