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
   - 2019: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
   - 2019: Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
   - 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 Anar Karimov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 11 September 2014)
   - Mr Ayaz Gojayev, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: Ms Eleonora Husseinova (1997-2013)

7. **UNESCO Office:** The UNESCO Office in Moscow previously covered Azerbaijan until its closure in 2015

8. **National Commission:**
   - Date of creation: 21 February 1994
   - Chairperson: Mr Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since 2000)
   - 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:** 2
    - 2017: Chair on Strengthening Teacher Professional Development through ICT-based Approaches, The Innovative Technologies in Education Continuing Education Centre
    - 2015: Chair on Human Rights and Information Law, Baku State University

11. **Associated Schools:** 19 institutions
    - 1 pre-primary, 1 primary, 2 primary and 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: 9 properties
   - 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: Hyrkan State Reservation
   - 1998: “Lok-Batan” Mud Cone
   - 1998: “Baku Stage” Mountain

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 13 elements

   Representative List: 11
   - 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
   - 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. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
- 2010: Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
- 2007: International Convention against Doping in Sport
- 2007: Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in:

2018-2019: 2
- 100th anniversary of Baku State University (1919)
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Gara Garayev, composer (1918-1982)

2020-2021: 2
- 150th anniversary of the birth of Abdurrahim bey Hagveriyev, playwright, stage director and public figure (1870-1933) (with the support of Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey)
- 850th anniversary of the birth of Ahi Evran, philosopher and writer (1171-1261) (joint nomination with Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of North Macedonia and Romania)

23. 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

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

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none


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27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019: paid
- Assessment rate: 0.063%
- Contributions assessed: US$ 159,557

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