



## AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition is a network of scientific membership organizations that recognizes a role for science and scientists in efforts to realize human rights. Composed of scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies, the Coalition aims to facilitate communication and partnerships on human rights within and across scientific communities, and between these and human rights communities.

The impetus for the Coalition arose from a conference held in July 2005, the purpose of which was to explore ways in which the scientific community could become more directly engaged in human rights. The conference was attended by representatives of many of the largest scientific organizations in the United States, who confirmed the need for a network of scientists engaged in human rights, endorsed the formation of a Science and Human Rights Coalition, and affirmed AAAS as its natural home. Following a highly deliberative and collaborative process involving over 20 scientific organizations, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition was launched on January 14, 2009.

The Coalition has five working groups devoted to:

- Welfare of Scientists
- Science Ethics and Human Rights
- Service to the Scientific Community
- Service to the Human Rights Community
- Education and Information Resources

In addition, the Coalition will pursue a joint initiative to realize the human right to "the benefits of scientific progress and its applications" (Article 15, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

### Membership

Membership of the Coalition is open to scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies who share the Coalition's goals. A scientific membership organization that wishes to explore involvement in the Coalition may participate as an affiliated organization or simply attend Coalition meetings. Individual scientists are encouraged to participate through their scientific organizations, but may also be involved as affiliated scientists.

### For further details

To learn more about the Coalition and Launch, go to: <http://shr.aaas.org/coalition/index.shtml> or contact the AAAS Science and Human Rights Project Director, Jessica Wyndham, at [jwyndham@aaas.org](mailto:jwyndham@aaas.org).

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