

AGENDA



Master of the Ceremony:

- > **Mr Indrajit Banerjee**, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO

14.00 – 14.45 Registration

14.45 – 15.00 Opening musical performance

- > **Ms Maud Caillat**, a pianist and composer (France)
- > **Mr Samuel Gaille**, a trumpeter (Switzerland)

15.00 – 15.30 Opening ceremony

- > Welcome remarks by the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
- > Opening speech by **H.E. Dr. Adam Al Mulla**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the State of Kuwait to UNESCO
- > Keynote speech by **Ms Lucy Hawking**, Vice President, National Star College (UK)

15.30 – 16.30 Moderated Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: **Mr Indrajit Banerjee**, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO

- > **Ms Saima Wazed Putul**, Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism; Psychologist, Member of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health (Bangladesh)
- > **Mr Klaus Miesenberger**, Professor, Institut Integriert Studieren, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, and Publishing Chair of the International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs, ICCHP (Austria)
- > **Ms May Chidiac**, Founder of the May Chidiac Foundation, Lebanese journalist and winner of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize in 2006 (Lebanon)
- > **Mr Fernando H.F. Botelho**, Founding Partner and President, F123 Consulting (Brazil)
- > **Mr Martin Babu Mwesigwa**, Member and Rapporteur of the Committee of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and former Program Manager for the National Union of Disabled Persons in Uganda (Uganda)
- > **Mr Enrico Resmini**, Chairman of Vodafone Italy Foundation (Italy)

16.30 – 16.45 Film “True Colours Festival” screening and presentation

Screening of the film in the presence of **Mr Vijay S. Jodha**, Centre for Social Communication and Change (India) and Producer of the Film “True Colours Festival” and **Mr Pete Sparkes**, Artistic Director, Drake Music (UK). True Colours Festival presented more than 150 of the most talented performing artistes from the Asia Pacific region, plus guest artistes from the United Kingdom, Canada and Mauritius.

16.45 – 16.55 Musical performance

- > By Handivoix National Foundation and the chorusmaster, **Mr Vincent Rouyer** (France)

16.55 – 18.00 UNESCO/EMIR JABER AL AHMAD AL JABER AL SABAH PRIZE FOR DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AWARD CEREMONY

- > Welcome remarks by the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
- > Welcome address by **Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**, the representative of the Government of the State of Kuwait
- > Prize lecture by the laureate **Mr Vashkar Bhattacharjee** (Bangladesh) (individual category)
- > Prize lecture by the laureate **Tencent** (China) (organizational category)

18.00 – 18.10 Musical performance during the interval

- > **Ms Maud Caillat**, pianist and composer (France)
- > **Mr Samuel Gaille**, trumpeter (Switzerland)

18.10 – 19.30 Cultural programme

- > **Mr Eijin Nimura**, UNESCO Artist for Peace (Japan)
- > **Ms Jane Constance**, UNESCO Artist for Peace (Mauritius)
- > **Mr Adrian Yunan**, a singer-songwriter (Indonesia) and participant of the Asia-Pacific festival of Artists with Disabilities - True Colours Festival, Singapore
- > **Mr Azariah Tan**, a pianist (Singapore) and participant of the Asia-Pacific festival of Artists with Disabilities - True Colours Festival, Singapore

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Arabic; French Sign language; Live French and English subtitling (velotype) (except cultural programme).



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EVENT OUTLINE

UNESCO/EMIR JABER AL AHMAD AL JABER AL SABAH PRIZE FOR DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3 December 2018
Room I. 14.45 – 19.30

UNESCO Headquarters
Room I, 125 Avenue de Suffren,
75007 Paris, France

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Entrance for persons
with disabilities only:
7, place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris, France

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Useful web links:

- > **Event website in English**
<https://en.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment/3-december-2018-event>
- > **Event website in French**
<https://fr.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment/3-december-2018-event>
- > **UNESCO International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/personswithdisabilities>
- > **UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**
<https://en.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment>
- > **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
<http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/>

Prior online registration: all participants are requested to register and provide information about any assistance required using the following link:
<https://en.unesco.org/feedback/3-december-2018>.

BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been celebrated annually on 3 December around the world. IDPD mobilizes support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities, promotes awareness-raising about disability issues and draws attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all. Governments, UN agencies, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector are encouraged to support IDPD by collaborating with organizations for people with disabilities to arrange events and activities.

UNESCO'S RESPONSE

UNESCO's vision is the creation of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens. Within the context of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and disability-inclusive Sustainable Development Goals, UNESCO recognizes the need to:

- Prepare national policies and encourage local governments to introduce specific legislation to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Define governments' aspirations regarding services for persons with disabilities, including equal access to information and knowledge, education and the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).
- Develop national standards for public goods in terms of products and services, such as accessibility guidelines, recommendations, curricula and other mechanisms to ensure that these standards are maintained.
- Build the capacity of professional communities and persons with disabilities to provide access to information and knowledge, including hardware and software developers, and teachers.
- Adapt and personalize ICTs to the nature of specific disabilities, particularly for learning and teaching purposes.
- Enhance social and economic integration through improved access to information and knowledge.
- Collect statistical data and carry out research.

THEME FOR 2018: Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

This year's theme focuses on empowering persons with disabilities for an inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2030 Agenda pledges to "leave no one behind". Persons with disabilities, as both beneficiaries and agents of change, can fast track the process towards inclusive and sustainable development and promote resilient societies for all, including in the context of disaster risk reduction and humanitarian action, and urban development. Governments, persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, academic institutions and the private sector need to work as a "team" to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Commemoration event at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris

UNESCO is committed to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities in education, the sciences, culture and communication and information, within the objective to ensure that women and men with disabilities are integrated fully into every aspect of social, political and economic life. The access to information and knowledge using Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is essential for taking forward human rights and fundamental freedoms. ICTs have not only the potential for making significant improvements in the lives of these persons, but they are strategic enablers allowing persons with disabilities to enhance their social, political and economic integration in communities and society. ICTs, as recognized in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "accelerate human progress, bridge the digital divide and develop knowledge societies".

The UNESCO/Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Kuwait) aims to reward the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations that promote inclusion and the enhancement of the lives of persons with disabilities in society through the effective, innovative and inclusive application of digital solutions.

The half-day event will include:

- Opening ceremony including keynote speeches by H.E. Dr. Adam Al Mulla, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the State of Kuwait to UNESCO and by Ms Lucy Hawking, Vice President of the National Star College and daughter of Prof. Stephen Hawking, UK;
- Award ceremony of the UNESCO/Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and prize lectures;
- High-level panel discussion with international speakers and experts working in the area of disabilities;
- Screening of the Film "True Colours Festival" in the presence of filmmaker Mr Vijay S. Jodha, India;
- A cultural programme, including extraordinary performances by UNESCO Artists for peace and artists with disabilities.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lucy Hawking, Vice President of the National Star College and Daughter of Prof. Stephen Hawking (UK)

Lucy Hawking makes science accessible and entertaining through her 'George' book series of six adventure novels based on real science for young readers. Written in collaboration with world-leading scientists, the George series is published in over 40 languages, soon to include Zulu and Xhosa.



In 2015, Ms Hawking created the Principia Space Diary with Curved House Kids for the UK Space agency, a book for primary students about astronaut Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Principia Space Diary was shortlisted in 2017 for the Arthur C Clarke award for education and outreach. In 2008, Ms Hawking won the Sappio Prize for Popularizing Science and in 2015, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) medal for Outstanding Science Communication. In July 2015, Ms Hawking was awarded an honorary doctorate in science by Queen Mary University London for her work in STEM education. In 2017, Ms Hawking was a judge on the Royal Society's Young Science Book of the year and is a regular judge for the Breakthrough Junior Challenge in Palo Alto, USA. With the Guardian Media Group, Ms Hawking made a virtual reality film in 2017, The Party, about an autistic teenage girl. The Party was shortlisted in the Social Impact category at this year's Virtual Reality Awards. Ms Hawking is a trustee of the Autism Research Trust and chairperson of the Stephen Hawking Foundation.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE OF UNESCO ARTISTS FOR PEACE

Mr Eijin Nimura, UNESCO Artist for Peace (Japan)

The Japanese violinist Eijin Nimura was appointed UNESCO Artist for Peace in October 1998, in recognition for his contribution to the culture of peace through the world of music. In his capacity as a UNESCO Artist for Peace, Eijin Nimura has been engaged in supporting activities in many post-disaster situations. He provided master classes for children who have suffered from the March 2011 earthquake in Fukushima, Japan. In October 2016, Eijin Nimura had a benefit concert with Maestro Cyprien Katsaris, UNESCO Artist for Peace, in Kumamoto.



Ms Jane Constance, UNESCO Artist for Peace (Mauritius)

Jane Constance, a rising star and visually impaired since birth, was designated UNESCO Artist for Peace in September 2017, in recognition of her commitment to promoting and raising public awareness on inclusion and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in societies. Through her collaboration with the Global Rainbow Foundation, she aims to empower differently abled persons and vulnerable groups. She supports the UNESCO's action for the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the fight against discrimination of persons with disabilities in cultural, social and economic fields.

