Dear JPI-Climate, Belmont Forum/IGFA members and other science actors.

It is a pleasure for JPI-Climate and Belmont Forum to invite you to the upcoming **Second Scoping Workshop on Arctic Observing systems and Sustainability Science** interactions.

This invitation is sent to national funding agencies, members of IGFA/Belmont Forum, JPI Climate members, participants at the first scoping workshop and representatives of a few international organizations. The workshop  will be held with scientists and scientific officers on the 22 and 23,( and scientific officers only on the 23rd after lunch). The workshop is relevant for both natural and social scientists and scientific officers.  We ask each participating BF/IGFA and JPI-Climate member to coordinate the representation from their country and organisation. In particular if you are interested in participating and/or co-funding this potential 2014 joint effort,  **please nominate and forward this  invitation to up 2 to scientific officers from your organisation** (and/or your cooperating funding organisation if relevant), and up to 3 scientists from your country.  We expect 3-5 participants from each country.

The Workshop will take place in Oslo, Norway,  October 22nd  – 23rd from lunch to lunch. A separate and extended session for funder organizations is due to follow in the afternoon October 23rd.

The scoping workshop will be co-organised by the Belmont Forum and the JPI-Climate.  The purpose is to elaborate further on the national priorities identified during the first scoping workshop in Vancouver, May 1st and 2nd this year, for the Arctic Observing systems and Sustainability Science interactions that address the Belmont Forum challenges. The workshop`s outcome will contribute to make the scientific basis for a Concerted Research Action (CRA) that addresses the Belmont challenges. This will, if endorsed by the Belmont Forum and JPI-Climate, be an important instrument for international projects addressing key scientific questions on how to understand societal changes in the Arctic with the use of Arctic Observing systems.

Attached you will find the proposal that was discussed at the Belmont Forum Delhi meeting last February.

The scoping workshop will cover:

--The Belmont Challenge and JPI Climate priorities

--Arctic Observing Systems, challenges, need for inter/trans/disciplinary approach

--Sustainability Social Science in the Arctic

--Key national research questions and priorities in the Arctic

The scoping workshop venue is Holberg terrasse, Stensberggata 27, Oslo, (<http://goo.gl/maps/yy7jQ>) which is vis a vis the Research Council of Norway location.

The Rica Holberg hotel is located at walking distance (about five minutes) from the venue. A block reservation is made at Rica Holberg (<https://www.rica-hotels.com/hotels/oslo/rica-holberg-hotel/>). To get the discounted price you must refer to code #15596479.

Breakfast is included in the hotel reservation. Lunches and dinner are covered by RCN.

The workshop dinner will be served at the Fram museum at the Fram polar ship (<http://www.frammuseum.no/default.aspx?lang=en-us>). We will also do the guided tour at the museum in conjunction with the dinner.

Please register for the scoping workshop here: <https://response.questback.com/norgesforskningsrd/v8yspsrebx/>

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