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**Invitation to “SUSTAINABILITY: Fulbright Scholars Shaping Tomorrow’s Future Today”
March 11-14, 2010 in San Francisco, California**

To whom it may concern:

“Sustainability: Shaping Tomorrow’s Future Today” is a special global conference to address the interrelations between science and society, building on the unique special expertise of American and international Fulbright scholars. Through discussions with Fulbright scholars from the worlds of academia, politics and business, this multidisciplinary conference will identify opportunities and strategies for achieving greater sustainability in manufacturing, energy, food and agriculture, shelter, infrastructure, ICT/high technology, and education.

Highly distinguished panelists, combined with the specialized expertise from you and other participants, will lead us to develop specific policy advice and greater understanding of approaches and solutions to sustainability issues. The four-day program in San Francisco includes plenary presentations, panel discussions, working group meetings, science tours and an exhibition of research.

This will be the **Fifth Annual FAST Conference**, organized by the Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology (FAST) in collaboration with partner institutions and dozens of individual Fulbright scholars from multiple disciplines. FAST is a US-based non-profit organization that provides services for individuals and institutions worldwide. FAST collaborates with many national Fulbright alumni groups, but it is not affiliated with the Fulbright Exchange Program or the US Fulbright Association.

The conference is limited to **250 Fulbright scholars and leaders** from around the world. Participants are business executives, government officials, university leaders and scientific researchers, as well as current Fulbright grantees. Prior conferences had representation from as many as 25 countries. Speakers and registered delegates will be posted on the website.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the conference in San Francisco on March 11-13.

California is hosting the Fifth Annual FAST conference because more than 10% of the global exchange of Fulbrighters is with this highly innovative state. The San Francisco area is home to leading universities, government research centers and global corporations. It is also home to many entrepreneurial businesses and the venture capital firms that invest in them.

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If you are interested in attending the conference, **please register online**. As places are limited, there will be no guarantee for your participation until the registration fee has been paid. For further information about FAST, conference presenters and sponsors, registration fees, the venue and accommodation, please visit our website: **www.FulbrightAcademy.org**.

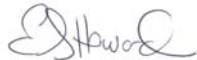
An international committee of Fulbright scholars is collecting abstracts to help the Academy determine the **speakers, session chairs, and poster presenters**. As with registration, this process is also done online through the Academy's website.

Our conference hotel is the Hilton Hotel in the Financial District (750 Kearny Street). The special rate of \$129/night can be booked through the hotel's reservation system at 1-800-424-8292.

A special opening night event with Fulbright scholars and scientists from around the world will celebrate five years of FAST accomplishments in fields such as sustainability, astronomy, digital learning, science literacy, nursing education, and science diplomacy. This program on Thursday night will be open to all conference attendees as well as Fulbrighters and invited guests from the San Francisco area.

We look forward to welcoming you in San Francisco in March.

Yours sincerely,



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