The Need

- Facilitating science and scientists to bridge between countries.
- Better understanding of crucial issues
- Provides common language between countries
- Brain drain
NGOs Globally

• Wide variety of NGOs based on structure, mission, functions, funding and operation
• Significant growth in number of NGOs over last forty years
• Increasing influence of NGOs

Growth of NGOs
NGOs and Science Diplomacy

**Science NGOs are well-suited** to provide crucial, supplemental voice to diplomats and governments dealing with complex science-based decision making or negotiating framework agreements for international science projects *(Science in Diplomacy)*

NGOs and Science Diplomacy

**NGOs are frequent implementers.**
- Governments, as well as private funders, often engage NGOs to implement international science policy or programmatic priorities *(Diplomacy for Science)*.
- NGOs offer speed, flexibility, ability to leverage resources, and local expertise.
NGOs and Science Diplomacy

NGOs are particularly effective in activating science cooperation that builds bridges between countries (Science for Diplomacy)
- Initiating contact with/between scientists
- Building trust and understanding
- Developing/implementing collaborative projects (exchanges, research, equipment, etc.) that solve common problems
- Laying the groundwork for sustained partnerships

Summary
- Mission driven and more focused
- Networks and relationships
- Flexible
- Trustworthy and transparent
CRDF Global Science Diplomacy Efforts in the Middle East

Our Activities

• Conduct targeted research competitions
• Build and promote sustainable research infrastructure
• Advance regional and global collaborations and partnerships
• Provide tools for innovation
• Promote peer review and grant management
• Conduct specialized workshops and conferences
Workshops and Trainings

"CRDF Global played a great role in establishing the MOH EOC through facilitating and providing all help needed to get the EOC ready to operate. Having a CRDF Global office in Jordan gave the MOH an opportunity to have people who are expert in managing the project, with knowledge in country roles and regulations, effective communications and great management."

Dr. Bashar Rashdan MOH Director of the Emergency Operation Center.
Partnerships between NGOs

- Partnership between CRDF Global and Arab Science and Technology Foundation: held the "Dr. Maged Hussein Memorial Grant Competition in Soil Salinity and Water Management"

- The goal of this grant competition to help increase the amount of research that is being directed towards the critical issues of soil salinity and water management in Iraq

Thank You
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