

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON KUWAIT

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 18 November 1960
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no (last term: 2013-2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2019)
 - Legal Committee - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 39th session (2017) until the beginning of the 40th session (2019)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (Term expires: 31 December 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2019)
4. **Your visits to Kuwait:** 1
 - 14 February 2018: Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Kuwait:** 2
 - 15 January 2014: Second International Humanitarian Conference for Syria
 - 8-9 December 2009: Award ceremony Prize UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Dr. Adam Al Mulla, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the State of Kuwait to UNESCO
 - Mr Mohammad Al-Mutairi, Cultural Attaché to Permanent Delegation of Kuwait to UNESCO
 - Staff: Dr Muhammad Al-Shatti, Deputy Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office in Doha:**
 - Date of establishment: 1976, Doha (Qatar)
 - Member States serviced: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait and Yemen
 - Name of Head: Ms. Anna Paolini (Italy), since September 2013
8. **National Commission of Kuwait for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: September 1979
 - Chairperson: Mr Hamed Al-Azmi (since January 2018)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Khaled Al-Rashed (since 2018)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:**
 - Kuwait joined ASPnet in 1997 and at present, there are 37 participating institutions (3 nursery and preschools, 7 primary schools 6 primary and secondary and 21

secondary). Kuwait is particularly active in the ASP Network which operates under the auspices of the Kuwait National Commission for UNESCO.

12. Category 2 and Centres: none

13. Biosphere Reserves: none

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

15. World Heritage Sites: none

16. Tentative List: 4 properties

- Sa'ad and Sae'ed Area in Failaka Island (2013)
- Abraj Al-Kuwait (2014)
- [Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jabir Palace \(2015\)](#)
- Boubyan Island and Mubarak Al-Kabeer Marine Reserve (MAKMR) (2017)

17. Intangible Heritage List: no elements

18. Memory of the World Register: no inscriptions

19. Creative Cities Network: no cities

20. Legal instruments: 12 ratified, 29 not ratified

- Convention on the protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: [ratified on 30 May 2017](#)
- Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: [ratified on 9 April 2015](#)
- Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions: [ratified on 3 August 2007](#)
- Convention of the International Convention against Doping in Sport: [ratified on 13 July 2007](#)

21. Awards: none

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2017-2018: none

23. Participation Programme

- No requests submitted since 2004.

24. Fellowships:

- 1 fellowship has been awarded to Kuwait since 2010 for a total amount of 15,000 US\$.

25. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 3

- Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development
- Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment

26. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Maintaining relations with UNESCO: 1

- Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Children (KSAAC): Official partnership – consultative status