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<td>1.</td>
<td><strong>Membership in UNESCO:</strong> since 1 May 1953</td>
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<td><strong>Membership on the Executive Board:</strong> Yes (term expires 2017)</td>
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| 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) |
• Cave architecture of Muktinath Valley of Mustang (1996)
• The medieval palace complex of Gorkha (1996)
• Ramagrama, the relic stupa of Lord Buddha (1996)
• Khokana, the vernacular village and its mustard-oil seed industrial heritage (1996)
• Medieval Earthen Walled City of Lo Manthang (2008)
• Vajrayogini and early settlement of sankhu (2008)
• Medieval Settlement of Kirtipur (2008)
• Rishikesh Complex of Ruru Kshetra (2008)
• Nuwakot Palace Complex (2008)
• Ram Janaki Temple (2008)
• The Medieval Town of Tansen (2008)
• Sinja valley (2008)
• Bhurti Temple Complex of Dailekh (2008)

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)

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