Matthew Hourihan, Director, R&D Budget and Policy Program at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), will address the Science Diplomats Club on Wednesday October 9, 2013 from 8am to 10am at the Embassy of France.

About the presentation

This October as Congress will likely be wrapping up appropriations of the 2014 Fiscal year through continuing resolutions, and hopefully finding some common ground on the debt ceiling debate, Matthew Hourihan will talk about the federal R&D investment, innovation policy, federal budget processes and politics.

About the Speaker

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Hourihan joined AAAS as director of the R&D Budget and Policy Program in December 2011. Prior to joining AAAS, he served as a clean energy policy analyst at the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF). While at ITIF, he tracked federal energy R&D investments and innovation activities, and authored several white papers and policy briefs exploring the role of innovation in solving the nation’s energy and climate challenges. He also regularly coordinated Congressional briefings, conferences, and events bringing together leading experts in government, industry, and academia. Previously, he served as Jan Schori Fellow at the Business Council for Sustainable Energy, a coalition of energy firms and utilities working to engage policymakers for market-based solutions to sustainable energy development and climate change. As a student, he interned with the AAAS Center for Science, Technology and Congress. He earned a masters degree in public policy with a focus on science and technology policy at George Mason University, and a B.A. in journalism from Ithaca College. Prior to graduate school, he spent five years working as a cause communications professional at the Ocean Conservancy and SEIU, and as a journalist.