

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ICELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 8 June 1964
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2001-2005)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Iceland: 1**
  - 24-27 May 2014: official visit to Iceland and participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Iceland: 1**
  - 23-25 June 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Kristjan Andri Stefansson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iceland to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since September 2016)
  - Staff: Mr Jonas Haraldsson, First Secretary, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Palina Mattiasdottir, First Secretary
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Berglind Asgeirsdóttir (March 2011 – August 2016); H.E. Mr Thórir Ibsen (January 2010 – January 2011); H.E. Mr Tómas Ingi Olrich (December 2004 – December 2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Icelandic National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: June 1964
  - Chairperson: Mr Gunnar Haraldsson (since January 2015)
  - Secretary-General: Ms Áslaug Dóra Eyjólfsdóttir (since May 2012)
9. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:**
  - Ms Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former President of Iceland (1980-1996), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Linguistic Diversity and Multilingual Education (since 1998), member of the International Jury of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, and a member of the international jury of the Mondialogo School Contest. She participated in the first meeting of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures in 2010.
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:** 1 primary school. Iceland joined the ASPnet in 2003
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1**
  - Vigdís International Centre for Multilingualism and Intercultural Understanding, Reykjavik (approved by the General Conference in 2011)
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 2**
  - Katla Global Geopark (2015)

- Reykjanes Global Geopark (2015)

**16. World Heritage Sites: 2**

- *Cultural*: Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park (2004)
- *Natural*: Surtsey (a volcanic island) (2008)

**17. Tentative List: 7 properties**

- Torfajökull Volcanic System / Fjallabak Nature Reserve (2013)
- Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve (2011)
- Mývatn and Laxá (2011)
- Viking Monuments and Sites / Þingvellir National Park (2011)
- Þingvellir National Park (2011)
- The Turf House Tradition (2011)
- Vatnajökull National Park (2011)

**17. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements**

**18. Creative Cities Network: 1**

- Reykjavik, City of Literature (since August 2011)

**19. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions**

- 1703 Census of Iceland (2013)
- The Arnarnagnæan Manuscript Collection (2009, submitted jointly with Denmark)

**20. Legal instruments: 11 ratified and 29 non-ratified**

- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (23 November 2005)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: acceptance (1 February 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 February 2006)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

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

**22. Participation Programme:**

- 2012- to date: no request presented
- 2010-2011: 1 inter-regional request presented, 'The Complete Sagas of Icelander I-V', for US\$ 46,000; it was not recommended for approval by the Culture Sector
- 2008-2009: no requests presented
- 2006-2007: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 41,000

**23. Fellowships: no fellowship requests**

**24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: Fully paid.**

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.023%
- Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$ 150,190

**26. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):**

| Year         | 2016 | 2015 | 2014  | 2013  | 2012    | 2011  | 2010  | 2009  |
|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Total</b> | -    | -    | 1,764 | 1,764 | 102,742 | 2,742 | 5,036 | 1,167 |

**27. Representation within the Secretariat: non-represented**

- No professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4); no staff in other categories