KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON LAOS / UNESCO COOPERATION


- Population, total (millions): 6.8
- Human Development Index: 0.586; Rank: 138 (out of 188 countries, between Kiribati which ranks 137 and Bangladesh which ranks 139)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 66.6
- Expected years of schooling (years): 10.8
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$: 5,049)
- Internet users (% of population): 18.2
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 0.3

(UN Map of Laos at the end)

II. LAOS/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership of UNESCO: 9 July 1951

2. Membership of the Executive Board: No

3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.: No

4. The Director-General’s visits in the country: 0

5. The former Director-General’s visits in the country: 0

6. Permanent Delegation:
   - H.E. Mr Yong Chanthalangsy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Permanent Delegate
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Ouan Phommachack (2014-2016)

7. UNESCO Office in Laos:
   - Covered by Cluster Office in Bangkok established in 1961
   - Officer-in-charge UNESCO Office in Bangkok and Regional Bureau for Education: Ms Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa
   - Member States serviced: Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Singapore, Viet Nam and Cambodia

8. National Commission:
   - President: Ms Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun, Minister of Education and Sports
   - Secretary-General: Mr Somboun Masouvanh

9. Personalities associated with UNESCO (e.g. Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc.): none

10. UNESCO Chairs & UNITWIN Networks: none

11. Associated Schools: 37
    - Member since 1996 with currently 37 schools (9 Primary Schools, 26 ASP2 Secondary Schools and 2 ASP2 Vocational & Technical ED Schools) participating in the Network.
12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. Biospheres Reserves: none

14. World Heritage Sites: 2
cultural
- Town of Luang Prabang (1995)
- Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements within the Champasak Cultural Landscape (2001)

15. Tentative Sites: 3
- Sites Mégalithiques de la province de Xieng Khouang (1992)
- That Luang de Vientiane (1992)
- Hin Nam No National Protected Area (2016)

16. Intangible World Heritage : 1
- Khaen music of the Lao people (2017)

17. Memory of the World Register: 1 Regional element
- The "Neo Lao Hak Xath Film Collection" of the Lao Cinema Department under the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, inscribed on the Regional Asia-Pacific Memory of the World Register (MOWCAP) since 2014

18. Creative cities network: no entry

19. Legal instruments: 12 ratified and 28 non-ratified

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019: none