

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

The Congressional Research and Development Caucus would like to call your attention to the invitation you already should have received to a briefing sponsored by the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation in collaboration with the Brookings Institution:

Building Scientific Capacity in the Middle East

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Rayburn House Office Building B-338

Washington, DC

Lunch will be served.

Countries throughout the Middle East are embarking on new science and technology initiatives to develop knowledge-based societies. CRDF, in conjunction with the House Research and Development Caucus and the Brookings Institution, will host a panel discussion to highlight the benefit to the U.S. of further engaging with the Middle East to build capacity to bridge gaps between the region and world science.

The distinguished speakers will include:

- **Ms. Cathleen A. Campbell**, President and CEO, CRDF
- **Dr. Stephen R. Grand**, Director, Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, Brookings Institution
- **Dr. Farouk El-Baz**, Research Professor and Director of the Center for Remote Sensing, Boston University, Member, CRDF Advisory Council

We hope you will be able to attend this important presentation. Please RSVP by July 17th to Angel Leu at events@crdf.org.

Sincerely,



Judy Biggert
R&D Caucus Co-Chair



Rush Holt
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