

ARMENIA KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership in UNESCO** since 9 June 1992
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** has never been a member
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
 - 2023: Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
 - 2021: Legal Committee of the 41st General Conference
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
 - 2021: Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
4. **Director-General's visits:** 1
 - 2018 : 11-13 October, on the occasion of the 17th Summit of La Francophonie in Yerevan
5. **Former Director-General's visits:** none
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Christian Ter-Stepanian, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 17 January 2019)
 - Ms Olga Davtyan, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous Permanent Delegate : Mr Charles Aznavour, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (1995-2018)
7. **UNESCO's Office:** none
8. **National Commission:**
 - Date of establishment : 10 octobre 1992
 - Chairperson: (*ex officio*) Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Secretary-General: Arman Khachatryan (since September 2020)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mr Ara Abramian, born in Armenia, was designated as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Dialogue among Civilizations on 15 July 2003 He is also the President of the World Armenian Congress. In his capacity as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, Mr Abramian represents the Russian Federation.
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** 5 Chairs and 1 Network

Chairs:

 - 2020: UNESCO Chair on Education and Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes , Yerevan State University
 - 2011: UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development, established at the Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia
 - 2005: UNESCO Chair in Education Planning and Management, established at the National Institute of Education of Armenia
 - 2001: UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy, established at the Yerevan State Institute of Foreign Languages

- 1999: UNESCO Chair in Life Sciences, established at the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia

Network:

- 2018: Network on Research and Postgraduate Education in Biophysics, Biotechnology and Environmental Health, Life Sciences International Postgraduate Educational Center, Yerevan

11. Associated Schools: 35 institutions

- 3 primary, 7 primary and secondary, 21 secondary schools, and 4 vocational and technical institutions.
- The country joined the ASP Network in 1989.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. UNESCO Clubs: 10

14. Biosphere Reserves: none

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

16. World Heritage Sites: 3

- 2000: The Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley
- 2000: The Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots
- 1996: The Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin (extended in 2000)

17. Tentative List: 4 properties

- 1995: The monastery of Noravank and the upper Amaghou Valley
- 1995: The archaeological site of the city of Dvin
- 1995: The basilica and archaeological site of Yererouk
- 1995: The monasteries of Tatev and Tatevi Anapat and the adjacent areas of the Vorotan Valley

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 7 elements on the Representative List

- 2020: Pilgrimage to the St. Thaddeus Apostle Monastery (with the Islamic Republic of Iran)
- 2019: Armenian letter art and its cultural expressions
- 2017: Kochari, traditional group dance
- 2014: Lavash, the preparation, meaning and appearance of traditional bread as an expression of culture in Armenia
- 2012: Performance of the Armenian epic of 'Daredevils of Sassoun' or 'David of Sassoun'
- 2010: Armenian Cross-Stones Art. Symbolism and Craftsmanship of Khachkars
- 2008: The Duduk and its Music

19. Memory of the World Register: 3 inscriptions

- 2013: Collection of note manuscripts and film music of Composer Aram Khachaturian
- 2011: First Byurakan Survey (FBS or Markarian survey)
- 1997: Mashtots Matenadaran Ancient Manuscripts Collection

20. Creative Cities Network: no inscriptions

21. Legal instruments: 20 ratified and 20 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (27 February 2007)

- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (17 February 2010)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (18 May 2006)

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in:

2020-2021: 2

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Henri Verneuil (Ashot Malakian), film director, screenplay writer, dramatist and producer (1920 - 2002) (Armenia, with the support of France and Italy)
- 150th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Spendarian, composer and conductor (1871-1928) (with the support of Georgia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation)

Proposed for 2022-2023, approved by the Executive Board: 2

- 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian State Committee of Cinema (1923) (Armenia, with the support of France, Georgia and Russian Federation)
- 850th anniversary of the death of Nerses the Gracious (Nerses Shnorhali), poet, chronicler, theologian, musician, and translator (1101/2 – 1173) (Armenia, with the support of Cyprus, Italy, Greece and Syrian Arab Republic)

23. Participation Programme:

- 2020-2021: Armenia submitted 7 projects, 4 of which were approved:
 - Empowering people through media and information literacy (USD 14,000)
 - Intersectoral training courses to advance the continuing education of Yazidi girls and women from primary to secondary level (USD 20,000)
 - Book album with CD "Alexander Spendiaryan", on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth (USD 20,000)
 - International Conference on the 100th Anniversary of Henri Verneuil (Ashot Malakian, 1920-2002) "Minor cinemas - a universal heritage: Preservation, access and dissemination of 'minor' cinemas on world platforms" (USD 20,000)
- 2018-2019: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 65,000
- 2016-2017: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 110,850
- 2014-2015: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 39,310
- 2012-2013: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 81,000
- 2010-2011: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 95,000

24. Fellowships: Since 2006 : 6 fellowship awarded for a total amount of US\$ 46,696

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

26. Representation within the Secretariat: not represented (min. 2, max. 4)