

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON QATAR

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 27 January 1972
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (Term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme (term expires in 2021)
  - Legal Committee  
Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 40th session (2019) until the beginning of the 41th session (2021)
  - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of education (term expires in 2021)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - Member
4. **Your visits to Qatar:** 0
  - none
5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Qatar:** 8
  - 10-13 March 2017: 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Art for Tomorrow Conference
  - 19-22 June 2014: 38<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee
  - 29-31 October 2013: World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE).
  - 28-29 April 2013: participation at the High Level Strategic Meeting to Accelerate Effort to Reach Out of School Children.
  - 12-14 November 2012: WISE summit
  - 10-11 December 2011: annual forum UNAOC
  - 7-9 December 2010: second edition of WISE summit
  - 15-18 November 2009: first edition of WISE summit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Ali Zainal, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 18 April 2001)
7. **UNESCO Office:** The UNESCO Office in Doha established in 1976 serves as the Cluster Office to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. 66, Lusail Street - West Bay, P.O. Box 3945, Doha, Qatar
8. **Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and science:**
  - Date of establishment: 1971.
  - President: H.E Mr Mohammed Abdul Wahed Ali Al Hammadi, Minister of Education and Higher Education (July 2012).
  - Secretary-General: Dr. Hamda Hassan Al-Sulaiti (June 2014).
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** 1
  - UNESCO special envoy for Basic and Higher Education: Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
  - UNESCO Chair in Special Needs Education, established in September 2005 at the University of Qatar, College of Education, Doha.

**11. Associated Schools:** 82 (6 nursery and pre-schools, 39 primary, 9 primary and secondary and 28 secondary schools). The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms AL DOSARI Hessa, Chief of the UNESCO Department, Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science. ASPnet schools in Qatar are very active.

**12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1

- Regional Centre for Contemporary Art, Doha. Approved by the 36<sup>TH</sup> General Conference. No agreement has been signed yet.

**13. Biosphere Reserves:** 1

- Al-Reem since 2007

**14. World Heritage Sites:** 1

- Al Zubarah Archaeological Site (2013)

**15. Tentative List:** 1 property

- Khor Al-Adaid natural reserve (2008)

**16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 3 inscriptions

- Falconry, a living human heritage (2016)
- Arabic coffee, a symbol of generosity (2015)
- Majlis, a cultural and social space (2015)

**17. Memory of the World Register:** no inscription.

**18. Legal instruments:** 8 ratified and 32 none-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: not ratified.
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification on 21 April 2009.
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification on 1 September 2008.
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification on 24 August 2007.

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

**20. Participation Programme:**

- 2016 – 2017: no requests have been submitted
- 2014-2015: no requests have been submitted
- 2012-2013: 3 projects submitted
- 2010-2011: 7 projects submitted

**21. Fellowships:** no fellowship has been awarded to Qatar since 2010.

**22. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:** 2

- Arab Gulf States Folklore Centre
- Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting

**23. Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:** 1

- Education Above All Foundation (EAA) maintains official relations with UNESCO since 20 November 2015. Since its constitution, EAA has been a major donor and partner to UNESCO and its financial contribution towards UNESCO's programmes

and activities amounts to more than USD 50 million. Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Misnad, Founder of the EEA and UNESCO Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education, has also donated USD 20 million to the UNESCO Emergency Fund.