

Background

In recent times, the scientists from certain countries and territories are increasingly and systematically denied entry by the host countries on the basis of their nationality, origin or beliefs among other reasons from attending international conferences sponsored by various Unions that are members of the International Science Council (ISC). This is contrary to the concept of free circulation of scientists for ensuring global exchange of ideas and forging of international collaborations without barriers which is the basic premise on which the ISC functions.

Proposed Resolution

During the third General Assembly of the International Science Council (ISC) held in Muscat Oman, it is resolved that denial of visa to bonafide scientists attending international conferences is unacceptable. The ISC would make all possible efforts along with its member Unions and Academies to campaign against the denial of visa to bonafide scientists on the basis of their nationality, origin, or beliefs because such practices run contrary to free movement of scientists for purposes of sharing and exchanging ideas, the very foundation on which the future scientific and societal progress depends.