

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON MYANMAR / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 27 June 1949
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  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
  - Headquarters Committee: Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
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4. **Your predecessor's visit to Myanmar: 1**
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5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
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  - Date of establishment: November 1950
  - Chairperson: Dr. Myo Thein Gyi (since January 2018)
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8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Prize for Peace 1991, was an Honorary Member of the World Commission on Culture and Development. She is also the winner of the UNESCO International Simon Bolivar Prize 1992 and the UNESCO Mandanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-violence 2002.

- The Myanmar journalist U Win Tin, who spent 15 years in prison, was awarded the 2001 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

9. **UNESCO Chairs & UNITWIN Networks:** none
10. **Associated schools:** 4 (ASP3 Teacher Training). Myanmar joined the ASP Network in 1965.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** 2
  - Inlay Lake (2015)
  - Indawgyi Lake (2017)
13. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 0
14. **World Heritage List:** 1
  - Pyu Ancient Cities (2014)
15. **Tentative List:** 14 properties
  - Taninthayi Forest Corridor (2014)
  - Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (2014)
  - Myeik Archipelago (2014)
  - Natma Taung National Park (2014)
  - Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (2014)
  - Northern Mountain Forest Complex (2014)
  - Ayeyawady River Corridor (2014)
  - Mon cities: Bago, Hanthawaddy (1996)
  - Inle Lake (1996)
  - Myauk-U Archaeological Area and Monuments (1996)
  - Ancient cities of Upper Myanmar: Innwa, Amarapura, Sagaing, Mingun, Mandalay (1996)
  - Badah-lin and associated caves (1996)
  - Wooden Monasteries of Konbaung Period: Ohn Don, Sala, Pakhangyi, Pakhanng, Legaing, Sagu, Shwe-Kyaung (Mandalay) (1996)
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16. **Intangible Heritage:** none
17. **Memory of the world register:** 4
  - Maha Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines (2013)
  - Myazedi Quadrilingual Stone Inscription (2015)
  - The Golden Letter of the Burmese King Alaungphaya to King George II of Great Britain (2015)
  - King Bayinnaung Bell Inscription (2017)
18. **Creative cities Network:** no entry
19. **Legal instruments:** 7 ratified and 32 non-ratified
  - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (7 May 2014)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: not ratified
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