

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE RUSSIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 21 April 1954
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2015-2019)
  - Representative: Ambassador Alexander Kuznetsov
  - Previous terms: continuous member since 1954
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2021)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2021)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2021)
  - Special Committee of the Executive Board (SP) (term expires in 2019)
  - Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
  - Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Vice-President (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Vice-Presidency
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
4. **Your visits to the Russian Federation:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation:** 11
  - 20-22 August 2017: visit to the Republic of Tatarstan
  - 5-8 July 2017: visit to the Sakha Republic on the occasion of the Second International Forum "World Epics on the Land of Olonkho". Met with Mr Egor Borisov, Head of the Sakha Republic and scientific, educational and cultural representatives. Visited the Lena Pillars Nature Park – a natural World Heritage site since 2012.
  - 1-3 June 2017: visit to Saint Petersburg, to take part in the Awarding Ceremony of the PhosAgro/UNESCO/IUPAC grant project "Green Chemistry for Life and Sustainable Development", held within the framework of the 21st St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF)
  - 14-15 December 2015: to chair the 4<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Board and attend the IV St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum. Also met with President Putin and the Governor of St. Petersburg
  - 8-10 May 2015: invited by President Vladimir Putin to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War in Moscow
  - 6-9 December 2014, sixth visit to the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg
  - 19-21 August 2014: first visit to the Republic of Tatarstan on the occasion of the celebration of the inscription of the "The Bolgar historical-architectural complex" on the World Heritage List in June 2014
  - 20-22 April 2014: official visit, on the occasion of celebrations for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country's membership in UNESCO

- 24-27 June 2012: official visit, on the occasion of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in Saint-Petersburg
  - 6-10 September 2011: official visit, on the occasion of the Global Policy Forum in Yaroslavl
  - 26-30 September 2010: official visit, on the occasion of the First World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education in Moscow
- 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
- H.E. Mr Alexander Kuznetsov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 6 October 2016)
  - Deputy Permanent Delegate: Mrs Tatiana Dovgalenko
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova (March 2009 – September 2016)
- 7. UNESCO Office in Moscow:** closed on 24 September 2015
- 8. UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) :**
- Date of establishment: 26 March 1998
  - Member States serviced: all
  - Director : Mr Tao Zhan (China, since 11 February 2017)
- 9. Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO:**
- Date of establishment: 1955
  - President: Mr Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs (since 16 April 2004)
  - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Vladimir Fortov (since 2004)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Grigory Ordzhonikidze (since 2003)
  - Second Vice-Chairperson: Mr Alexander Dzasokhov
  - Deputy Secretary-General: Mr Amir Bilyalitinov
- 10. Russian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Mr Mintimer Shaimiev, UNESCO Special Envoy for Intercultural Dialogue (2017)
  - Mr Zurab Tsereteli, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (1996)
  - Mr Ara Abramyan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2003)
  - Mr Vitaly Ignatenko, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2008)
  - Ms Alexandra Ochirova, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2012)
  - Mr Denis Matsuev UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2014)
  - Mr Valery Gergiev, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2003)
  - Mr Sergey Markarov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2002)
  - Mr Vladimir Spivakov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2006)
  - Ms Alsou Abramova, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2011)
  - Ms Zarifa Mgoyan, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2016)
  - Mr Vyacheslav Fetissov, UNESCO Champion for Sport (2004)
  - Dr Nikolai Toivonen, member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
  - Dr Alexander Postnov, Vice- President of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- 11. UNESCO Chairs: 59 Chairs and 6 UNITWIN Networks**
- UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Dialogue and Social Studies (1996), Moscow Linguistic State University
  - UNESCO Chair in Environmental Education in Siberia (1995), Altai State Technical University, Barnaul
  - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Social Problems (1997), Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk
  - UNESCO Chair in Marine Geology and Geophysics (1994), Moscow State University
  - UNESCO Chair on Culture of Peace and Democracy (1997), Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

- UNESCO Chair on Ecologically Safe Development of Large Regions: The Volga Basin (1997), Nizhni Novgorod State Academy of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Nizhny Novgorod
- UNESCO Chair in Renewable Energy and Rural Electrification (1997), All – Russian Research Institute for Electrification of Agriculture, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair for Fine Arts and Architecture (1998), Russian Academy of Arts, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in University Management and Planning (1998), Ural Federal University named after the First President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin, Ekaterinburg
- UNESCO Chair in Journalism and Communication (1992), Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair on Sciences of Education (1993), State Pedagogical University of Russia Alexander I. Herzen, Saint-Petersburg
- UNESCO Chair in Ecologically Clean Chemical Engineering (1994), Moscow State Polytechnic University
- UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy (1994), Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UNESCO Chair in Social Sciences (1993), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair on Training and Retraining of Specialists under Market Economy Conditions (1998), University of Management «TISBI», Kazan
- Chaire UNESCO sur le tourisme culturel pour la paix et le développement (1999), Russian International Academy for Tourism, Skhodnya
- UNESCO Chair in Marine Ecology (1998), Far Eastern State University (FESU), Vladivostok
- UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Peace, Tolerance and International Understanding (1999), Ural A. M. Gorky State University, Ekaterinburg
- UNESCO Chair in Education for a Culture of Peace and Human Rights (1999), Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik
- UNESCO Chair on Distance Education in Engineering (1999), St Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation
- UNESCO Chair on New Information Technologies in Education and Science (1999), Kemerovo State University, Kemerovo
- UNESCO Chair in Policies of Higher Education (2000), Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (PFUR), Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue (2000), The Russian Institute for Cultural Research, St. Petersburg
- UNESCO Chair in Water Resources (2001), Irkutsk State University, Irkutsk
- UNESCO Chair in New Materials and Technologies (2001), Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk
- UNESCO Chair in Education in a Multinational and Multi-Confessional Society (2003), Bashkir State University, Ufa
- UNESCO Chair in Healthy Life for Sustainable Development (2003), Moscow State Dentistry Medical University
- UNESCO Chair in Multilingual Education (2005), the Northern Ossetian Pedagogical State Institute, Vladikavkaz
- UNESCO Chair in the learning society and human sustainable development (2004), the Astrakhan State University, Astrakhan
- UNESCO Chair in Remote Sensing and Modeling in Oceanography (2006), The Russian State Hydrometeorological University, St.Petersburg
- Chaire UNESCO « La fonction publique et la gestion des processus sociaux et économiques » (2006), Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscou
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Ethics (2006), The East-Siberia State University of Technology and Management, Ulan-Ude
- UNESCO Chair on Psychology and Pedagogy of Higher Education (2007), at the Academy of Law and Management, Moscow

- UNESCO Chair in "Philosophy in the Dialogue of Cultures" (2008), the Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in international education and integration of foreign migrants' children in school (2008), the Moscow Institute of Open Education
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change (2008), The Yugra State University
- UNESCO Chair in the protection of Biodiversity of Forest Ecosystems in the Context of Sustainable Development (2009), The Voronezh State Academy of Forestry Engineering
- UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management and Ecohydrology (2010), Water problem Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair in the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity of the Steppe and Wetland Ecosystems (2010), The Southern Federal University
- UNESCO Chair on Emerging Global Social and Ethical Challenges for Large Cities and their Population (2010), Lomonosov Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair in Social and Human Adaptation of the Arctic regions to Climate Change (2011), M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University, Yakutsk
- UNESCO Chair in Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Rights (2011), The National Research University – Higher School of Economics
- UNESCO Chair on the Cultural and Historical Psychology of Childhood (2012), The Moscow State University of Psychology and Education
- UNESCO Chair in Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development (2012), The D. Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia, Moscow
- UNESCO Chair in Musical Arts and Education in Life-long Learning (2013), Moscow State Pedagogical University
- UNESCO Chair on the Application of the Fundamental Principles of the Earth Charter for a More Sustainable Society (2013), Institute of Problems of Ecology and Mineral Wealth Use of the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences, Kazan
- UNESCO Chair in the Study and Preservation of the Ecosystems' Biodiversity in the Volga River Basin (2012), Institute of Ecology of the Volga River Basin RAS, Togliatti
- UNESCO Chair on "Training of a Multifunctional Teacher for Modern Rural Schools" (2013), M. Akmullah Bashkir State Pedagogical University, Ufa
- UNESCO Chair on Musical Mastery and Contemporary Performing Arts (2014), The Russian Gnesins' Academy of Music
- UNESCO Chair on Education for the Sustainable Development of Cooperatives (2014), Belgorod University of Cooperation, Economics and Law
- UNESCO Chair on Asian and African Studies: Modern methods of studying and teaching (2014), The Institute of Asian and African Studies (IAAS) of the Lomonosov Moscow State University
- UNESCO Chair on the Theory and Technology of Environmental Safety in Water Resources Control (2015), Novosibirsk State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering (Sibstrin)
- UNESCO Chair on Bioethics (2016), Kazan State Medical University
- UNESCO Chair on media and information literacy and the media education of citizens (2016), Moscow State University of Education
- Chaire UNESCO « Langues titulaires dans l'espace éducatif interculturel » (2016), Université Pédagogique d'État Ilya Oulianov
- UNESCO Chair on "Innovative Education in the Euro-Asian Region" (2016), Altai State University, Barnaul
- UNESCO Chair on Communication and Media Culture (2016), Moscow State University of Printing Arts
- UNESCO Chair on Wooden architecture research and preservation (2016), Petrozavodsk State University and Kizhi Open Air Museum, Petrozavodsk
- UNESCO Chair on Education Quality Management for Sustainable Development (2017), St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University named after Peter the Great (1238)

- UNESCO Chair / Network in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (1996), International Centre of Educational Systems, Moscow
  - UNESCO-INCORVUZ Chair / Network for the Development of Non-Governmental Organizations in Countries in Transition (1997), State University of Management,
  - International UNESCO Chair / Network on Transfer of Technologies for Sustainable Development (TTSD) (1993), International Centre for Educational Systems, Moscow
  - UNITWIN Network of Pedagogical Education: the Multicultural Dialogue Cooperation Programme (2006), Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg
  - UNITWIN Network in Water Resources (2009), Irkutsk State University
  - UNITWIN Network for Achieving the Education For All goals (2009), Russian Academy of Education, Moscow
- 12. Associated Schools:** 369 (6 nursery and pre-schools, 12 pre-primary to secondary, 10 primary, 125 primary and secondary, 193 secondary schools, 5 teacher training institutions, 17 vocational and technical institutions and 1 “Sosnovy bor” Center of Children leisure and recreation of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)). Russia joined the ASP Network in 1966.
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 2
- International Sustainable Energy Development Centre, Moscow (2008)
  - International Competence Centre for Mining-Engineering Education, Saint Petersburg (2017)
- 14. UNESCO Clubs:** 32 Clubs and 1 Federation
- 15. Biosphere Reserves:** 44
- Kavkazskiy, 1978
  - Okskiy, 1978. Part of Oka River Valley until 2000
  - Sikhote-Alin, 1978
  - Tsentral'nochernozem, 1978
  - Astrakhanskiy, 1984
  - Kronotskiy, 1984
  - Laplandskiy, 1984
  - Pechoro-Ilychskiy, 1984
  - Sayano-Shushenskiy, 1984
  - Sokhondinskiy, 1984
  - Voronezhskiy, 1984
  - Tsentral'nolesnoy, 1985
  - Baikalskiy, 1986. Part of Lake Baikal until 2000
  - Tzentralnosibirskii, 1986
  - Chernyje Zemli, 1993
  - Taimyrskiy, 1995
  - Ubsunorskaya Kotlovina, 1997
  - Dauriskiy, 1997
  - Teberda, 1997
  - Prioksko-Terrasnyi, 1978. Part of Oka River Valley until 2000
  - Barguzinskiy, 1986 (part of Lake Baikal until 2000)
  - Nerusso-Desnianskoe-Polesie, 2001
  - Visimskiy, 2001
  - Vodlozerskiy, 2001
  - Commander Islands, 2002
  - Darvinskiy, 2002
  - Nijegorodskoe Zavolje, 2002
  - Smolensk Lakeland, 2002
  - Ugra, 2002
  - Far East Marine, 2003
  - Kedrovaya Pad, 2004
  - Kenozerskiy, 2004
  - Valdaiskiy, 2004
  - Khankaiskiy, 2005
  - Middle-Volga Integrated, 2006
  - Great Volzhsko-Kamskiy, 2005  
Composed of Raifa, Sarali, Spasskiy and Sviyazhskiy units
  - Rostovskiy, 2008
  - Altaiskiy, 2009
  - Volga Akhtuba Floodplain, 2011
  - Bashkirskiy Ural, 2012
  - Great Altay, 2017 (transboundary with Kazakhstan) (including former Katunskiy BR, 2011)
  - Khakasskiy, 2017
  - Kizlyar Bay, 2017
  - Metsola, 2017
- 16. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 17. World Heritage Sites:** 28 (17 cultural and 11 natural)

Cultural sites:

- Assumption Cathedral and Monastery of the town-island of Sviyazhsk (2017)
- Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex (2014)
- Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (2005)
- Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent (2004)
- Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent (2003)
- Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin (2000)
- Ensemble of the Ferapontov Monastery (2000)
- Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye (1994)
- Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad (1993)
- Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings (1992)
- Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands (1992)
- White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal (1992)
- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (1990)
- Kizhi Pogost (1990)
- Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow (1990)

Cultural transnational properties:

- Struve Geodetic Arc (with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)
- Curonian Spit (transboundary with Lithuania) (2000)

Natural sites:

- Lena Pillars Nature Park (2012)
- Putorana Plateau (2010)
- Natural system of "Wrangel Island" Sanctuary (2004)
- Central Sikhote-Alin (2001)
- Western Caucasus (1999)
- Golden Mountains of Altai (1998)
- Volcanoes of Kamchatka (1996, 2001)
- Lake Baikal (1996)
- Virgin Komi Forests (1995)

Natural transboundary property:

- Landscapes of Dauria (transboundary with Mongolia) (2017)
- Uvs Nuur Basin (transboundary with Mongolia) (2003)

**18. Tentative List:** 21 properties

- Historical and Cultural Jeyrakh-Assa Reservation (1996)
- Centre historique d'Irkoutsk (1998)
- Rostov Kremlin (1998)
- Historic Center of the Yenisseisk (2000)
- Great Pskov (2002)
- Petroglyphs of Sikachi-Alyan (2003)
- The Commander Islands (Comandorsky State Nature Reserve) (2005)
- Magadansky State Nature Reserve (2005)
- Krasnoyarsk Stolby (2007)
- The Great Vasyugan Mire (2007)
- Ensemble of the Astrakhan Kremlin (2008)
- The Ilmensky mountains (2008)
- The archeological site of Tanais (2009)
- Bikin River Valley (Extension of the "Central Sikhote-Alin") (2010)
- Bashkir Ural (2012)
- Testament of Kenozero Lake (2014)
- Virgin Komi Forests (re-nomination) (2014)
- Western Caucasus (re-nomination) (2014)

- Mamayev Kurgan Memorial Complex "To the Heroes of the Battle of Stalingrad" (2014)
  - The Oglakhty Range (2016)
  - Centre historique de la ville de Gorokhovets (2017)
- 19. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2 elements on the Representative List
- The Cultural Space and Oral Culture of the Semeiskie (2008)
  - The Olonkho, Yakut Heroic Epos (2008)
- 20. Memory of the World Register:** 14 inscriptions
- Album of Indian and Persian Miniatures from the 16th through the 18th Century and Specimens of Persian Calligraphy (2017)
  - The Sobornoye Ulozheniye of 1649 (2015)
  - The Laurentian Chronicle 1377 (2013)
  - Ostromir Gospel (1056–1057) (2011)
  - Tolstoy's Personal Library and Manuscripts, Photo and Film Collection (2011)
  - Radzwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (2009), submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine
  - "Codex Suprasliensis – Mineia četia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March)", jointly with Poland and Slovenia (2007)
  - Historical Collections (1889-1955) of St. Petersburg Phonogram Archives (2001)
  - Archangel Gospel of 1092 (1997)
  - Khitrovo Gospel (1997)
  - Slavonic publications in Cyrillic script of the 15<sup>th</sup> century (1997)
  - Newspaper collections (1997)
  - Maps of the Russian empire and its collection of the 18<sup>th</sup> century (1997)
  - Russian posters of the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (1997)
- 21. Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Ulyanovsk, UENSCO City of Literature (2015)
- 22. Legal instruments:** 23 ratified and 17 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable. Considering ratification.
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable.
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (29 December 2006).
- 23. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in:**
- 2016-2017:* 4
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Aivazovsky, painter (1817-1900), joint nomination by Armenia, with the support of Italy
  - 250th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Mikhailovich Karamzin, writer (1766-1826)
  - 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory (1866)
  - 150th anniversary of the birth of Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky, painter (1866-1944)
- 2018-2019:* 4
- 150th anniversary of the birth of Maxim Gorky, writer (1868-1936), with the support of Belarus, Italy and Kazakhstan
  - 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev, writer (1818-1883), with the support of Belarus, France and Kazakhstan

- 200th anniversary of the birth of Marius Petipa, dancer and choreographer (1818-1910), with the support of Cuba, France and Japan
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, writer (1918-2008), with the support of Germany and Switzerland

**24. Participation Programme:**

- Since 2008: no requests presented
- 2006-2007: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,000
- 2004-2005: 10 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 121,000

**25. Fellowships Programme:**

- 4 fellowships awarded to Russian nationals since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 56,080
- UNESCO/ISED (Russian Federation) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme: Initiated in 2008, the UNESCO category II International Center for Sustainable Energy Development (ISED) in Moscow, offers 20 fellowships per year of 1 month duration with an estimated value of US\$9,000 per fellowship. To date, a total of 130 fellowships awarded for a total estimated value of US\$1,170,000 with UNESCO's seed money under the Regular Programme towards travel grants amounting to US\$325,000.

**26. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: 4**

*NGOs with consultative status:*

- International Academy Of People's Diplomacy - 2014
- International Coordination Council Of Educational Institutions Alumni (INCORVUZ-XXI) - 1994
- Russian Peace Foundation (RPF)
- V.I. Vernadsky Nongovernmental Ecological Foundation – 2016

**27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018: fully paid**

Assessment rate: 3.088%

Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 10,082,320

**28. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO's activities (expressed in US\$):**

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	54,645	163,935	325,964	372,416	880,543	1,739,120

**29. Representation within the Secretariat: underrepresented – 7 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 9, max. 14)**

- *International Professional Staff at Headquarters in Geographical Posts : 5*
- *International Professional Staff in the Field in Geographical Posts: 2*

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