

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PALESTINE

1. **Membership in UNESCO :** 23 November 2011
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Headquarters Committee: Member (Term expires: 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Vice-President (Term expires: 2020)
4. **Your visits to Palestine:** none
5. **The Former Director-General's visit to Palestine:**
 - none
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Elias Wadih Sanbar, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine (Since 23 January 2012)
 - Mr Mounir Anastas, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office:**
 - UNESCO Office in Ramallah, established in 1997
 - Mr Lodovico Folin-Calabi, Head of UNESCO Office in Ramallah since June 2015.
8. **National Commission for Education, Culture and science:**
 - Established in: 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Mahmoud Ismaile Ali (since February 2015)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Murad Sudani (since July 2014)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 5
 - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (1997), An – Najah National University, Nablus.
 - UNESCO Rotating Chair in Archaeology (1995), University of Birzeit, Birzeit.
 - UNESCO Chair in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (2006), Birzeit University.
 - UNESCO Chair in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Sciences (2012), The Islamic University of Gaza.
 - PEACE Programme: Palestinian European Academic Co-operation in Education.
11. **Associated Schools:** 44
 - Year of adhesion: Palestine joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1996.
 - Number of ASPnet schools: There are at present 44 ASP member institutions (7 primary, 5 primary and secondary and 32 secondary schools).
 - The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Murad Sudani, Secretary-General, Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere reserves:** none

- 14. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 15. World Heritage Sites:** 3
- Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town (2017)
 - Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (2014)
 - Birthplace of Jesus: Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route, Bethlehem (2012)
- 16. Tentative List:** 13
- Baptism Site “Eshria’a” (Al-Maghtas) (2015)
 - Throne Villages (2013)
 - Wadi Natuf and Shuqba Cave (2013)
 - Ancient Jericho: Tell es-Sultan (2012)
 - Anthedon Harbour (2012)
 - El-Bariyah: wilderness with monasteries (2012)
 - Mount Gerizim and the Samaritans (2012)
 - Old town of Hebron al-Khalil & its environs (2012)
 - Old Town of Nablus and its environs (2012)
 - QUMRAN: Caves and Monastery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (2012)
 - Sebastia (/2012)
 - Tell Umm Amer (/2012)
 - Umm Al-Rihan forest (2012)
 - Wadi Gaza Coastal Wetlands (2012)
- 17. Intangible Heritage lists:** 1
- Palestinian Hikaye (2008)
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** no inscription.
- 19. Creative Cities Network:** none
- 20. Legal instruments:** 9 ratified and 31 not ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 5 June 2015
 - Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified on 8 December 2011
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 8 December 2011.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified on 8 December 2011
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2017 - 2018:** none
- 22. Participation Programme**
- 2016 – 2017: 5 projets have been approved for a total amount of \$100 000.
 - 2014 - 2015: 7 national requests have been submitted, DG has approved two national projects for a total amount of US\$ 40 000 as well as one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.
 - 2012 - 2013: 8 national requests have been submitted, the DG has approved 5 projects for a total amount of US\$ 100 and one request not recommended by the committee. Also, the DG has approved one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.

- 23. Fellowships:** there is no fellowship awarded to Palestine since 2010
- 24. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:**
none