1. **Membership of UNESCO**: since 27 October 1972

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: Currently a member. (Term expires 2017)

3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees/Commissions and other subsidiary bodies**:
   - Headquarters Committee: Chairperson: H.E. M. S. Islam (Member term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST): (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC): Vice-President (Member term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC): Member term expires 2017)

4. **The Director-General’s visits to Bangladesh**: 2
   - May 2012: official visit
   - September 2014: official visit

5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - H.E. Mr Shahidul Islam, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since October 2012)
   - Staff: Ms Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury, First Secretary, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Md. Firoz Uddin, Counsellor (Commercial); Mr Mohammad Hazrat, Counsellor; Ms Anisa R. Amin, First Secretary.
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Md. Enamul Kabir (2008 - 2012)

6. **UNESCO Office in Dhaka**:
   - Date of establishment: November 1995
   - Head: Ms Beatrice Barbara Kaldun (since 18 August 2014)

7. **National Commission of Bangladesh for UNESCO**:
   - Date of establishment: April 1973
   - Chairman ex-officio (since January 2009): H.E. Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister of Education
   - Secretary-General: Mr Md. Nazrul Islam Khan (since September 2014)
   - Secretary: Mr Md. Monjur Hossain (since July 2013)

8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities**:
   - Ms Bibi Russell, UNESCO Artist for Peace

9. **UNESCO Chairs**: none

10. **Associated Schools**: 37 (1 nursery and pre-school, 8 primary, 13 primary/secondary, 14 secondary and 1 teacher training). Bangladesh joined the ASP Network in 1968.

11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres**: none

12. **Biosphere Reserves**: none

13. **World Heritage List**: 3
   - Cultural sites:
• Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat (1985)
• Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur (1985)

Natural sites:
• The Sundarbans (1997)

14. Tentative List: 5 properties (all cultural - 1999)
• Halud Vihara
• Jaggadala Vihara
• Lalbagh Fort
• Mahansthangarh and its environs
• The Lalmai-Mainamati Group of monuments

15. Intangible Heritage lists: 2 elements
• “Baul Songs” (traditional music), first recognized as a Masterpiece of Intangible Heritage in 2005 and inscribed on the List in 2008
• Traditional art of Jamdani weaving (2013)

16. Memory of the World Register: no entry

17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

18. Legal Instruments: 14 ratified and 25 non-ratified

19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

20. Participation Programme:
• 2014-2015: 5 projects approved and paid for a total amount of US$ 127,781
• 2012-2013: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 128,200 and 1 regional project approved for an amount of US$ 30,000
• 2010-2011: 8 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 186,000

21. Fellowships:
• 2014-2015: 4 fellows granted for the total amount of US$ 101,000
• 2012-2013: 9 fellows granted for the total amount of US$ 160,176
• 2010-2011: 7 fellows granted for the total amount of US$ 147,500

22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:

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23. Payment assessed membership fees for 2014-2105:
(Assessment rate: 0.010%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US$ 65,300)

24. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented
3 Professional Staff in Geographical Posts (min. 3, max.5)