KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ICELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: since 8 June 1964


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 Thórir 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, Reykjavik (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)
16. **World Heritage Sites:** 2
   - *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 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

21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** none

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

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017:** Fully paid.
   - Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.023%
   - Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$ 150,190

26. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US$):

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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