

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIGHT

INAUGURATION CEREMONY 16 MAY 2018

ROOM 1, UNESCO HEADQUARTERS, FONTENOY BUILDING, PARIS, FRANCE



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
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International
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REGISTRATION 12:00 – 14:30

SESSION 1 14:30 – 16:45

Moderator: Flavia Schlegel

Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO

INAUGURATION 14:30 – 14:45

Opening Musical Performance by **Katerina Mina**, Soprano performing Music by **Linda Lamon**

Official Inauguration Address

Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO

PERCEPTIONS OF LIGHT (PANEL) 14:45 – 15:00

H.E. Mr. **Federico Salas Lotfe** (Mexico)

H.E. Ms. **Anna Bossman** (Ghana)

H.E. Mr. **Alexander Kuznetsov** (Russian Federation)

H.E. Mr. **Ibrahim Albalawi** (Saudi Arabia)

Mr. **Charles Kingston** (New Zealand)

OVERVIEW 15:00 – 15:10

John Dudley

IDL Steering Committee Chair

LIGHT SHOW (NUNO MAYA, OCUBO) 15:10 – 15:20

FRONTIERS OF BASIC SCIENCE 15:20 – 16:00

Kip Thorne

Nobel Laureate, California Institute of Technology

REFLECTIONS ON LIGHT 16:00 – 16:25

Claude Cohen-Tannoudji

Nobel Laureate, Collège de France

Khaled Toukan

Director of SESAME synchrotron

LIGHT FOR CULTURE 16:25 – 16:40

Kari Kola

Light Artist

El Hadj Dogheche

Polytechnic University Haut de France

COFFEE BREAK 16:40-17:10

SESSION 2 17:10 – 18:15

Moderator: Ana María Cetto

Museum of Light and UNAM

PARTICIPATIVE LIGHT PAINTING 17:10 – 17:15

HUMANITY & PARTNERSHIPS 17:15 – 17:40

Tuan Vo-Dinh

Distinguished Professor of Biophotonics, Duke Univ.

Harry Verhaar

Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Philips Lighting

SCIENCE POLICY (PANEL) 17:40 – 18:15

Facilitator: Ernesto Fernández Polcuch

Chief of Section, Science Policy and Partnerships, UNESCO

Luiz Davidovich

President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences

Sir Peter Gluckman

Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of NZ

Heide Hackmann

Executive Director of ICSU

Roberta Ramponi

President of the International Commission of Optics and

Photonics21 Executive Board Member

Firmin Edouard Matoko

Assistant Director-General of the Africa Department, UNESCO

SESSION 3 18:15 – 19:30

Moderator: Martiale Gaetan Zebaze Kana

Chief of Section, Innovation and Capacity Building, UNESCO

EXPERIENCING THE UNIVERSE 18:15 – 18:40

María Teresa Ruiz

L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Laureate and

Universidad de Chile

Víctor Palacio

Past President, IALD - International Association of Lighting Designers

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 18:40 – 19:30

Gihan Kamel

Beamline Scientist, SESAME synchrotron

Tolu Oni

Co-Chair of the Global Young Academy

Charlotte Warakaulle

Director for International Relations CERN

María Guadalupe Ramírez Reyes (& Angel Emir Zacarías Méndez) Profa. Obdulía Zamora Martínez Primary School

SESSION 4 19:30 – 22:00

Moderator: Joseph Niemela

International Centre for Theoretical Physics (UNESCO ICTP)

PHOTONICS SCIENCE SHOW 19:30 – 20:00

An exciting and entertaining show staged by young researchers from Brussels Photonics

CLOSING & NETWORKING 20:00 – 22:00

Closing Musical Performance by **Katerina Mina**, Soprano performing Music by **Linda Lamon**

Tour of the UNAM Museum of Light Exhibit

Buffet and Reception

Exterior Light Installation