

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON TAJIKISTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE *(source: UNDP Human Development Report 2016)*

- Population, total (millions): 8.5
- Human Development Index: 0.627; Rank: 129 (out of 188 countries, between Micronesia which ranks 127 and India which ranks 131)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 69.6
- Expected years of schooling (years): 11.3
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 2,601
- Internet users (% of population): 19.0
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 0.4  
*(UN Map Tajikistan at the end)*

### II. TAJIKISTAN/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 6 April 1993
2. **Membership of the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** none
4. **Visits of the Director-General in the country:** 0
5. **Visits of the former Director-General in the country:** 1
  - 20-22 August 2013: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H. E. Mr Jamoliddin Ubaidullo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (designate)
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Rustam Soliev, Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary of Tajikistan to Belgium, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (16 March 2011- April 2018); H.E. Mr Saymumin Yatimov (2007-2010)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Tajikistan is covered by the UNESCO Almaty Office.
  - Ms Krista Pikkat, Director of UNESCO Office in Almaty
8. **National Commission of Tajikistan for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1994
  - Chairperson: Mr Shamsiddin Orumbekzoda (since September 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Ms Zulfiya Butaeva (since January 2018 )
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mr Amri Aminov, UNESCO Artist for peace (since 17 September 2008)
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
  - UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue in the Modern World, Russian-Tajik (Slovanic) University, Dushanbe (2004)
11. **Associated Schools:** 6 (5 secondary and 1 vocational/technical). Tajikistan joined the ASP Network in 1985.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

**14. World Heritage Sites: 2**

- Proto-urban Site of Sarazm (2010) - *Cultural*
- Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs) (2013) - *Natural*

**15. Tentative List: 16 properties**

- Buddhistic cloister of Ajina-Tepa (1999)
- Mausoleum of "Amir Khamza Khasti Podshoh" (1999)
- Mausoleum of "Hodja Nashron" (1999)
- Mausoleum of "Khoja Mashkhad" (1999)
- Mausoleum of "Mukhammad Bashoro" (1999)
- Palace of the governor of Khulbuk (1999)
- The Site of Ancient Town of Baitudasht IV (1999)
- The Site of Ancient Town of Pyanjekent (1999)
- The Site of Ancient Town of Shahrستان (Kahkakha) (1999)
- The Site of Ancient Town of Takhti-Sangin (1999)
- Tigrovaya Balka (2006)
- Zakaznik Kusavlisay (2006)
- Fann mountains (2006)
- State reserve Dashti Djum (2006)
- Zorkul State Reserve (2006)
- Silk Roads Sites in Tajikistan (2013)

**16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3**

- Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nowrouz, Nawrouz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Nowruz, Navruz, Nevruz, Nowruz, Navruz (2016)
- Oshi Palav, a traditional meal and its social and cultural contexts in Tajikistan (2016)
- Shashmaqom music (2008)

**17. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription**

- The manuscript of Ubayd Zakoni's "Kulliyat" and Hafez Sherozi's "Gazalliyt" (14<sup>th</sup> century) (2003)

**18. Creative Cities Network: no appointments**

**19. Legal instruments: 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified**

**20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019: 2**

- 150th anniversary of the birth of Sagymbay Orozbekov, epic chanter (1868-1930) (Kyrgyzstan with the support of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan)
- 400th anniversary of the birth of Mirabid Saida Nasafi, poet (1618-1707) (Tajikistan, with the support of Kazakhstan and Russian Federation)