1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 20 April 1972

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
   - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, Chairperson: Dr. Mansoor Al Awar

4. **Your visits to UAE:** 1
   - 12 - 13 February 2018: World Government Summit 2018

5. **The former Director-General visits to UAE:** 8
   - 9 - 13 April 2017: Culture Summit 2017
   - 17 - 19 March 2017: Global Education and Skills Forum
   - 12 - 14 February 2017: World Government Summit
   - 2 - 3 December 2016: Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones
   - 15 - 17 March 2014: Global Education and Skills Forum
   - 14 - 17 January 2013: Official visit
   - 15 - 17 March 2013: Global Education and Skills Forum
   - 25 - 27 April 2010: Official visit

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - H.E. Mr Abdullah Alneaimi, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 14 August 2009)

7. **UNESCO Office:** the UAE is covered by the UNESCO Office in Doha

8. **National Commission of the UAE:**
   - Date of establishment: 1976
   - Chairperson: H.E. Mr Hussein bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education (since 2015)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Amal Al Koos (since November 2016)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** none

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
    - UNESCO Chair in Petroleum Engineering at the United Arab Emirates University - established in 1998 (under closure)

11. **Associated Schools:** 139

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
    - Regional Centre for Educational Planning under the Auspices of UNESCO (RCEP), Sharjah.

13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
    - Marawah (2007)
14. UNESCO Global Geopark: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 1
   - Cultural Sites of Al Ain (Hafit, Hili, Bidaa Bint Saud and Oases Areas) (2011)

16. Tentative List: 7 properties
   - Sharjah: The Gate to Trucial States (2014).
   - Settlement and Cemetery of Umm an-Nar Island (2012).
   - Sir Bu Nair Island (2012).
   - Ed-Dur Site (2012).
   - The Cultural Landscape of the Central Region in the Emirate of Sharjah (2012).

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 8 inscriptions on the Representative List
   - Al Azi, the art of performing praise, pride and fortitude poetry (2017)
   - Falconry, a living human heritage (2016)
   - Arabic coffee, a symbol of generosity (2015)
   - Majlis, a cultural and social space (2015)
   - Al-Razfa, a traditional performing art (2015)
   - Al-Ayyala, a traditional performing art of the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates (2014)
   - Al-Taghrooda, traditional Bedouin chanted poetry in the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman (2012)
   - Al Sadu, traditional weaving skills in the United Arab Emirates (2011)

   Ongoing nominations:
   - 2018: Al Aflaj, traditional irrigation network system in the UAE, oral traditions; knowledge and skills of construction, maintenance and equitable water distribution

18. Memory of the World Register: none

19. Creative Cities Network:
   - Dubai: Design

20. Legal instruments: 9 ratified and 32 none-ratified
   - Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property: ratification on 9 October 2017
   - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification on 6 June 2012
   - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification on 4 August 2009
   - Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified
   - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification on 2 May 2005


22. Participation Programme:
   - 2016-2017: The UAE did not submit any requests.
   - 2014-2015: The UAE did not submit any requests.
   - 2012-2013: The UAE did not submit any requests.
   - 2010-2011: The UAE did not submit any requests.

24. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none