

**Belmont Forum and
G8 Research Councils Initiative on Multilateral Funding
International Opportunities Fund**

**Collaborative Research Action on
“Scenarios of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services 2014”**

National Annex: India

Partners: This call is supported by the MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (MoES).

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the MoES will support proposals, involving Indian Scientists/Researchers in the areas related to **Biodiversity Scenarios and Ecosystem Services for decision making** depending on the importance and relevance of the objectives of the proposal in the Indian context. The budget earmarked by MoES for this call will be up to 0.15 million Euros.

The official national call announcement for the India has been published on the website www.moes.gov.in. Details of the call and the application process can be found on the Belmont Forum website <http://iqfagcr.org/cra-2014-scenarios-of-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services#background>. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For INDIA enquiries please contact the National Contact Point as below.

Eligibility and National funding modalities:

All Indian researchers/scientists having proven research experience in the relevant/allied field and who have active research collaborations with national/international partners are eligible to participate in this network call. Proposals which involve natural and social scientists together and whose deliverables directly benefit the end users will be preferred. All network proposals with themes pertaining to marine biodiversity scenarios of tropical regions vis-à-vis global changes will be given priority. All proposals should build on the national priorities set up by MoES (see www.moes.gov.in). Proposals to this call must involve collaboration of at least three of the participating countries/agencies as defined in the call document, and MoES will fund the INDIAN partner of any successful trans-national collaboration. Researchers from countries not represented by any of the partner countries are welcome to participate in the projects at their own expense.

The extent of funding to each successful proposal will depend on the budget of each fiscal year. The total budget covers all the expenses towards research, travel to attend end-term meeting, etc. as referred in the call document.

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