KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON OMAN

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 10 February 1972

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2019)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees or Commissions, etc…:**
   - Intergovernmental Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (Term expires in 2018).
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (Term expires in 2019).
   - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (Term expires in 2019).
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for AI Programme (Term expires in 2021).
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **Your predecessor’s visits to Oman:** 3
   - 13 – 14 May 2014: Global Education for All
   - 22 – 25 January 2011: Official visit
   - 15 – 16 December 2012: Official visit

5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
   - H. E. Dr Samira Mohamed Moosa Al Moosa, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Sultanate of Oman to UNESCO (29 September 2011)
   - Staff: Mr Nasser Hamed Salim Al Rawahi, Deputy Permanent Delegate and H. E. Ambassador Musa Bin Jaafar Bin Hassan (Adviser).

6. **UNESCO Office in Doha**
   - Date of establishment: 1976, Doha (Qatar).
   - Member States serviced: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Yemen.
   - Name of Head: Ms. Anna Paolini (Italy), Director of the Doha Office.

7. **National Commission for UNESCO**
   - Established in September 1974
   - Chairperson: Dr. Madiha bint Ahmed bin Nasser Al Shaibaniya; Minister of Education
   - Secretary General: Mr Mohammed Saleem Al Yaqoubi since September 2012.

8. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:** none

9. **UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs:** 1
   - UNESCO Chair in Seafood Biotechnology, established in 2001 at Sultan Qaboos University, Al-Khod.

10. **Associated Schools:** 26
    - The country presently has 26 ASPnet member institutions and the ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Ms. Amna AL BALUSHI, from the Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.

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

12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. World Heritage Sites: 4
   - Land of Frankincense (2000)
   - Archaeological Sites of Bat, Al-Khutm and Al-Ayn (1988)
   - Bahla Fort (1987)

14. Tentative list: 8 properties
   - The forts of Rostaq and al-Hazm (1988)
   - Ancient City of Qalhat (2013)
   - al Dimaniyyat Islands Nature Reserve (2013)
   - Ras al Had Turtle Reserve and the Heritage Site of Ras al Jinz (2013)
   - Cultural Landscape of Bisya & Salut and its Archaeological Remains (2014)

15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 7 elements
   - 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 ‘azi, elegy, processional march and poetry-2012
   - Al-Taghrooda, traditional Bedouin chanted poetry in the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman-2012
   - Al-Bar’ah, music and dance of Oman Dhofari valleys – 2010

   On-going nomination: Horse and camel Ardhah (2018)

16. Memory of the World Register: Made Al Asrar Fi Elm Al Behar manuscript (2017)

17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

18. Legal instruments: 12 ratified and 28 not ratified
   - Convention against Discrimination in Education: Not ratified.

19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2016 - 2017: 2
   - 150th anniversary of the birth of Abdullah bin Humaid Al Salmi, social reformer and encyclopedic scientist (1867-1914) (with the support of Lebanon and Egypt).
   - 1000th anniversary of the birth of Abu Mohammed Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Azdi (Ibn al-Thahabi), scientist (with the support of Egypt and Lebanon).

20. Participation Programme:
   - 2016 2017: no request submitted
   - 2014-2015: no request submitted
• 2012-2013: 10 requests were submitted, 9 national requests and one regional request for an amount of US$ 217 284. The DG has only approved one regional project for a total amount of US$ 24 000.
• 2010-2011: 10 requests were submitted; 4 requests were approved for an amount of US$ 85 245

21. Fellowships:
• Since 2010: 1 fellowship awarded for a total amount of 8 832 US$.

22. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:
none

23. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:
none