

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIGHT

INAUGURATION CEREMONY 16 MAY 2018

UNESCO HEADQUARTERS, FONTENOY BUILDING, PARIS, FRANCE



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



International  
Day of Light



**REGISTRATION 12:00 – 14:00**

**INAUGURATION 14:00 – 14:30**

## Opening Musical Performance

Katerina Mina, Soprano. Music by Linda Lamon.

## Inauguration

Official Inauguration Message

## Diplomatic Addresses

UNESCO Member State representatives

**REFLECTIONS ON LIGHT 14:30 – 15:15**

## John Dudley

IDL Steering Committee Chairman

## Claude-Cohen Tannoudji

Nobel Laureate, Collège de France

## Khaled Toukan

Chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission and Director of the SESAME Synchrotron

**SCIENCE FRONTIERS 15:15 – 16:00**

## Kip Thorne

Nobel Laureate, California Institute of Technology

**HUMANITY & PARTNERSHIPS 16:00 – 16:30**

## Tuan Vo-Dinh

Distinguished Professor of Biophotonics  
Duke University

## Harry Verhaar

Head of Global Public & Government Affairs,  
Philips Lighting

**COFFEE BREAK 16:30 – 17:00**

**LIGHT & ART 17:00 – 17:15**

## Kari Kola

Light Artist

## Nuno Maya

Creative Director, OCUBO

## Light Painting World Alliance

Participative light painting in Room I

**EXPERIENCING THE UNIVERSE 17:15 – 17:45**

## 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

**SCIENCE ROUNDTABLE 17:45 – 18:25**

## 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 the International Council for Science (ICSU)

## Roberta Ramponi

President of the International Commission of Optics and Photonics21 Executive Board Member

## UNESCO representative(s)

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 18:25 – 19:20**

## Gihan Kamel

Beamline Scientist, SESAME synchrotron

## Tolu Oni

Co-Chair of the Global Young Academy

## Charlotte Warakaulle

Director for International Relations CERN

## UNESCO Associated Schools Network

**PHOTONICS SCIENCE SHOW 19:20 – 19:50**

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

**CLOSING SEGMENT 19:50 – 22:00**

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## Tour of the UNAM Museum of Light Exhibit