

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON JORDAN

1. **Membership in UNESCO** : 14 June 1950
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (term expires in 2021)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (Term expires in 2019)
  - 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: Mr Adnan Badran (Term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The former Director-General's visits to Jordan:** 5
  - 19-21 May 2017: World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa - Dead Sea
  - 15-17 May 2017: SESAME
  - 21-22 August 2015: Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security
  - 17-19 March 2014: Official visit regarding the impact of the Syrian conflict on Jordan
  - 20-23 May 2012: Visit of the SESAME laboratory
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H. E. Mr Makram M. Queisi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 08/08/2014)
  - Staff: Mr. Suheil Shaheen, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Cultural Attaché
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H. E. Ms Dina Kawar (May 2002 – July 2013)
6. **UNESCO Office:** Jordan is covered by a national Office based in Amman - it is currently headed by Mrs Costanza Farina (Italy).
7. **Jordan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science**
  - Date of establishment: 1952
  - Chairperson: Dr Omar Razzaz
  - Secretary-General: Mrs Ibtisam Aqab Ayoub
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Her Royal Highness Princess Firyal of Jordan, Goodwill Ambassador
  - Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, Special Envoy for Science
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 6
  - UNESCO Chair in Desert Studies and Desertification Control
  - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Democracy (1994), Al-Bayt University, Amman
  - UNESCO - EOLSS Chair in Wadi Hydrology (1999), University of Jordan, Jumaiha, Amman
  - UNESCO Chair for the Teaching of Intellectual Property Rights: Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (2000), University of Jordan, Amman
  - UNESCO Chair in Heritage and Sustainable Tourism (2010), Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Ma'an
  - UNESCO Chair in Development of Vocational Resources for the Future (2011), the Al-Balqa Applied University
10. **Associated Schools** : 137

**11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:**

- None

**12. Biosphere Reserves: 2**

- Dana, 1998
- Mujib, 2011

**13. World Heritage Sites: 5**

- Petra (1985)
- Quseir Amra (1985)
- Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a) (2004)
- Baptism Site "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" (Al-Maghtas) (2015)
- Wadi Rum Protected Area (2011)

**14. Tentative List : 14**

- Abila City (Modern Qweilbeh) (2001)
- Al Qastal (Settlement) (2001)
- Gadara (Modern Um Qeis or Qays) (2001)
- Jerash Archaeological City (Ancient Meeting Place of East and West) (2004)
- Mujib Nature Reserve (2007)
- Pella (Modern Tabaqat Fahil) (2001)
- Qasr Al-Mushatta (2001)
- Qasr Bshir (a Roman Castellum) (2001)
- Shaubak Castle (Montreal) (2001)
- The Sanctuary of Agios Lot, At Deir 'Ain 'Abata (2001)
- Um el-Jimal (City) (2001)
- Azraq (2007)
- Dana Biosphere Reserve (2007)
- Arab Eclecticism - Foundation and evolution of an Architectural School in the city of As-Salt (1860-1925) (2015)

**15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1**

- Cultural space of the Bedu in Petra and Wadi Rum: 2008
- As-Samer in Jordan (on-going nomination): 2018

**16. Memory of the World Register: no inscription.**

**17. Creative Cities Network:**

- Madaba: Crafts and Folk Arts

**18. Legal instruments: Conventions: 18 ratified and 22 non ratified**

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified on 2 December 2009
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 24 March 2006
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified on 16 February 2007
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 20 January 2009

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

**20. Participation Programme:**

- 2016-2017: 5 projects approved for a total amount of 111 000 US\$.

- 2014-2015: 7 national projects for an amount of 143 281 US\$ (second phase of submission online).
- 2012-2013: 5 projects approved for a total amount of 118, 000 US\$ (4 national projects for an amount of 88, 000 US\$ and one regional for an amount of 30, 000 US\$).

**21. Fellowships:**

- 1 fellowship awarded to Jordan nationals since 2010, for a total amount of 9 000 US\$.

**22. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: none**

**23. Non-Governmental organisations (NGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 1**

- Association of Arab Universities (AARU): Associate status