

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON IRAQ

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 21 October 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions ( Term expires in 2021)
  - Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970) (Term expires in 2019)
4. **Your visits to Iraq:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Iraq:** 2
  - 28 March 2015 : Opening of the ISESCO National Commissions Conference
  - 2 November 2014
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Mahmood Al-MullaKhalaf, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 6 November 2014)
  - Staff: Ms. Miriam Mozgan, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Ali Muhammad Hussein Al Mashat (from December 1998 to June 2004)
7. **UNESCO Office:** UNESCO Office for Iraq
  - Director of Office: Louise Haxthausen since December 2016
8. **National Commission of Iraq for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1962, it was restructured in 1978
  - Chairperson: Dr Mohamed Iqbal Omar Mamhoud, Minister of Education (since 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Hassanain Fadhil Abaas Mualla, Director of Cultural Relations (since April 2008)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:** 4
  - Iraq joined ASPnet in 2001 and there are 4 schools (4 secondary) participating in the Network.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 5
  - The Ahwar of Southern Iraq: Refuge of Biodiversity and the Relict Landscape of the Mesopotamian Cities (2016)
  - Erbil Citadel (2014)

- Samara Archaeological City (2007)
- Ashur (Qal'ar Sherqat (2003)
- Hatra (1985)

**16. Tentative Sites :** 11 properties

- Nimrud (2000)
- The Ancient City of Nineveh (2000)
- The Fortress of Al-Ukhaidar (2000)
- Wasit (2000)
- Babylon - Cultural Landscape and Archaeological City (2003)
- The Site of Thilkifl (2010)
- Wadi Al-Salam Cemetery in Najaf (2011)
- Amedy city (2011)
- Historical Features of the Tigris River in Baghdad Rusafa, which extends from the school Al-Mustansiriya to the Abbasid Palace (2014)
- Bestandur Neolithic settlement (2017)
- Nippur (2017)

**17. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 3

- Khidr Elias feast and its vows (2016)
- Nowrouz (2016)
- Iraqi Maqam (2008)

**18. Memory of the World Register:** none

**19. Creative Cities Network:** 1

- Bagdad - Literature (2015)

**20. Legal instruments:** 16 ratified and 24 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Ratified on 06 January 2010
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: Ratified on 22 January 2013
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: Ratified on 22 July 2013
- World Heritage Convention: Ratified on 05 March 1974

**21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** none

**22. Participation Programme**

- 2016-2017: no requests have been submitted
- 2014-2015: 3 regional projects submitted for a total amount of US\$ 17,0577
- 2012-2013 no requests have been submitted.
- 2010-2011: 9 projects submitted, but not approved

**23. Fellowships:** 2 fellowships have been awarded with a total amount of 21,830 US\$.

**24. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:** 4

- Arab Federation for Technical Education
- Arab Telecommunication Union
- Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils
- Gulf States Information Documentation Centre

