

**KEY FACTS & FIGURES ON KYRGYZSTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION
(OFFICIAL NAME: THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC)**

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** 2 June 1992
2. **Membership of the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership of the Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) – Member (term expires in 2016)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Kyrgyzstan:** 1
 - 22-26 August 2014
5. **Permanent Delegation:** H.E. Mr Jyrgalbek Azylov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kyrgyzstan to Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg Permanent Delegate (Since 2008)
6. **UNESCO Cluster Office :** in Almaty established in 1994
 - Member States serviced: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
 - Director: Mr Sergey Lazarev (D1, Russian Federation), since 2009
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - President: Mr Daniyar Narymbaev (since June 2013)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Elnura Korchueva (since Jan 2011)
8. **Personalities associated with UNESCO:**

Mrs Roza Otunbayeva, Former President (2010-2011), is a member of the Governing Board of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), New Delhi, India.
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 4
 - UNESCO Chair on Ecological Education (1996), Kyrgyz State National University, Bishkek
 - UNESCO Chair on Gender Policy and Human Rights (1997), Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University, Bishkek
 - UNESCO Chair in the Study of Culture and Religion (1999), Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University, Bishkek
 - UNESCO Chair in Democracy in Multi-Ethnic and Multicultural Society (2001), Academy of Management under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek
10. **Associated Schools:** 15
Member since 1985 with currently 15 schools (1 Primary/Secondary, 12 Secondary and 2 Vocational and Technical ED schools) participating in the Network.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** 2
 - Sary-Chelek (1978)
 - Issyk Kul (2001)

- 13. World Heritage List: 2**
Cultural
- Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan 2014)
 - Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain (2009)
- 14. Tentative List: 3**
- Saimaly-Tash Petroglyphs (2001)
 - Silk Road Sites in Kyrgyzstan (2010)
 - Western Tien-Shan (2010)
- 15. Intangible Heritage List: 5**
- "Art of the Akyns" – Kyrgyz Epic Tellers (2008)
 - "Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz" (Multinational: Azerbaijan, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Turkey) (2009)
 - Ala-kiyiz and Shyrdak, art of Kyrgyz traditional felt carpets (2012)
 - Kyrgyz epic trilogy: Manas, Semetey, Seytek (2013)
 - Traditional knowledge and skills in making Kyrgyz and Kazakh yurts (Turkic nomadic dwellings) (2014)
- 16. Memory of the World Register: none**
- 17. Creative cities network: no entry**
- 18. Legal Instruments: 14 ratified and 25 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\$ 92,026
 - 2012-2013: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 99,900 and 1 regional project for an amount of US\$ 30,000
 - 2010-2011: 7 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 110,800 and 1 Emergency assistance for an amount of US\$ 50,000
- 21. Fellowships: 11 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 199,884.**
- 22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
(Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
KYRGYZSTAN	0	0	0

- 23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:**
 (Assessment rate: 0.002%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 13,060)
- 24. Geographical representation in the Secretariat: under-represented**
 1 Professional staff in geographical post (min.2 – max.4)