

Re: Launch of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, January 14-16, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I write to invite you to the upcoming launch of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition.

Over the past year, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program has collaborated with scientific associations and professional societies to lay the foundations of the Coalition – a network of scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies that recognize that science and scientists are vital to the realization of human rights. The launch will highlight the contribution scientists have made to human rights and affirm our commitment to doing more moving forward.

On the evening of January 14th, the launch will be opened by AAAS CEO **Alan Leshner** and three distinguished speakers, including **Mary Robinson**, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and former President of Ireland, and **Sidney Verba**, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights of the National Academies, and Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor Emeritus and Research Professor of Government at Harvard University. The following day-and-a-half will be devoted to paving the way forward and will include presentations, workshops, and planning meetings to prepare the Coalition to contribute to the growing efforts to make human rights a reality for all.

I very much hope you will join us to launch this important initiative. You may register to attend online at: <http://shr.aaas.org/coalition/index.shtml>. There is no charge for participation. Please note, however, that we are unable to cover travel costs. Because of the timing of the event so close to the inauguration of the new President, we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You can contact me by email at: myounis@aaas.org.

Yours Sincerely,



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