

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AZERBAIJAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO** since 3 June 1992
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 2007-2009)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
  - 2023: Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication
  - 2023: Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport
  - 2023: Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
  - 2022: Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
  - 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
  - 2019: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
  - 2019: Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
  - Permanent membership in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits:** 1 (30 June – 1 July 2019, on the occasion of the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee)
5. **The former Director-General's visits:** 4 (2010; 2013; 2015; 2017)
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
  - H.E. Mr Anar Karimov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 11 September 2014)
  - Mr Ayaz Gojayev, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: Ms Eleonora Husseinova (1997-2013)
7. **UNESCO Office:** The UNESCO Office in Moscow previously covered Azerbaijan until its closure in 2015
8. **National Commission:**
  - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
  - Chairperson: Mr Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since 2000)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Elnur Sultanov (since May 2017)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Ms Mehriban Aliyeva, Vice-President and First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Oral and Musical Traditions
  - Ms Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace
  - Ms Khadija Ismayilova, investigative journalist, winner of the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 2
  - 2017: Chair on Strengthening Teacher Professional Development through ICT-based Approaches, The Innovative Technologies in Education Continuing Education Centre
  - 2015: Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, Baku State University
11. **Associated Schools:** 19 institutions
  - 1 pre-primary, 1 primary, 2 primary and secondary, 13 secondary, 1 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution.
  - Azerbaijan joined the ASP Network in 1985

**12. UNESCO Clubs:** none

**13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

**14. Biosphere Reserves:** none

**15. Global Geoparks:** none

**16. World Heritage Sites:** 3 cultural sites

- 2019: Historic Center of Sheki with the Khan's Palace
- 2007: Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape
- 2000: Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

**17. Tentative List:** 9 properties

- 2001: The Caspian Shore Defensive Constructions
- 2001: Susha historical and architectural reserve
- 2001: Ordubad historical and architectural reserve
- 1998: Surakhany, Atashgyakh (Fire - worshippers, temple - museum at Surakhany)
- 1998: The mausoleum of Nakhichevan
- 1998: Hyrkan State Reservation
- 1998: "Binegadi" 4th Period Fauna and Flora Deposit
- 1998: "Lok-Batan" Mud Cone
- 1998: "Baku Stage" Mountain

**18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 13 elements

*Representative List: 11*

- 2018: Heritage of Dede Qorqud/Korkyt Ata/Dede Korkut, epic culture, folk tales and music, jointly with Kazakhstan and Turkey
- 2017: Dolma making and sharing tradition, a marker of cultural identity
- 2017: Art of crafting and playing with Kamantcheh/Kamancha, a bowed string musical instrument, jointly with the Islamic Republic of Iran
- 2016: Flatbread making and sharing culture: Lavash, Katyrma, Jupka, Yufka, jointly with the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey
- 2016: Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz, jointly with Afghanistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- 2015: Copper craftsmanship of Lahij
- 2014: Traditional art and symbolism of Kelaghayi, making and wearing women's silk headscarves
- 2012: Craftsmanship and performance art of the Tar, a long-necked string musical instrument
- 2010: Traditional art of Azerbaijani carpet weaving in the Republic of Azerbaijan
- 2009: The art of Azerbaijani Ashiq
- 2008: Azerbaijani Mugham

*List of Intangible Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding: 2*

- 2018: Yalli (Kochari, Tenzere), traditional group dances of Nakhchivan
- 2013: Chovqan, a traditional Karabakh horse-riding game in the Republic of Azerbaijan

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

- 2017: The copy of the manuscript of Mahammad Fuzuli's "divan"
- 2005: Medieval manuscripts on medicine and pharmacy

**20. Creative Cities: 2**

- 2019: Baku, City of Design
- 2017: Sheki, City of Crafts and Folk Arts

**21. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified**

- 2010: Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
- 2007: International Convention against Doping in Sport
- 2007: Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

**22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in:**

*2018-2019: 2*

- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baku State University (1919)
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Gara Garayev, composer (1918-1982)

*2020-2021: 2*

- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Abdurrahim bey Hagveriyev, playwright, stage director and public figure (1870-1933) (with the support of Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey)
- 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ahi Evran, philosopher and writer (1171-1261) (joint nomination with Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of North Macedonia and Romania)

**23. Participation Programme:**

- 2018-2019: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 70,000
- 2016-2017: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 75,554
- 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 69,000
- 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 82,900

**24. Fellowships: 2 fellowships awarded since 2004, for a total amount of US\$ 125,523**

**25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none**

**26. Extrabudgetary contributions (in US\$):**

Jun 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
631,966	-	1,959	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,002,612

**27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019: paid**

- Assessment rate: 0.063%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 159,557

**28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented (min. 2, max. 4), with 3 professional staff in geographical posts**