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UNESCO

UN's organization for
education, science, culture
and communication

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The History: in Norway and in the world

- Reconstruction after war, destruction and catastrophies
- Reconstruction both materially and culturally
- Build the foundation for peaceful co-existence



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**«Since wars begin in the
minds of men, it is in the
minds of men that the
defences of peace must be
constructed.»**

(First sentence in statement made at the establishment
of UNESCO November 16th 1945)

Bodies of the United Nations



General Assembly

191 nations
"one nation - one vote"

Secretariat
Secretary General

Security Council

5 permanent (China, F, GB, Russia, USA) and 10 non-permanent members

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
(54 members)

Trusteeship Council
(suspended)

International Court of Justice
(15 judges)

Committees

Special organs and programs, incl.

UNICEF (children)
UNHCR (refugees)
UNCTAD (trade)
UNDP (develop.)
UNEP (environment)

Special organisations

, incl.
FAO (food)
IBRD (world bank)
ICAO (aviation)
IDA (development)
IFAD (agriculture)
ILO (labour)
IMF (currency)
UNESCO (education)
WHO (health)

- Peace-keeping
- Commissions
- Specialized depts.
- Adjuvant organs
- 2 international criminal courts

Autonomous organisations

WTO (world trade)
Special status:
IAEA (Atom)

Commissions

(i.e. for statistics, science, human rights ...)

5 Regional commissions

ECE (Europe)
ESCAP (Asia/Pacific)
ESCWA (Western Asia)
ECA (Africa)
ECLAC (Latin America)

1. January 2014: 195 Member states

6 Main organs

The United Nations system



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Is UN's organization for
education, science and culture.
Communication and freedom of
speech was later added to
UNESCO's responsibility.

More correct: **UNESCCO**



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The Norwegian UNESCO-Commission visiting the headquarters in Paris in 2013



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The Mandate:

To strengthen international peace and human welfare, based on mutual respect, democratic principles, respect for human rights, international solidarity and humanity's moral and intellectual solidarity.





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Way of working:

- Be advisory to authorities and governments in member countries.
- Help the member countries with developing competence, skill and capacity.
- Support in developing international rules of procedures in the different areas.

Conventions and recommendations



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Education:

Preschool, primary and secondary school, higher education, vocational education, reducing illiteracy, lifelong learning, teacher's education, quality in education, education of girls. **Protect teachers and pupils/students.**



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Global Goals for Sustainable Development, Goal 4:

Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

- Boys and girls
- Lifelong
- Quality
- Free
- Skills: technical and vocational
- Literacy



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Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personell



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ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the status of Teachers, 1966

UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personell 1997

- Lead coordination and Partnership Building
- Review/monitor/report progress towards the goals
- Support the member states

**Not legally binding, but reporting, encouraging,
information of problems**



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The Treasure within

Delorsreport from 1996 about learning:
Education connected to global challenges,
enforced democratic participation and
sustainable development.

Learn to be, learn to know, learn to do,
learn to live together.

(This is now revised, but will most possibly
continue with the same pillars.)



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Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet)

- Established in 1953
- Today over 9 700 schools in 180 countries
- Develop critical thinking, dialogue and solidarity between students/pupils and teachers
- In Norway: around 30 ASPnet-schools
- Information and internationalization are special issues



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Science:

Water and food supply, climate change, systems of warning, sustainable development, social and natural sciences, stimulate to increased cross-border science cooperation



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Communication:

Strengthen freedom of speech, freedom of press, strengthen the security of journalists



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Culture:

Cultural diversity, documentation,
protection of threatened languages and
other intangible cultural heritage,
protection of natural and cultural
heritage of universal value:

Our common World heritage



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UNESCO's world heritage list is based on the convention of 1972

- Universal value
- Plan for protection and sustainability
- Plan for maintenance
- Local support
- Cooperation with national Heritage Authorities





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Eight Norwegian sites on the world heritage list as to the convention of 1972

Rjukan og
Notodden
industriarv
er så langt
den nyeste
norske
verdensarv





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Challenges:

- Changing societies
- Cultural and religious conflicts
- Traditions vs extremism
- Meeting places and knowledge resources
- Room and possibilities for learning and debate. Networking and cooperation.



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At risk:

- Journalists
- Freedom of speech
- Scholars
- Academic freedom
- World heritage

Need:

- Task force
- Network
- Alarm
- Common action

The image shows the exterior of a UNESCO building, characterized by a large, curved facade covered in intricate Arabic calligraphy. The text is carved into the light-colored stone or concrete panels. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, several people are visible, including women wearing pink and white headscarves, and a man in a white shirt. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Building peace
in the minds of men and women

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