KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ICELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO**: since 8 June 1964

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: not currently (last term: 2001-2005)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

4. **The Director-General's visits to Iceland**: 1
   - 24-27 May 2014: official visit to Iceland and participation in the 9th edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference

5. **The former Director-General's visits to Iceland**: 1
   - 23-25 June 2002: official visit

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Kristjan Andri Stefansson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iceland to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since September 2016)
   - Staff: Mr Jonas Haraldsson, First Secretary, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Palina Mattiasdottir, First Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Berglind Asgeirsdóttir (March 2011 – August 2016); H.E. Mr Thórður Ibsen (January 2010 – January 2011); H.E. Mr Tómas Ingi Olrich (December 2004 – December 2009)

7. **UNESCO Office**: none

8. **Icelandic National Commission for UNESCO**:
   - Date of establishment: June 1964
   - Chairperson: Mr Gunnar Haraldsson (since January 2015)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Áslaug Dóra Eyjólfsdóttir (since May 2012)

9. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO**:

10. **UNESCO Chairs**: none

11. **Associated Schools**: 1 primary school. Iceland joined the ASPnet in 2003

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres**: 1
   - Vigdís International Centre for Multilingualism and Intercultural Understanding, Reykjavík (approved by the General Conference in 2011)

13. **UNESCO Clubs**: none

14. **Biosphere Reserves**: none

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network**: 2
   - Katla Globa Geopark (2015)
• Reykjanes Global Geopark (2015)

16. World Heritage Sites: 2
• Cultural: Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park (2004)
• Natural: Surtsey (a volcanic island) (2008)

17. Tentative List: 7 properties
• Torfajökull Volcanic System / Fjallabak Nature Reserve (2013)
• Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve (2011)
• Mývatn and Laxá (2011)
• Viking Monuments and Sites / Þingvellir National Park (2011)
• Þingvellir National Park (2011)
• The Turf House Tradition (2011)
• Vatnajökull National Park (2011)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

18. Creative Cities Network: 1
• Reykjavik, City of Literature (since August 2011)

19. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions
• 1703 Census of Iceland (2013)
• The Arnamagnæan Manuscript Collection (2009, submitted jointly with Denmark)

20. Legal instruments: 11 ratified and 29 non-ratified
• Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (23 November 2005)
• Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: acceptance (1 February 2007)
• International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 February 2006)
• Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified


22. Participation Programme:
• 2012- to date: no request presented
• 2010-2011: 1 inter-regional request presented, ‘The Complete Sagas of Icelander I-V’, for US$ 46,000; it was not recommended for approval by the Culture Sector
• 2008-2009: no requests presented
• 2006-2007: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US$ 41,000

23. Fellowships: no fellowship requests

• Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.023%
• Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$ 150,190


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27. Representation within the Secretariat: non-represented
• No professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4); no staff in other categories