KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON IRAQ

1. **Membership in UNESCO**: 21 October 1948

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

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**:
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Term expires in 2021)

4. **Your visits to Iraq**: none

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Iraq**: 2
   - 28 March 2015: Opening of the ISESCO National Commissions Conference
   - 2 November 2014

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - H.E. Mr Mahmood Al-Mulla Khalaf, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 6 November 2014)
   - Staff: Ms. Miriam Mozgan, Deputy Permanent Delegate
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Ali Muhammad Hussein Al Mashat (from December 1998 to June 2004)

7. **UNESCO Office**: UNESCO Office for Iraq
   - Director of Office: Louise Haxthausen since December 2016

8. **National Commission of Iraq for UNESCO**:
   - Date of establishment: 1962, it was restructured in 1978
   - Chairperson: Dr Mohamed Iqbal Omar Mamhoud, Minister of Education (since 2014)
   - Secretary-General: Mr Hassanain Fadhil Abaas Mualla, Director of Cultural Relations (since April 2008)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO**: none

10. **UNESCO Chairs**: none

11. **Associated Schools**: 4
    - Iraq joined ASPnet in 2001 and there are 4 schools (4 secondary) participating in the Network.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres**: none

13. **Biosphere Reserves**: none

14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks**: none

15. **World Heritage Sites**: 5
    - The Ahwar of Southern Iraq: Refuge of Biodiversity and the Relict Landscape of the Mesopotamian Cities (2016)
    - Erbil Citadel (2014)
16. Tentative Sites: 11 properties
- Nimrud (2000)
- The Ancient City of Nineveh (2000)
- The Fortress of Al-Ukhaidar (2000)
- Wasit (2000)
- Babylon - Cultural Landscape and Archaeological City (2003)
- The Site of Thilkifl (2010)
- Wadi Al-Salam Cemetery in Najaf (2011)
- Amedy city (2011)
- Historical Features of the Tigris River in Baghdad Rusafa, which extends from the school Al-Mustansiriya to the Abbasid Palace (2014)
- Bestandur Neolithic settlement (2017)
- Nippur (2017)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3
- Khidr Elias feast and its vows (2016)
- Nowrouz (2016)
- Iraqi Maqam (2008)

18. Memory of the World Register: none

19. Creative Cities Network: 1
- Bagdad - Literature (2015)

20. Legal instruments: 16 ratified and 24 non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Ratified on 06 January 2010
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: Ratified on 22 January 2013
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: Ratified on 22 July 2013
- World Heritage Convention: Ratified on 05 March 1974


22. Participation Programme
- 2016-2017: no requests have been submitted
- 2014-2015: 3 regional projects submitted for a total amount of US$ 17,0577
- 2012-2013 no requests have been submitted.
- 2010-2011: 9 projects submitted, but not approved

23. Fellowships: 2 fellowships have been awarded with a total amount of 21,830 US$.

24. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO: 4
- Arab Federation for Technical Education
- Arab Telecommunication Union
- Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils
- Gulf States Information Documentation Centre