



***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)*

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**ICSU**

International Council for Science

**Funders**

**Academics**

# S & T Alliance for Global Sustainability



**UN bodies**



UNITED NATIONS  
UNIVERSITY



**WMO**  
*as observer*

**>>> A critical mass with strong international visibility**

# futureearth

research for global sustainability

*an Alliance initiative*

- 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**

- 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



- 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€)

- **Arctic Observing & Research for Sustainability**

- Scoping in Oslo, October 22-23, 2013
- Open March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, close July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

- Scoping in Paris, October, 21-22, 2013
- 1<sup>st</sup> Call Open May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, close July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*