

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AZERBAIJAN / UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

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
 - Permanent membership in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits:** 1 (30 June – 1 July 2019, on the occasion of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee)
5. **The former Director-General's visits:** 4 (2010; 2013; 2015; 2017)
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
 - H.E. Mr Elman Abdullayev, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 7 Jan. 2021)
 - Mr Ayaz Gojayev, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mr Anar Karimov (2014-2020)
7. **UNESCO Office:** the UNESCO Office in Moscow covered Azerbaijan until its closure in 2015. The Office in Almaty has recently started contacting the United Nations Team in Azerbaijan in order to participate in the Common Country Programming.
8. **National Commission:**
 - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since July 2020)
 - 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:** 3
 - 2020: "Ashiq Shamshir" Chair on Folk Music Heritage and Storytelling Traditions, at the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Institute of Folklore, Baku
 - 2017: Chair on Strengthening Teacher Professional Development through ICT-based Approaches at the Innovative Technologies in Education Continuing Education Centre
 - 2015: Chair on Human Rights and Information Law at Baku State University

11. Associated Schools: 19 institutions

- 1 pre-primary, 1 primary, 2 primary/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: 10 properties

- 2020: Khinalig - Medieval Mountainous Village
- 2020: Hirkan Forests
- 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: "Binegadi" 4th Period Fauna and Flora Deposit
- 1998: "Lok-Batan" Mud Cone
- 1998: "Baku Stage" Mountain

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 15 elements

Representative List: 13 elements

- 2020: Art of miniature, jointly with Iran, Turkey and Uzbekistan
- 2020: Nar Bayami, traditional pomegranate festivity and culture
- 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 elements

- 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. Global Network of Learning Cities: 3

- 2020: Baku
- 2020: Gabala
- 2020: Ganja

22. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified

Ratified Conventions:	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
• Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	15/02/2010	Accession
• International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	23/07/2007	Accession
• Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	18/01/2007	Ratification
• International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	08/07/2005	Accession
• Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	01/06/2001	Accession
• Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	21/05/2001	Accession
• Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	17/04/2001	Ratification
• Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	25/08/1999	Ratification
• Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.	10/03/1998	Ratification
• Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	07/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.	24/04/1995	Accession
• Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.	29/11/1994	Accession
• Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	16/12/1993	Ratification
• Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	20/09/1993	Accession
• Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	20/09/1993	Accession

**The States marked with an asterisk have accepted the amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Convention adopted by the Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties (Regina, Canada, 1987). These amendments entered into force on 1 May 1994.*

23. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: 3

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

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Lutfi Zadeh, scientist (1921-2017) (with the support of Georgia and Turkey)

24. 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

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

26. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

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