

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 20 April 1972
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, Chairperson: Dr. Mansoor Al Awar
4. **Your visits to UAE:** 7
 - 17 - 19 March 2017: Global Education and Skills Forum
 - 12 - 14 February 2017: World Government Summit
 - 2 - 3 December 2016: Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones
 - 15 - 17 March 2014: Global Education and Skills Forum
 - 14 - 17 January 2013: Official visit
 - 15 - 17 March 2013: Global Education and Skills Forum
 - 25 - 27 April 2010: Official visit
5. **The Former Director-General visits to UAE:** 2
 - 28th September to 2nd October 2009
 - 26 - 27 December 2006
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Abdullah Alneaimi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 14/08/2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** the UAE is covered by the UNESCO Office in Doha
8. **National Commission of the UAE:**
 - Date of establishment: 1976
 - Chairperson: H.E. Mr Hussein bin Ibrahim Al Hamaadi, Minister of Education (since 2015)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Amal Al Koos (since November 2016)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 2
 - UNESCO Chair in Applied Research in Education at Sharjah Women's Higher College of Technology - established in 2003;
 - UNESCO Chair in Environment and Water Resources at Ajman University of Science and Technology - established in 2003.
11. **Associated Schools:** 140
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
 - Regional Centre for Educational Planning under the Auspices of UNESCO (RCEP), Sharjah.
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - Marawah (2007)
14. **UNESCO Global Geopark:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
 - Cultural Sites of Al Ain (Hafit, Hili, Bidaa Bint Saud and Oases Areas) (2011)

16. Tentative List: 7 properties

- Sharjah: The Gate to Trucial States (2014).
- Settlement and Cemetery of Umm an-Nar Island (2012).
- Sir Bu Nair Island (2012).
- Khor Dubai (2012).
- Ed-Dur Site (2012).
- The Cultural Landscape of the Central Region in the Emirate of Sharjah (2012).
- Al Bidya Mosque (2012).

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 7 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Falconry, a living human heritage (2016)
- Arabic coffee, a symbol of generosity (2015)
- Majlis, a cultural and social space (2015)
- Al-Razfa, a traditional performing art (2015)
- Al-Ayyala, a traditional performing art of the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates (2014)
- Al-Taghrooda, traditional Bedouin chanted poetry in the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman (2012)
- Al Sadu, traditional weaving skills in the United Arab Emirates (2011)

Ongoing nominations:

- 2017: Al Azi, the art of performing praise, pride and fortitude poetry
- 2018: Al Aflaj, traditional irrigation network system in the UAE, oral traditions; knowledge and skills of construction, maintenance and equitable water distribution

18. Memory of the World Register: none

19. Creative Cities Network: none

20. Legal instruments: 8 ratified and 32 none-ratified

- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification on 6 June 2012
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification on 4 August 2009
- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification on 2 May 2005

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

22. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: The UAE did not submit any requests.
- 2014-2015: The UAE did not submit any requests.
- 2012-2013: The UAE did not submit any requests.
- 2010-2011: The UAE did not submit any requests.

23. Fellowships: no fellowships awarded since 2010.

24. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none