

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON SINGAPORE / UNESCO COOPERATION

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE *(source: UNDP Human Development Report 2016)*

- Population, total (millions): 5.6
- Human Development Index: 0.925; Rank: 5 (out of 188 countries, between Australia which ranks 2 and Hong Kong China (SAR) which ranks 12)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 83.2
- Expected years of schooling (years): 15.4
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 78,162
- Internet users (% of population): 82.1
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 9.4  
*(UN Map of Southeast Asia at the end)*

### II. SINGAPORE/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Singapore joined UNESCO on 28 October 1965. It then withdrew on 30 December 1985 and re-joined the Organization on 8 October 2007.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) (terms expires in 2019)
  - Member of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits in the country:** 0
5. **The former Director-General's visits in the country:** 2
  - 30 April - 1 May 2010: official visit
  - 30 May - 1 June 2014: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Andrew Toh, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (non-resident) to UNESCO (since 25 September 2009)
  - Staff: Madame Karen Ong, Alternate Permanent Delegate; Mr Chuan Hock Teddy Low, First Secretary; Mrs Yvonne Chee, First Secretary.
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Singapore is covered by the UNESCO Bangkok Office
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: May 2008;
  - Chairman: Ms Grace FU, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House (since October 2015);
  - Secretary-General: Ms Rosa Daniel (since April 2014).
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mr Richard Magnus (Judge), Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO; Chief Judge, Chairperson of the Bioethics Advisory Committee of Singapore, Member of the National Transplant Ethics Panel of Lay Persons and Singapore's Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. 2012-2019
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none

11. **Associated schools:** 2 (1 primary and 1 Teacher Training). Singapore joined the ASP Network in 2014.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 0
15. **World Heritage Site:** 1  
Singapore Botanic Gardens (2015)
16. **Tentative List:** 0
17. **Intangible Cultural Heritage:** None
18. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
19. **Memory of the World:** no inscriptions
20. **Creative Cities Network:** 1 appointment
  - Singapore (City of Design) 2015
21. **Legal instruments:** 5 ratified and 36 non-ratified
  - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (22 February 2018)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: not yet ratified
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (5 November 2007)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: not yet ratified
  - Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage: not yet ratified
22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** none