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**Science Diplomacy in Action**

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For us at AAAS science diplomacy means the use of scientific cooperation as an active instrument of a foreign policy of engagement—particularly with countries where overall political relations are strained. Historic precedents are noted with Japan, the Soviet Union, and China. Recent experiences of our AAAS Center for Science Diplomacy are described—with Iran, Syria, Cuba, Burma (Myanmar), and North Korea. In this presentation I will explore cases and the key contributing factors that determine where it makes a difference, and where it is truly constructive.