
- Population, total (million): 39.3
- Human Development Index: 0.854; Rank: 40 (out of 189 countries)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 75.1
- Expected years of schooling (years): 16.1
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$): 47,495
- Internet users (% of population): 93.3
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 18.4

II – SAUDI ARABIA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: since 1946
3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
   - Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social transformations” Programme (term expires in 2021).
   - Legal Committee (term expires in 2021).
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (term expires in 2023).
   - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (WHC) (term expires in 2023).
   - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) (term expires in 2024).
4. Your visits to Saudi Arabia: 1
   - 29 January- 1 February 2020: Al Hegra conference in the city of Al Ula
5. Former Director-General visits to Saudi Arabia: 7
   - 21 May 2017: Arab-Islamic-American Summit in Riyadh.
   - 4 May 2017: 7th International Forum of NGOs – Meeting with the King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.
   - 20-22 January 2013: Youth Volunteering and Dialogue International Conference of Jeddah.
   - 2-5 December 2013: International Youth Conference on Volunteering and Dialogue, within the cooperation agreement between UNESCO and the Abdulla Bin Abdulaziz International Programme for a Culture of Peace and Dialogue.
   - 20-23 April 2012: Visit of the first women’s university in Saudi Arabia, Princess Nora bin Abdulrahman University.
   - 11-12 December 2011: 9th Learning and Technology Conference, Learning by Design: Purpose, Art and Motion.
   - 16-17 March 2010: Festival of Al Janadriyah.
6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - Ambassador, Permanent Delegate: H.H. Princess Haifa Al-Mogrin (since 9 January 2020).
   - Former Ambassador, Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Ibrahim Albalawi (from May 2017 to December 2019).
7. **UNESCO Office**: Saudi Arabia is covered by UNESCO Office in Doha (Qatar)
   - Date of establishment: 1976
   - Member States serviced: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait and Yemen
   - Name of Head: Ms Anna Paolini (Italy)

8. **National Commission for UNESCO**:
   - Date of establishment: 1964
   - Chairman: H.H. Prince Badr bin Abdullah bin Farhan Al Saud (since November 2019)
   - Secretary-General: Mr Hatta Hn Muneer bin Samman (since January 2020)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities**: 1
   - Dr Hayat Sindi: Goodwill Ambassador, since 1 October 2012.

10. **UNESCO Chairs**: 2
    - UNESCO Chair for Research on Giftedness, Creativity and Learners with Special Needs, established in 2014 at King Faisal University.
    - UNESCO Chair for Health Education and Teacher Education, established in 2001 at Sebail Institute for Development.

11. **Associated schools**: 4

12. **Category 2 Centres**: 2
    - Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education (ED) – Created in 2014.
    - Regional Centre for Dialogue and Peace (SHS) – Approved in 2019 at the 40th session of the General Conference.

13. **Biosphere Reserves**: none – Saudi Arabia is not a member of the MAB Programme.

14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks**: none

15. **World Heritage sites**: 5 cultural sites
    - Al-Hijr Archeological Site (Mada'in Saleh) (2008)
    - At-Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyyah (2010)
    - The Historic City of Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah (2014)
    - Rock Art in the Hail Region of Saudi Arabia (2015)
    - Al-Ahsa Oasis, an evolving Cultural Landscape (2018)

16. **Tentative list**: 11 properties
    - Darb Zubayda (Pilgrim Road from Kufa to Makkah) (2015)
    - Hejaz Railway (2015)
    - Syrian Hajj Road (2015)
    - Egyptian Hajj Road (2015)
    - Al-Faw Pre-Islamic City in Central Arabia (Qar'iah) (2015)
    - Rijal Almaa Heritage Village in Assir Region (2015)
    - Zee Ain Heritage Village in Al-Baha Region (2015)
    - Hima a rock art site in Najran (2015)
    - Dûmat Al-Jandal Historical Oasis in Al-Jawf Region (2015)
    - ‘Uruq Bani Mu’arid Protected Area (2019)
    - Farasan Islands Protected Area (2019)

17. **Intangible Heritage lists**: 8 elements
    - Arabic coffee, a symbol of generosity (2015)
    - Majilis, a cultural and social space (2015)
    - Alardah Alnajdiyah, dance, drumming and poetry in Saudi Arabia (2015)
- Falconry, a living human heritage, jointly with United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Austria, Spain, and Syrian Arab Republic (2016)
- Al Mezmur, drumming and dancing with sticks (2016)
- Al-Qatt Al-Asiri, female traditional interior wall decoration in Asir (2017)
- Date palm, knowledge, skills, traditions and practices (2019)
- Traditional weaving of Al Sadu (2020)

18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription
   - Earliest Islamic (Kufic) Inscription (2003)

19. Creative cities: 1
   - Al-Ahsa – Crafts and Folk Art (2015)

20. Legal instruments: 14 ratified, 28 non-ratified
    - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified
    - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 22 May 2008

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: none

22. Participation Programme:
    - 2020-2021: no projects were submitted
    - 2019-2020: no projects were submitted
    - 2018-2019: no projects were submitted


24. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 7
    - Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States.
    - Arab Satellite Communications Organization.
    - Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.
    - Islamic Development Bank.
    - Islamic States Broadcasting Services Organisation.
    - Organization of Islamic Cooperation (formerly Organization of the Islamic Conference).

25. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 5
    - Herfah Multi-Purpose Women’s Cooperative, NGO in official partnership with UNESCO with consultative status (2011).
    - Saudi Heritage Preservation Society (SHPS), NGO in official partnership with UNESCO with consultative status (2016).
    - In addition, 2 requests are currently under evaluation:
      - King Faisal Foundation: dedicated to serving Islamic civilization, supporting continuing research, and encouraging cultural and scientific activities.
      - King Khaled Foundation: funds social and economic development projects including training, capacity building, research, and policy development programs.