

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ARMENIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

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):
  - 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
  - 2020: Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
  - 2019: Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
4. **Director-General's visits:** 1
  - 2018 : 11-13 October, on the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Mr Zohrab Mnatsakanian (*ex officio*), Minister of Foreign Affairs (since May 2018)
  - Secretary-General: H.E. Mr Vahram Kazhoyan (since July 2010)
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:** 4 Chairs and 1 Network

*Chairs:*

  - 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 Amaghov 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:** 5 elements on the Representative List

- 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:**

2018-2019: 2

- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Soghomon Soghomonian, known as Komitas Vardapet, composer, ethnomusicologist, researcher and singer (1869-1935) (with the support of France and Germany)
- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Hovhannes Toumanian, poet, writer, translator (1869-1923) (with the support of Georgia and the Russian Federation)

2020-2021: 1 (to be confirmed by the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference)

- 100<sup>th</sup> 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)

23. **Participation Programme:**

- 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. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019:** paid

- Assessment rate: 0.009%
- Contributions assessed for 2019: US\$ 22,794

27. **Voluntary contributions** (equivalent in US\$):

Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	-	10,858	196	-	69,157	384	-	1,155

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