Climate Change and Human Rights

Throughout the first day, participants will discuss the human rights implications of climate change and the contributions scientists, engineers, and health professionals can make towards addressing these concerns. Sessions will highlight examples of scientific research that is contributing to human rights-based policies for climate change prevention, mitigation, adaptation, and community relocation. In addition, panelists will share models for collaborative climate research in partnership with frontline communities. Meeting attendees will be invited to participate in small group discussions in which they will identify specific actions members of the Coalition can take within their associations and institutions.

Coalition meetings convene scientists, engineers, and health professionals with human rights leaders and policy makers to discuss emerging issues at the nexus of science and human rights. The Coalition serves as a catalyst for the increased involvement of scientific, engineering, and health associations and their members in human rights-related activities.
Monday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks (Auditorium)

Introduction: Jessica Wyndham, AAAS

Speaker: Mary Robinson, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate and President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice (video)

9:15 a.m. Keynote Address: Climate Change and Human Rights: Making the Connections (Auditorium)

Introduction: Sally T. Hillman, American Sociological Association

Speaker: Robert Bullard, Texas Southern University

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session I: Actionable Climate Science for Human Rights (Auditorium)

Speakers will highlight examples of research that has informed evidence-based policies aimed at preventing or mitigating the human rights impacts of climate change, as well as adaptation or relocation. Areas of research to be discussed include the impacts of climate change on conflict, human health, migration, and food security.


Moderator: Melissa Kenney, University of Maryland

11:15 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Roundtable Discussions with Plenary Speakers (Revelle, Abelson-Haskins)

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Concurrent Lunchtime Workshops

Introduction to the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition (Revelle)

This session is for new and potential members of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition. Participants will learn about the goals and activities of the Coalition and the international human rights framework that guides its work, giving special attention to the connections of human rights to science and technology.

Speaker: Jessica Wyndham, AAAS

Connecting and Collaborating with Trellis (Abelson-Haskins)

Learn about the new online collaboration platform, Trellis, how it is being used by the Coalition, and the tools it offers Coalition members for management of their projects. Participants who bring a laptop or iPad will have the opportunity for hands-on practice with Trellis’ features.

Speaker: Rebecca Aicher, AAAS
2:00 p.m.  **Plenary Session II: Effective Scientific Partnerships with Frontline Communities (Auditorium)**

Participants will learn about different models for forming scientific partnerships in collaboration with communities that are particularly vulnerable to the negative human rights impacts of climate change. Drawing from case studies, the speakers will address the benefits of collaboration in climate research, key elements necessary for building effective partnerships, potential roles for frontline communities in co-production and participatory research, and the ethical responsibilities of researchers and policy makers.

**Speakers:**
- **Juan Declet-Barreto**, Union of Concerned Scientists
- **Julie K. Maldonado**, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network
- **Vivek Maru**, Namati
- **Shangrila Joshi Wynn**, The Evergreen State College

**Moderator:**  **Natasha Udu-gama**, American Geophysical Union

3:15 p.m.  **Break**

3:45 p.m.  **Small Group Discussions**

Building on the plenary discussions, each group will identify strategic actions Coalition members and their partners can take to help address human rights challenges connected to climate disruption.

**Choose one of the following discussion groups:**

- Research Needs and Opportunities for Collaboration *(Auditorium)*
  **Facilitator:** Clifford Duke, Ecological Society of America
- Developing Education Resources and Strategies *(Revelle)*
  **Facilitator:** Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach, Association of American Geographers
- Sharing Knowledge with Our Networks: Outreach and Communication *(Abelson)*
  **Facilitator:** Dorothy Phillips, American Chemical Society
- STEM-Human Rights Partnerships for Policy Change *(Haskins)*
  **Facilitator:** Sarah Mancoll, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

5:00 p.m.  **Report Back from Small Group Discussions (Auditorium)**

5:20 p.m.  **Closing Remarks (Auditorium)**

5:30 p.m.  **Reception (2nd Floor)**

7:00 p.m.  **Meeting Adjourns for the Day**

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*At 6:30 p.m., the Service to the Human Rights Community Project Coordination Group will meet in Room 207.*
Tuesday, July 26

In keeping with the Coalition’s commitment to action and measurable outcomes, Coalition members and affiliates contribute to projects that connect networks, build capacity, engage individuals, and promote awareness. The working meetings provide an opportunity for members to define new projects and move forward with existing initiatives. Prospective members can explore ways they can get involved in the Coalition’s activities.

Unless otherwise noted, all are welcome to attend these working meetings, which will be conducted according to the Chatham House Rule regarding attribution.

If you are a member of the Executive Directors’ Circle, please see the security desk upon your arrival to pick up a security badge. A badge is necessary to access the 12th floor.

8:30 a.m.  Breakfast

8:30 a.m.  Executive Directors’ Circle (invitation only) (12th Floor Boardroom)

   Chair:  Celeste Rohlfing, AAAS

9:00 a.m.  Student Meeting (Revelle)

   All students are invited to this informal discussion about the Coalition resources available to them, opportunities for students to get involved in current Coalition projects, and new initiatives for increasing student engagement.

10:00 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m.  Discussion: Moving from Working Groups to Project Teams (Abelson-Haskins)

   One important recommendation from the recent Coalition visioning process is to transition from the Coalition’s current working group structure to more responsive and agile project teams. During this session, Coalition members will discuss the progress made to date and recommendations for a new project selection procedure. Coalition members will also be invited to make suggestions regarding a new online tool for project management and accountability. This discussion will provide the foundation for the project team meetings, during which existing Coalition projects and new ideas will be developed, consistent with the overall objectives of being agile, responsive to current challenges and emerging opportunities, realistic in their timeframe, and aimed at ensuring meaningful impact.

11:00 a.m.  Project Team Meetings (concurrent)

   During this session, new teams will form around specific projects. The teams will define project objectives, identify key activities, and develop a timeline. A list of current projects and ideas generated before the meeting are provided below along with the discussion leader’s name. If you would like to suggest a new project, please speak with the Secretariat staff before this session.

   - Human rights webinars for science and engineering associations - Clifford Duke
   - Internationally mapping Article 15 efforts – Natasha Sianko
   - Evaluation software for human rights organizations – Bill Mawby
   - Workshops and speaker list on scientific and technical tools for human rights – Oliver Moles and Susan Hinkins
   - Article 15 indicators – Brian Gran
   - Educational materials on human rights and global health, Zika virus epidemic case study – Liljana Stevceva
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