

<b>KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON NEPAL / UNESCO COOPERATION</b>
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1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 1 May 1953
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (term expires 2017)
3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Member of Executive Board (term expires in 2017)
4. **The Director-Generals visits to Nepal:** none
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Ms Ambika Devi Luintel, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 11 February 2015)
  - Staff: Mr Ram Babu Dhakal, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Counsellor; Mr Bharat Khanal, Attaché
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mohan Krishna Shrestha (September 2010-August 2014)
6. **UNESCO Office in Kathmandu:**
  - Date of establishment: 1988
  - Name of Head: Mr Christian Manhart (since August 2014)
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1955
  - Chairperson: H.E. Ms Chitra Lelha Yadav (since February 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Bishwo Prakash Pandit (since April 2014)
  - Deputy Secretary-General: Dr Kamleshwar Kumar Sinha (since December 2014)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1  
UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education, Katmandu University, Lalitpur, Kathmandu (1997)
10. **Associated schools:** 69 (6 primary, 48 primary/secondary, 15 secondary). Nepal joined the ASP Network in 1969.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **World Heritage sites:** 4
  - Cultural sites:*
    - Lumbini, birthplace of the Lord Buddha (1997)
    - Kathmandu Valley (1979)
  - Natural sites:*
    - Chitwan National Park (1984)
    - Sagarmatha National Park (1979)
14. **Tentative List:** 15 properties
  - The early medieval architectural complex of Panauti (1996)
  - Tilaurakot, the archaeological remains of ancient Shakya Kingdom (1996)

- Cave architecture of Muktinath Valley of Mustang (1996)
- The medieval palace complex of Gorkha (1996)
- Ramagrama, the relic stupa of Lord Buddha (1996)
- Khokana, the vernacular village and its mustard-oil seed industrial heritage (1996)
- Medieval Earthen Walled City of Lo Manthang (2008)
- Vajrayogini and early settlement of Sankhu (2008)
- Medieval Settlement of Kirtipur (2008)
- Rishikesh Complex of Ruru Kshetra (2008)
- Nuwakot Palace Complex (2008)
- Ram Janaki Temple (2008)
- The Medieval Town of Tansen (2008)
- Sinja valley (2008)
- Bhurti Temple Complex of Dailekh (2008)

15. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** no inscriptions

16. **Memory of the World Register:** 2 elements  
 Documentary heritage included in the Memory of the World Register in 2013:

- Nīśvāsattatvasamhitā Manuscript
- Susrutamhita (Sahottartantra) Manuscript

17. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

18. **Legal instruments:** 6 ratified and 33 non-ratified

19. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none

20. **Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 5 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 117,687
- 2012-2013: 9 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 131,000
- 2010-2011: 10 projects approved, for a total amount of 139,000

21. **Fellowships:** 22 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 388,326

22. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

<b>Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes</b>			
<b>( Expressed in US Dollars )</b>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>NEPAL</b>	563	-	-

23. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:**  
 (Assessment rate: 0.006%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 39,180)

25. **Representation within the Secretariat:** over-represented  
 5 professional staff in geographical posts (min.2 - max.4)