1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 1 May 1953

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (term expires 2017)

3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Member of Executive Board (term expires in 2017)

4. **The Director-Generals visits to Nepal:** none

5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - H.E. Ms Ambika Devi Luintel, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 11 February 2015)
   - Staff: Mr Ram Babu Dhakal, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Counsellor; Mr Bharat Khanal, Attaché
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mohan Krishna Shrestha (September 2010-August 2014)

6. **UNESCO Office in Kathmandu:**
   - Date of establishment: 1988
   - Name of Head: Mr Christian Manhart (since August 2014)

7. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: 1955
   - Chairperson: H.E. Ms Chitra Lelha Yadav (since February 2014)
   - Secretary-General: Mr Bishwo Prakash Pandit (since April 2014)
   - Deputy Secretary-General: Dr Kamleshwar Kumar Sinha (since December 2014)

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

9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
   UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education, Katmandu University, Lalitpur, Kathmandu (1997)


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

12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

13. **World Heritage sites:** 4

   **Cultural sites:**
   - Lumbini, birthplace of the Lord Buddha (1997)
   - Kathmandu Valley (1979)

   **Natural sites:**
   - Chitwan National Park (1984)
   - Sagarmatha National Park (1979)

14. **Tentative List:** 15 properties
   - The early medieval architectural complex of Panauti (1996)
   - Tilaurakot, the archaeological remains of ancient Shakya Kingdom (1996)
15. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: no inscriptions

16. **Memory of the World Register**: 2 elements
   - Documentary heritage included in the Memory of the World Register in 2013:
     - Niśvāsattatvasamhitā Manuscript
     - Susrutamhita (Sahottartantra) Manuscript

17. **Creative Cities Network**: no appointments

18. **Legal instruments**: 6 ratified and 33 non-ratified

19. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015**: none

20. **Participation Programme**:
   - 2014-2015: 5 projects approved, for a total amount of US$ 117,687
   - 2012-2013: 9 projects approved, for a total amount of US$ 131,000
   - 2010-2011: 10 projects approved, for a total amount of 139,000

21. **Fellowships**: 22 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US$ 388,326

22. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO**:

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23. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015**:  
   (Assessment rate: 0.006%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US$ 39,180)

25. **Representation within the Secretariat**: over-represented
   5 professional staff in geographical posts (min.2 - max.4)