

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AZERBAIJAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 3 June 1992
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 2007-2009).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2021)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere: Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2019)
  - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Your visits to Azerbaijan:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Azerbaijan: 4**
  - 5-6 May 2017: visit to take part in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku
  - 16-18 May 2015: visit on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID)
  - 29-31 May 2013: to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID)
  - 28 July – 2 August 2010: official visit and to participate in the opening ceremony of the International Music Festival in Gabala
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Anar Karimov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2014)
  - Staff: Mr Toghrul Malikov, First Secretary; Mr Rashad Baratli, Second Secretary; Mr Parviz Rustamov, Third Secretary; Mrs Narmina Rasulbayova, Attaché; Mr Ayaz Gojayev, Counsellor
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Husseinova (February 1997-January 2013)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none (Azerbaijan was previously covered by the UNESCO Office in Moscow).
8. **National Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for UNESCO:**
  - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
  - Chairperson: Mr Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since 2000)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Elnur Sultanov
9. **Azerbaijani personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, Vice-President and First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Oral and Musical Traditions
  - Ms Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace
  - Ms Khadija Ismayilova, investigative journalist, winner of the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
  - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, Baku State University (2015)
  - UNESCO Chair on Strengthening Teacher Professional Development through ICT-based Approaches (2017), The Innovative Technologies in Education Continuing Education Centre

11. **Associated Schools:** 19 (1 nursery/pre-school, 1 primary, 2 primary and secondary, 13 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution). Azerbaijan joined the ASP Network in 1985.
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
16. **World Heritage Sites:** 2 cultural sites
  - Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape (2007)
  - Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (2000) (on the List of World Heritage in Danger from 2003 to 2009)
17. **Tentative List:** 10 properties
  - The Caspian Shore Defensive Constructions (2001)
  - Susha historical and architectural reserve (2001)
  - Ordubad historical and architectural reserve (2001)
  - Sheki, the Khan's Palace (2001)
  - Surakhany, Atashgyakh (Fire - worshippers, temple - museum at Surakhany) (1998)
  - The mausoleum of Nakhichevan (1998)
  - Hyrkan State Reservation (1998)
  - "Binegadi" 4th Period Fauna and Flora Deposit (1998)
  - "Lok-Batan" Mud Cone (1998)
  - "Baku Stage" Mountain (1998)
18. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 11 elements
 

*Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 10 elements*

  - Dolma making and sharing tradition, a marker of cultural identity (2017)
  - Art of crafting and playing with Kamantcheh/Kamancha, a bowed string musical instrument (2017), jointly with the Islamic Republic of Iran
  - Flatbread making and sharing culture: Lavash, Katyrma, Jupka, Yufka (2016), jointly with the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey
  - Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (2016), jointly with Afghanistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
  - Copper craftsmanship of Lahij (2015)
  - Traditional art and symbolism of Kelaghayi, making and wearing women's silk headscarves (2014)
  - Craftsmanship and performance art of the Tar, a long-necked string musical instrument (2012)
  - Traditional art of Azerbaijani carpet weaving in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2010)
  - The art of Azerbaijani Ashiq (2009)
  - Azerbaijani Mugham (2008)

*List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding: 1 element*

  - Chovqan, a traditional Karabakh horse-riding game in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2013)
19. **Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions
  - The copy of the manuscript of Mahammad Fuzuli's "divan" (2017)
  - Medieval manuscripts on medicine and pharmacy (2005)

- 20. Creative Cities Network:** 1 city
- Sheki, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Arts (2017)
- 21. Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (18 January 2007)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (23 July 2007)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (15 February 2010)
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** 2
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baku State University (1919), with the support of Kazakhstan and Georgia
  - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Garayev Gara, composer (1918-1982), with the support of Kazakhstan, Georgia and the Russian Federation
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- 2016-2017: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 75,554
  - 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 69,000
  - 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 82,900
  - 2010-2011: 10 project requests submitted, none of which was approved
  - 2008-2009: no requests received
  - 2006-2007: 9 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 122,090
- 24. Fellowships:** 2 fellowships awarded since 2004, for a total amount of US\$ 125,523
- 25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none
- 26. Extrabudgetary contributions (expressed in US\$):**

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Total</b>	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,002,612	114,573	1,060

- 27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018:** not paid
- Assessment rate for 2018: 0.06%
  - Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 195,900
- 28. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented, with 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)