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AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting

DRAFT Program Outline

July 11 - 12, 2013
AAAS Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

Article 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights guarantees everyone the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. Since the launch of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition in 2009, its core activities have focused on engaging scientists and engineers in an international process to define this right and create opportunities to integrate the right into the activities of scientists, engineers and their professional organizations. The aim of this meeting is to enrich the Coalition's contributions to ongoing discussions about the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress in regional human rights bodies and at the United Nations by exploring challenging conceptual questions about the meaning of the right and its application in practice.



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Thursday, July 11

Meeting Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Plenary: Contributions of Scientists and Engineers to Defining Article 15

Speakers will reveal the results of AAAS and the Coalition's efforts to define the content of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications, including preliminary findings from eighteen focus groups with scientists and engineers. Speakers will also discuss how the science and technology community's activities complement those being undertaken by civil society groups, academic institutions, and international organizations.

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Plenary: International Scientific Cooperation and Article 15

Article 15 requires governments to "respect the freedom indispensable for scientific research" and to "recognize the benefits of international contacts and cooperation in the scientific field." In this session, experts will explore the relationships between human rights, national security, and the scientific freedoms guaranteed by Article 15.

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. *(concurrent with last half hour of lunch)*

Information Session: Introduction to the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

This session will provide an introduction to the goals and activities of the Science and Human Rights Coalition and the international human rights framework that guides its work, giving special attention to the connections of human rights to science and technology.

Business Meeting: Planning the January 2014 Coalition Meeting

On what projects will your working group, committee or organization be working in the next year? What tools and topics would you like to learn about and discuss at the next Coalition meeting that will help contribute to, facilitate or support those projects? Have your say on the agenda for the January 2014 Coalition meeting.

1:45 p.m. Workshop: Science and Engineering Societies Influencing the United Nations *(concurrent workshop)*

Is your scientific or engineering society interested in participating in international deliberations on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications? At this workshop, learn from the experience of those who have advocated on behalf of their members and their disciplines at the United Nations. Topics will include when and how associations have engaged with UN mechanisms and the impacts of their activities.

Workshop: R&D Budget Analysis for Article 15 *(concurrent workshop)*

How can analyzing government funding for research and development strengthen implementation of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications? An expert in R&D budget analysis and an expert in using budget analysis to monitor human rights will guide participants through illustrative examples that provide insights into how budget analysis could provide a powerful tool for advancing Article 15.

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3:15 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Plenary: "Conserving, Developing and Diffusing Science:" Article 15 and Open Access

Speakers in this session will take on one of the most controversial questions regarding Article 15: what are the implications for scholarly publishing? Do scientific and engineering publications have a responsibility to diffuse knowledge to the public? What does open access mean in a human rights context? What are the potential negative human rights impacts of open access?

5:15 p.m. Reception

Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Executive Directors' Circle (*invitation only*)

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Tea

10:30 a.m. Working Group and Committee Meetings (*concurrent*)

In keeping with the Coalition's commitment to action and measurable outcomes, Coalition members and affiliates contribute to one of five working groups. Through these meetings, working groups will take stock of progress made and, together with new and potential members, will continue work toward their objectives for 2013.

Welfare of Scientists

This working group is devoted to the protection and defense of scientists and engineers under threat and will work to increase the effectiveness of professional societies in defending the human rights of our colleagues.

Co-Chairs: Alec Greer, Committee of Concerned Scientists
Juan Gallardo, American Physical Society

Ethics and Human Rights

This working group is devoted to fostering appreciation among scientists, engineers and professional associations for the relevance of human rights to ethical standards, the conduct of science, the applications of science and technology, and human research protections.

Co-chairs: Robert Albro, American Anthropological Association
Douglas Richardson, Association of American Geographers

Service to the STEM Community

This working group is devoted to building the commitment and capacity of professional associations to contribute meaningfully to human rights issues and activities, including through the application of their discipline's tools and techniques.

Co-chairs: Clinton Anderson, American Psychological Association
Margaret Vitullo, American Sociological Association

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Service to the Human Rights Community

This working group is devoted to bridging the scientific, engineering and human rights communities with the aim of encouraging and facilitating the greater engagement of scientists and engineers in efforts to advance human rights.

Co-chairs: Brian Gran, American Sociological Association
Susan Hinkins, American Statistical Association
Patricia van Arnum, Affiliated Individual

Education and Information Resources

This working group is devoted to producing a variety of accessible information materials for the promotion and support of collaboration between scientists, engineers and human rights practitioners.

Co-chairs: Mark V. Frezzo, Sociologists Without Borders
Sam McFarland, Affiliated Individual

Outreach and Communication

Want to see a greater diversity of associations represented in the Coalition? Have innovative ideas for how to communicate with members about our on-going activities and achievements? Share your ideas for expanding Coalition membership and building a strong relationship with our existing members.

Co-Chairs: Ali Arab, Affiliated Individual
Jeffrey H. Toney, Sigma Xi

- 1:00 p.m. Council Lunch (*Council Members only*)
- 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting (*Council Members only*)
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourns