
COALITION CALENDAR

Save the Date! Next Coalition Meeting: Human Right to Water

Mark your calendars for the [next meeting of the Science and Human Rights Coalition](#) for January 26-27, 2017 at the AAAS headquarters in Washington, DC.

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Climate Change and Human Rights: Share the knowledge

On July 25-26, attendees of the Science and Human Rights Coalition heard from experts on the relationship between climate change and human rights, what data are needed, and how to best engage communities in climate-change research. Session videos and other resources are available [here for your viewing and for you to share with relevant colleagues](#).

Coalition Member Organizations Show Support for Academic Freedom in Turkey

Many associations, including the [AAAS as well as several Coalition member organizations](#), have issued or signed onto statements calling for the respect of academic freedom and the protection of individuals in the higher education sector in Turkey following that country's coup attempt in July 2016. Information on the statements may be found [here](#) and [here](#). Other groups, including the [Committee of Concerned Scientists](#), the [International Union of Pure and Applied Physics](#), and the [Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany](#), also have issued statements to call for support.

Individual Coalition Member Authors Article on Human Rights and Climate Change

Paul Slovic, professor of psychology, University of Oregon, president of Decision Research, and individual Coalition member, has co-authored an [opinion article](#) on the relationship between the impact of climate change and human rights.

ACTION ALERTS

Turkey: Detained Higher Education Professionals at Risk of Torture

Scholars at Risk is calling for [letters, emails, and faxes](#) to urge authorities in Turkey to address actions taken against Turkey's higher education sector, including most recently prolonged incommunicado detention and related risks of torture and ill-treatment of higher education professionals, in violation of Turkey's obligations under domestic and international law.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Public Comment on Proposed Change to US Visa Waiver Form Open Until Aug. 22

US Customs and Border Protection [seeks public comments](#) on proposed changes to the CBP I-94 form, I-94W form, and Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) that would add an optional field for applicants to the Visa Waiver Program to disclose their social media accounts.

UN Seeking Input on Women’s Rights, Deadline Sept. 12

The UN Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practice has developed a [questionnaire](#) to gather information on “good practices” in eliminating discrimination and empowering women for its next thematic report. The report will focus on the processes by which laws that support women’s equality and enjoyment of human rights come into being and are implemented in ways that support women’s enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

UN Calls for Input on Impact of Terrorism on Human Rights, Deadline Sept. 25

The UN is calling for [contributions](#) related to best practices and major challenges in addressing the negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly rights to life, liberty and security of the person.

UN Seeking Input on Biodiversity and Human Rights, Deadline Sept. 30

The Special Rapporteur in the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is inviting [contributions](#) from all interested stakeholders for the preparation of an upcoming thematic report on biodiversity and human rights.

Public Comment on Policy for Counting Arrest-Related Deaths Open Until Oct. 3

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) [seeks public comments](#) on its proposed policy for collecting data on arrest-related deaths.

UN Calls for Input on the Rights of the Child, Deadline Oct. 17

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is seeking [contributions](#) for a report on the protection of the rights of the child in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Amnesty International Seeks Researcher/Adviser

Amnesty International is seeking a [researcher/adviser](#) to lead on the development and implementation of research, policy positions, and advocacy strategies on its work involving the right to health.

US State Department Provides Funding for Study on Real-Time Census Measurement

The US Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor has announced an [open competition](#) for organizations interested in submitting applications for collaborative research efforts to provide real-time measurement of online censorship globally.

Call for Nominations: AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award

The AAAS is [calling for nominations](#) by September 1 for the AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. The award is presented annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility.

SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

Community-led Research in Detroit Documents Violations of Human Right to Water

We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective, a group of activists and university professors, has issued a report that says Detroit's policy of shutting off water for lack of payment by city residents is causing residents to leave their homes and is contributing to the city's foreclosure problem. Read more [here](#).

Latinos Face Barriers to Health Communication

A recent [analysis](#) published by the *Journal of Medical Internet Research* found that Hispanics in California were less likely to have used the Internet (including email and social media sites) and to have used the Internet to search for health information than non-Hispanic whites, creating concerns that the group may face barriers to digital health information and related services.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

World's Largest Carbon Producers Face Landmark Human Rights Case

In a potential landmark case involving climate change and human rights, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines, a constitutional body with the power to investigate human rights violations, has sent 47 "carbon majors" a 60-page document asserting violations of human rights with respect to greenhouse gas emissions in the Philippines. A full investigation is expected to begin in October. Read more [here](#).

Vulnerability Should Be Considered in Clinical Trials

An [opinion piece](#) that examines recruitment practices in clinical trials in the developing world says that vulnerability of the subject should be considered as a characteristic to be recognized in national and international law.

Doctors in Aleppo Urge US Support for Medical Supplies

Fifteen doctors serving the 300,000 people still living in eastern Aleppo in Syria have sent an [Open Letter](#) to President Obama calling for US aid and support for bringing in urgently needed medical supplies.

UN Leads Forum on Sustainable Development Goals

Representatives from business, government, the UN, and civil society gathered at the SDG Business Forum in New York in mid-July to report on activities underway by the private sector to look at the role of business in catalyzing sustainable growth and development. Co-hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Global Compact and the International Chamber of Commerce, with the support of the Global Business Alliance for 2030, the SDG Business Forum was held as part of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, an annual platform for reviewing progress and guiding global efforts on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Read more [here](#).

MUST-READ REPORTS

Human Right of Access to Science Examined in New Report

South Centre, a Geneva, Switzerland-based intergovernmental organization representing developing countries, has issued a [report](#) on intellectual property and access to science in consideration of the practical and human rights implications for access to science.

Role of Statistics, Big Data in Human Rights Considered

The SecDev Foundation, a Canadian think tank, has published a [paper](#) from two of its fellows regarding the use of quantitative methods in human rights.

AAAS On-call Scientists Program Highlighted in Article

A recent [article](#) in *Open Democracy* highlights the work of the AAAS's On-Call Scientists initiative, a pro bono referral service for human rights. Since its launch in 2008, nearly 1,000 scientists, engineers and health professionals have signed up to volunteer their time and expertise with human rights organizations.

PEOPLE

Gary Shapiro Honored for Human Rights Work

Gary Shapiro, an individual member of the Coalition, recently received the American Statistical Association's Karl E. Peace [Award](#) for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society. Gary was recognized for his leadership role in Statistics without Borders (SWB), as well as his pro bono work developing a sampling scheme that was used to review archival documents to evaluate police involvement in the disappearances and killing of Guatemalans. Congratulations, Gary!

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