

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE NETHERLANDS/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 1 January 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication. President: Ms Albana Shala (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires 2019)
4. **The Director-General's visits to the Netherlands:** 3
 - 13 June 2016: to participate in the lecture at the Hague Institute on "The challenges of global governance in the 21st century", and Europe lecture on "Protecting Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict", at the *Kloosterkerk* church in The Hague, and also to visit the International Criminal Court (ICC).
 - 21 March 2013: on the occasion of the celebration of the 2013 World Water Day
 - 24-25 April 2012: to attend the UN Water Talks 2012 and UNESCO-IHE Institute of Water Education graduation ceremony, Delft
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the Netherlands:**, 1
 - 17-18 July 2003: visit to Delft to participate in the meeting on *Actions and Coalitions in Water Education and Capacity Building* at the UNESCO – IHE Institute for Water Education
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Lionel Strenghart Veer, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (since 19 May 2014)
 - Staff: Ms Margot Llompert, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Stein Van Oosteren, Attaché; Ms Mascha Wismans, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Robert Zeldenrust (2011-2014); Mr Barend ter Haar (2007-2011); Mrs Charlotte van Schaik-Zaaijer (2004-2007); Mr Louis Peter Van Vliet (2001-2004); Mr Lambert J. Hanrath (1998-2000).
7. **UNESCO Office/Institute:**

UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (in Delft), established in 1957, ceased to exist as a Category 1 Institute on 1 January 2017.
8. **Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: May 1947
 - Chairperson: Ms Andrée van Es (since October 2014)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Marielies Schelhass (since August 2015)
9. **Dutch personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - HRH Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development
 - Prof. (Mr) Johannes Van Delden, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) (term 2012-2015)
 - Mr Paul Polman, Chief Executive Officer of Unilever, member of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda

- 10. UNESCO Chairs: 6**
- UNESCO Chair on Open Education (2016), Open University of the Netherlands
 - UNESCO Chair on Open Educational Resources and their Adoption by Teachers, Learners and Institutions (2016), Fontys University of Applied Sciences, Eindhoven
 - UNESCO Chair in Sustainability and Governance, established in 2013 at Tilburg University.
 - UNESCO Chair in Social Learning and Sustainable Development, established in 2010 at the University of Wageningen
 - UNESCO Chair in Knowledge Transfer for Sustainable Development supported by ICTs, established in 2009 at the Open University of the Netherlands
 - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Peace, established in 2007 at the University of Maastricht
- 11. Associated Schools: 25** (1 primary, 15 secondary schools, 2 teacher training and 7 vocational and technical institutions). The Netherlands joined the ASP Network in 1993.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1**
- International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) in Delft
- 13. UNESCO Clubs: 0**
- 14. Biosphere Reserves: 1**
- Waddensea Area (1986)
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 1**
- The Hondsrug Global Geopark
- 16. World Heritage Sites: 10** (9 cultural sites, 1 natural site)
- Cultural Sites: 9*
- Van Nellefabriek (2014)
 - Seventeenth-century canal ring area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht (2010)
 - Rietveld Schröderhuis (Rietveld Schröder House) (2000)
 - Ir.D.F. Woudagemaal (D.F. Wouda Steam Pumping Station) (1998)
 - Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder) (1999)
 - Historic Area of Willemstad, Inner City and Harbour, Curaçao (1997)
 - Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout (1997)
 - Defence Line of Amsterdam (1996)
 - Schokland and Surroundings (1995)
- Natural Site: 1*
- The Wadden Sea (2009)
- 17. Tentative List: 9 properties**
- Bonaire Marine Park (2011)
 - Island of Saba (2011)
 - Eise Eisinga Planetarium (2011)
 - Koloniën van Weldadigheid (agricultural pauper colony) (2011)
 - Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie (2011)
 - Plantations in West Curaçao (2011)
 - Sanatorium Zonnestraal (2011)
 - Teylers (2011)
 - Frontiers of the Roman Empire (extension) (2011)
- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements**

19. Memory of the World Register: 11 inscriptions

- Utrecht Psalter (2015)
- Selected data collections of the world's language diversity at the Language Archive (2015).
- Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei, draft manuscript page and Das Kapital. Erster Band, Karl Marx's personal annotated copy (2013)
- Babad Diponegoro or Autobiographical Chronicle of Prince Diponegoro (1785-1855). A Javanese nobleman, Indonesian national hero and pan-Islamist (2013)
- Archive Middelburgsche Commercie Compagnie (MCC) (2011), jointly with Curaçao and Suriname
- Desmet Collection (2011)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (2011), jointly with Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, United Kingdom and United States of America
- La Galigo (2011), jointly with Indonesia
- Diaries of Anne Frank (2009)
- Archives of the Dutch East India Company (2003), jointly with India, Indonesia, South Africa and Sri Lanka
- Library Ets Haim - Livraria Montezinos (2003)

20. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

21. Legal instruments: 29 ratified and 11 non-ratified

- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (15 May 2012)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: acceptance (17 November 2006)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (9 October 2009)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: abstained during the final vote

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

23. Participation Programme:

- Since 2010 - no requests submitted
- 2008-2009: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 20,000
- 2006-2007: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 30,000

24. Fellowships:

- 10 Fellowships awarded since 2007 with a total amount of US\$122,727

25. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

| Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 1,959,415 | 18,564,149 | 21,904,547 | 18,671,158 | 16,157,654 | 24,332,657 | 24,926,960 | 20,377,780 |

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 1.482%;
- Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$ 9,677,460

27. Representation within the Secretariat: normally-represented

- **9 International Professional staff in geographical posts (min. 5, max. 9)**