

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON EGYPT / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member: (4 November 1946)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2013-2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Mahmoud Abu-Zeid (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
 - Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo (term expires: 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2019)
 - Legal Committee - Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Ms Hazem Atlam (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2019).
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
 - Committee for the protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
 - Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970) (Term expires in 2021)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (former UNESCO Institute for Education, UIE): Ms Malak Zaalouk
4. **Your visits to Egypt: 6**
 - 14 - 18 February 2017: UNESCO Cairo premises inauguration
 - 17 - 19 February 2016: funerals of H.E. Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali on behalf of the United Nations Secretary General.
 - 12 - 14 May 2015: conference on "culture under threat: the security, economic and cultural impact of antiquities theft in the Middle East"
 - 11 - 13 March 2013: meeting with the Egyptian authorities (prior to the overthrow of President Morsi)
 - 13 - 14 June 2011: meeting with the Egyptian authorities (after the fall of President Mubarak)
 - 5 - 8 December 2009: forum for Arab-African Dialogue on Democracy and Human Rights
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Egypt: 1**
 - 23 - 25 December 2003
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
 - H.E. Mr Ehab Ahmed Badawy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 1st April 2016)
 - Staff: Mrs Ghada Omar, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous permanent Delegates: H. E. Mr Mohammed Sameh Amr, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Arab Republic of Egypt
7. **UNESCO Office:** UNESCO Cairo Office, established in 1947, is the Regional Office for Science and Technology (S&T), Bioethics and Ethics of S&T for the Arab States. It is also the Cluster Office for Egypt, Sudan and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for Education, Social and Natural Sciences, Culture and Communication.
8. **Egyptian National Commission for Education, Culture and science**

- Date of establishment: 1946
- President: H.E. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Higher Education (since February 2017)
- Secretary-General: Dr Mohamed Hossam Eldin El Mallahy (since February 2016)
- Assistant Secretary-General: Ms Zainab El Wakil

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none

10. UNESCO Chairs: 5

- UNESCO Chair for Women, Science, and Technology at Ain Shams University, Cairo
- UNITWIN Network Forced Migration Studies at the American University, Cairo
- UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair / Network Environment Sustainable Development at South Valley University, Aswan
- UNESCO Chair Human Rights at the American University, Cairo
- UNESCO/Arab Region Ecotechnie Network at South Valley University, Aswan

11. Associate Schools: 157

- Egypt joined ASPnet in 1960 and there are at present 115 schools (2 nursery and pre-schools, 22 primaries, 38 primary and secondary, 48 secondary schools, 1 teacher training and 4 vocational and technical institutions participating in the network.
- The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms ABDEL SALAM Soummaya, Head of Education Department, Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO.

12. Category 2 institutes and Centres: 1

- Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones (Sixth of October City)

13. Biosphere Reserves: 2

- Omayed
- Wadi Allaqui

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 7

Cultural sites:

- Abu Mena (1979)
- Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (1979)
- Historic Cairo (1979)
- Memphis and its Necropolis – the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur (1979)
- Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae (1979)
- Saint Catherine Area (2002)
- Wadi Al-Hitan (Whale Valley) (2005)

16. Tentative List : 33 properties

- Siwa archaeological area (1994)
- Temple of Serabit Khadem (1994)
- North Sinai archaeological Sites Zone (1994)
- Temple of Hator built by Ramses III (1994)
- Dahshour archaeological area (1994)
- El Fayoum: Kom Aushim (Karanis), Dimai (Soknopaiouesos), Qasr Qarun (Dionysias), Batn I hrit (Theadelphia), Byahma-Medinet el Fayoum (1994)
- El-Gendi Fortress (1994)
- Rutho Monastery (1994)
- Wadi Feiran (1994)
- Pharaon Island (1994)
- Dahab (1994)
- Minia (1994)
- Newibah castle (1994)
- Ras Mohammed (2002)
- Gebel Qatrani Area, Lake Qaroun Nature Reserve (2003)

- Southern and Smaller Oases, the Western Desert (2003)
- Bird Migration Routes (2003)
- Desert Wadis (2003)
- Mountain Chains (2003)
- Great Desert Landscapes (2003)
- Alexandria, ancient remains and the new library (2003)
- Abydos, city of pilgrimage of the Pharaohs (2003)
- Pharaonic temples in Upper Egypt from the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (2003)
- Necropolises of Middle Egypt, from the Middle Empire to the Roman period (2003)
- Raoudha nilometre in Cairo (2003)
- The monasteries of the Arab Desert and Wadi Natrun (2003)
- Two citadels in Sinai from the Saladin period (Al-Gundi and Phataoh's island) (2003)
- The An-Nakhl fortress, a stage on the pilgrimage route to Mecca (2003)
- Oasis of Fayoum, hydraulic remains and ancient cultural landscapes (2003)
- Historic quarters and monuments of Rosetta/Rachid (2003)
- Dababiya (2008)
- Helwan Observatory (2010)
- Kharga Oasis and the Small Southern Oases (2015)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 2

- 2016: Tahteeb, stick game
- 2008: Al Sirah Al Hilaliyah epic

On-going nominations:

- 2018: Traditional hand puppetry
- 2017: Documenting, preserving, training and promoting the Egyptian intangible heritage of the art and crafts of Tally in Upper Egypt

Pending nominations:

- 2015: Egyptian traditional weaving industry (handloom silk weaving)
- 2014: Inventories of intangible culture in six cultural areas in Egypt
- 2014: Pottery

18. Memory of the World Register: 4 inscriptions

- The National Library of Egypt's collection of Mamluk Qur'an manuscripts (2013)
- Persian Illustrated and illuminated Manuscripts (2007)
- Deeds of Sultans and Princes (2005)
- Memory of the Suez Canal (1997)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 21 ratified and 19 not ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Ratified on 3 August 2005
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: Ratified on 23 May 2007
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: Ratified on 23 August 2007

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

22. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 75 000.
- 2014-2015: 4 national projects approved for a total amount of 98.000 US\$ and one regional project for a total an amount of 35 000 US\$.
- 2012-2013: 4 national projects approved for a total amount of 88.000 US\$ and one regional project for a total an amount of 34 000 US\$.
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of 129,000 US\$.

23. Fellowships: since 2010, 12 Fellowships for a total amount of 134.252 US\$.

24. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 5

- Arab Administrative Development Organization
- Arab Labour Organization
- Arab Postal Union
- Council for Arab Economic Unity
- League of Arab States

25. Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 5

- Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD) – since 2000
- General Arab Women Federation (GAWF) – since 1985
- Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR) – since 2004
- Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO) – since 1977
- Arab Lawyers' Union (ALU) – since 1974