

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON BHUTAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 3 April 1982
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
4. **The Director-General's visits to Bhutan:** None
5. **Permanent Delegation:** H. E. Mr Daw Penjo as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the UN Office in Geneva (since 23 July 2013)
Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Veshey Dorji (2010)
6. **UNESCO Office in Bhutan:** none.
Bhutan is covered by UNESCO Cluster Office in New Delhi.
Member states serviced: Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka
Director: Mr Shigeru Aoyagi (since January 2012, D-1)
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:** established in October 1986
 - Structure: The Membership of the Commission represents national institutions as well as the media and Kuensel, the only newspaper in the country.
 - Chairperson: Mr H.E. Mingbo Dukpa (since December 2013)
 - Secretary General: Mrs Sangay Zam (since September 2008)
 - Priority Areas: Literacy; non-formal education; cultural and natural heritage; intangible heritage; development of libraries, archives and information services;
8. **Personalities associated with UNESCO activities:** none
9. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** none
10. **Associated Schools:** 53 (3 Primary School, 23 Primary/Secondary School; and 27 Secondary School)
11. **Category 2 institutes and Centres:** none
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **World Heritage List:** none
14. **Tentative List:** 8
 - Ancient Ruin of Drukgyel Dzong (08/03/2012)
 - Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary (08/03/2012)
 - Dzongs: the centre of temporal and religious authorities (Punakha Dzong, Wangdue Phodrang Dzong, Paro Dzong, Trongsa Dzong and Dagana Dzong) (08/03/2012)
 - Jigme Dorji National Park (JDNP) (08/03/2012)
 - Royal Manas National Park (RMNP) (08/03/2012)
 - Sacred Sites associated with Phajo Drugom Zhigpo and his descendants (08/03/2012)
 - Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS) (08/03/2012)
 - Tamzhing Monastery (08/03/2012)

15. **Intangible Heritage Lists: 1**
- The Mask Dance of the Drums from Drametse (2008)
16. **Memory of the World Register:** no entries
17. **Creative cities network:** no entry
18. **Legal instruments :** 5 ratified and 34 non-ratified
19. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:** none
20. **Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015 : 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 64,395
 - 2012-2013 : 1 project approved for an amount of US\$ 26,000
 - 2010-2011 : 8 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 183,000
21. **Fellowship:** 2 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 31,000
22. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

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

23. **Payment of assessed memberships fees for 2014-2015:**
(Assesment rate:0.001%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$6,530)
24. **Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented
1 professional in geographical posts (min.2 - max.4)