Belmont Forum Call for Proposals Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it required that every proposal submitted to this call include a natural scientist, social scientist, and end user?
   Yes, the Belmont Forum supports the advancement of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science. Each proposal must include these three areas of expertise.

2. Is it necessary to have collaborators from three countries on every proposal?
   Yes, the Belmont Forum encourages multilateral collaborations. Each proposal should draw on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website.

3. Can I participate in a proposal if my national funding agency is not listed as a partner in this call?
   Yes, you may participate; however, you must bring your own funding/support to the effort. The proposal must still include expertise from the natural science, social science and end-user community and include researchers from three countries that are participating in the call, thereby drawing on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website.

4. Can a project include researchers from more than three countries?
   Yes. There is no upper limit on the number of countries participating in a project.

5. How can I find collaborators to meet the three-country, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary criteria for submission?
   The Belmont Forum supports an online matching utility, which can be found at https://www.igfagcr.org/user/register.

6. How can I be sure that my project meets the needs outlined in the national annexes on the call website?
   If you have questions about the suitability of your project to the call, please send an e-mail to the national contact persons of your collaborative team with a brief description of your collaborative project. Contact e-mail addresses for each partnering organization can be found in each of the national annexes.

7. Does each member of a collaborative project submit a different proposal for each collaborator?
   No, one proposal is submitted for each project. Proposals are submitted through the Belmont Forum Grant Operations (BFGO) System: https://www.bfgo.org/. Support for proposal submissions can be found through the BFGO website. Projects that are selected for funding may be required to submit documentation through their national/regional funding agencies’ systems.

8. Are the funds available from these organizations pooled into a common pot?
   No, the funds and in-kind support made available by each country is maintained and administered by each organization. Collaborative proposals are reviewed jointly. Meritorious projects are supported by a minimum of three funding/support organizations through contemporaneous disbursement (i.e., Norwegian awardees would receive support from Norwegian organizations, Japanese awardees from Japanese organizations, and US organizations from US agencies).