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The 2013 International Opportunities Fund is a joint funding call between the Belmont Forum and the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) for approximately 10M Euros. The countries involved in this initiative, currently, are Australia, Brazil, Cyprus, France, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

Possibilities for collaboration for non-participatory countries and developing countries exist as well. The current International Opportunities Fund is aimed at supporting research in the area of [Food Security and Land Use Change](#).

Please read the [guidelines](#) and refer to the relevant [National Annexes](#) before submission.

Background Information

Belmont Forum

The [Belmont Forum](#) is a high level group of the world's major and emerging funders of global environmental change research and international science councils. It aims to accelerate delivery of the international environmental research most urgently needed to remove critical barriers to sustainability by aligning and mobilizing international resources. The aims of the Belmont Forum are detailed in a White Paper, and encapsulated as the Belmont Challenge: To deliver knowledge needed for action to mitigate and adapt to detrimental environmental change and extreme hazardous events.

In order to make progress against the Belmont Challenge and help deliver international collaboration the Belmont Forum agreed to develop collaborative research actions (CRAs). The principles of the CRAs are that they will:

- Address the Belmont Challenge priorities (i.e. societally relevant global environmental change challenges)
- Lever Belmont Forum members existing investments through international added value
- Bring together new partnerships of natural scientists, social scientists, and users

Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI)

The [Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change](#) (FACCE-JPI) is a European initiative which gathers 21 countries to align national programs on agriculture, food security and climate change. FACCE-JPI

has developed a Strategic Research Agenda with strategic priorities for trans-disciplinary and innovative European research. It provides a framework for the alignment of existing national programs and joint research efforts to achieve the twin objectives of food security and combating climate change.

Working Together

Partner Organizations are participating under the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions Memorandum of Understanding.

This International Opportunities Fund is aimed at supporting excellent research on topics of global relevance best tackled through a multinational approach, recognizing that global challenges need global solutions. Funding should support researchers to cooperate in consortia consisting of partners from at least three of the participating countries. Moreover, so as to benefit from the additional geographic breadth brought by the link between the Belmont Forum and European FACCE-JPI, all proposals including FACCE-JPI countries should also include at least one Belmont Forum country which is not a member country of FACCE-JPI (see the table on the 'how to apply' page). Moreover consortia must bring together natural scientists, social scientists and research users (policy makers, regulators, NGOs, communities and industry).

Researchers from countries not represented by any of the Partner Organizations can participate in the research project at their own expense. Where appropriate, some Partner Organizations could also support capacity building in some developing countries (see 'Developing Country Participants' page).

Scientific Theme:

- Food Security and Land Use Change

Proposals can address one, two or three of the Topics within the Theme (see 'Food Security and Land Use Change' page).

The call offers two types of project:

- Type 1/Community building projects (12 to 18 months for up to 300k€).
- Type 2/Medium- to long-term integrated projects (3 to 5 years up to 3M€).

Important Dates

OPENING DATE OF THE CALL: 17th July 2013

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION of Full Proposal (Type 1) & Pre-proposals (Type 2): 30th September 2013

NOTIFICATION FOR SUBMISSION of Full Proposals (Type 2): November 2013

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION of Full Proposals (Type 2): February 2014

Further details on dates will be available later