A key International Network of Funders of Environmental Research
The Belmont Forum gathers the world’s major and emerging funders of global environmental change research, and international science councils.

Acting as Council of Principals for IGFA, a larger group of funding agencies:

- Australia/CSIRO
- Brazil/FAPESP
- Canada/NSERC
- China/NSFC
- European Commission/DG R&I
- France/CNRS&ANR, co-chair
- Germany/DFG&BMBF
- India/MoES
- Italy/CNR
- Japan/MEXT&JST
- South Africa/NRF, co-chair
- Sweden/SSEESS
- United Kingdom/NERC
- United States/NSF
- International Council for Science (ICSU)
- International Social Sciences Council (ISSC)
S & T Alliance for Global Sustainability

Funders

Academics

UN bodies

WMO as observer

>>> A critical mass with strong international visibility

http://igfagcr.org
To provide the **knowledge** required for societies in the world to:

i) face **risks** posed by **global environmental change**

ii) seize **opportunities** in a transition to **global sustainability**
Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs)

• A yearly international opportunity fund for 2 - 3 thematic
• Main goals:
  – **Address the Belmont Challenge priorities** - Deliver knowledge needed for action
  – **Support Future Earth** by promoting innovative types of research
  – **Lever IGFA/Belmont Forum member’s existing investments** through international added value
  – **Bring together new TD partnerships** of natural, geo scientists, humanities and social scientists, and stakeholders
• A flexible tool
  – **A la carte** for a given CRA
  – Suitable for **various instruments**: networking, clustering, integration, capacity building, foresight...
  – **Open to any funder** (BF, IGFA or not)
  – **Everything is common** (scoping, call, selection, follow-up) **but the money**
  – Possibility of **joint activities** with other international initiatives
2012 CRA

- CRAs on **Freshwater Security** and **Coastal Vulnerability**, joint with G8HORCs, aligned with FP7 and NSERC
- **130 pre-proposals**, involving more than **1000 partners** from ~ **50 countries** (high number of partners from non-BF member countries, coming on board with their own funding)
- **53 full proposals**
- **13 funded projects**, **20 M€ total**
- **Medium size projects**, **1-2 M€, 2-3-year**
• **E-infrastructure and Data Management**
  – International knowledge hub & foresight
  – 10 countries (incl. EC), 18mth
  – Governance & Interoperability
  – 120+ experts from environment, ICT & users
  – Potential Call in 2015

• **Food Security and Land Use Change**
  – Type 1: Community building projects (12-18 months; 150-300k€)
  – Type 2: Integrated projects (3-5 years; 2-3M€)
2014 CRA

• Arctic Observing & Research for Sustainability
  – Scoping in Oslo, October 22-23, 2013
  – Open March 28\textsuperscript{th}, 2014, close July 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2014

• Towards Decadal Predictability of Regional Climate
  – Scoping in Goa, October 23-25, 2013, joint JPI Climate
  – Pending decision in Fall 2014

• Scenarios of Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services
  – 1\textsuperscript{st} Call Open May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014, close July 2\textsuperscript{nd}
  – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Call envisioned in 2017 with ERA-net
Belmont Forum
Coastal Vulnerability CRA
Projects Mid-Term Meeting

First wave of Belmont Forum CRA!
Hoping fruitful and cross view discussion ... beyond state of the art