

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF QUANTUM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REVISED PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR THE IYQ OPENING CEREMONY FEBRUARY 4TH 2025, BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM UNESCO

09:00 - 10:00: Registration and Welcome Coffee

- Arrival of participants and registration
- Networking over coffee

10:00 - 10:05: Opening Remarks

- Welcome address by the Master of Ceremonies

10:05 - 10:15: High-Level Opening Remarks

- Minister of Science and Technology and Innovation of Ghana: 5 minutes
- Director-General of UNESCO: 5 minutes

10:15 - 10:45: Keynote Address

- Delivered by a Nobel Laureate – e.g. “The Impact of Quantum Science on Future Technologies”

10:45 - 11:00 Musical Interlude

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00: Fireside Chat between Ministers of Science & Scientists

We propose the following individuals for this session:

- *Minister of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation (Mexico)*
- *Minister of Science, Society President, etc (Arab region)*
- *Representative from Africa region*
- *Scientist*

Addresses should Focus on the importance of quantum science for national and international development

12:00 – 1:00 Quantum Science and Technology: Shaping a Sustainable Future for Global Development

Scientist representing the different geographical regions as per UNESCO

We suggest a prominent journalist/member of the media for a moderator

1:00 - 2:00: Lunch, Networking and time for exhibitions and artistic presentations

2:00 - 3:00: Panel on Public Engagement and Education in Quantum Science and Technology

Representative of different groups involved in education initiatives and policy

3 - 4: Networking Session + Coffee + Exhibition

4:00 - 5:00: Policy and Innovation in Quantum Science: Advancing Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Science and Technology Ministers, Representative of Quantum Global groups and Industry

5:00-5:30: Closing session (Ted-like talk) to inspire and conclude on an upbeat and accessible note

5:30: Musical Finale

5:45: Closing Remarks- from the Assistant Director-General of Natural Science Sector at UNESCO

6:00 PM: Reception