

## COOPERATION BETWEEN KUWAIT AND UNESCO: A SNAPSHOT

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 18 November 1960
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** representative (term: 2013-2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2019)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2017)
  - Legal Committee - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 39th session (2017) until the beginning of the 40th session (2019)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2019)
4. **Your visits to Kuwait:** 2
  - 15 January 2014: Second International Humanitarian Conference for Syria
  - 8-9 December 2009: Award ceremony Prize UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Kuwait:** 2
  - 21-22 April 2002
  - 18-20 June 2000
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Mr Meshal Hayat, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 27 November 2015)
  - 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: Mr Bader Al-Essa (since November 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Mrs Nadiya Al-Wazzan (since 2016)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **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.
12. **Category 2 and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** none
16. **Tentative List:** 4 properties

- Sa'ad and Sae'ed Area in Failaka Island (2013)
- Abraj Al-Kuwait (2014)
- Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jabir Palace (2015)
- Boubyan Island and Mubarak Al-Kabeer Marine Reserve (MAKMR) (2017)

**17. Intangible Heritage List:** no elements

**18. Memory of the World Register:** no inscriptions

**19. Creative Cities Network:** no cities

**20. Legal instruments:** 12 ratified, 29 not ratified

- Convention on the protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified on 30 May 2017
- 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

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

**22. Participation Programme**

- No requests submitted since 2004.

**23. Fellowships:**

- 1 fellowship has been awarded to Kuwait since 2010 for a total amount of 15,000 US\$.

**24. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:** 3

- Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development
- Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment

**25. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Maintaining relations with UNESCO:** 1

- Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Children (KSAAC): Official partnership – consultative status