

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AFGHANISTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION
--

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** since 4 May 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes
3. **Membership of the Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2017)
 - Legal Committee: Member elected by the General Conference at its 36th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 37th session (2013) until the beginning of the 38th session (2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2018)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Afghanistan:** 1
 - 17-20 May 2013
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mr Ahmad Edrees Amani, Counsellor, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. (since July 2015)
 - Staff: Ms Khadija Amiri, Second Secretary; Mrs Qudsia Afif Habib, Third Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mohammed Kacem Fazelly (February 2011 - July 2015)
6. **UNESCO Office in Kabul:**
 - Date of establishment: 1983
 - Name of Director: appointment in progress
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1948
 - Honorary President: H.E. Mr Assadullah Hanif Balkhi (since August 2015) (Ministry of Education)
 - "Responsible exécutif": Mr Shakir Habibyar (since August 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
10. **Associated schools:** none
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **World Heritage Sites:** 2
Cultural sites:
 - Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (2003)
 - Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (2002)

Note: Both sites were inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger

14. Tentative List: 4 properties

- Bagh-e Babur (2009)
- Band-E-Amir (2004)
- City of Balkh (antique Bactria) (2004)
- City of Herat (2004)

15. Intangible Heritage Lists : no inscriptions

16. Memory of the World Register: no elements

17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

18. Legal instruments: 6 ratified and 33 non-ratified

19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

20. Participation Programme:

2014-2015: 1 project approved, for US\$ 26,000. However, due to the fact that BFM did not validate two financial reports for projects paid in 2012-2013, the approved funds transfer for 2014-2015 was blocked and these funds were redistributed to other Member States.

2012-2013: 7 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 122,600

2010-2011: 6 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 156,000

21. Fellowships: 3 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 4,827

22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO Extra-budgetary Activities and Institutes:
(expressed in US Dollars)

Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
326	0	326

23. Payment of assessed membership fees:

Assessment rate: 0.005%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 32,650

24. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented
2 professional staff in geographical posts (min.2, max.4)