Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action "Biodiversity scenarios - 2014"

National Annex: China

Partners: This call is supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC). The objective of the present call is to stimulate networking and capacity building for innovative research across social and natural science disciplines in the following themes of "Harmonizing and integrating development and application of biodiversity scenarios across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions", and "Harmonizing and integrating consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios".

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget from NSFC for this call will be up to 0.5 M Euros (according to applicable exchange rates at the time of funding). The official national call for Chinese researchers will be published at the NSFC website (<u>http://www.nsfc.gov.cn/</u>). Details of the call and the application process can be found at the Belmont Forum website (<u>http://igfagcr.org/</u>). Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point below before starting to prepare proposals.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

Applicants must be the permanent employed researchers residing in China and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution which registers in NSFC. The Chinese applicant must possess an academic title of professor or associate professor and must be the PI of an on-going or completed NSFC research grant which duration is more than 3 years. Please read the Chinese version of guidelines for details on the eligibility for Chinese applicants. Each proposal requires eligible participants from at least three countries. The research data should be submitted to data management centre designated by NSFC in the last funding year.

The funding size of granted projects will depend on the budget of each fiscal year. Subject to quality of proposals, NSFC is anticipated to fund up to 3 to 4 two-year projects (2015-2016). The total budget covers all the expense of research cost, seminar/workshop costs, international cooperation and exchange, and travel funding for participating in an end-term meeting held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international conferences or events (potentially jointly coordinated by the CBD, Future Earth and IPBES) in 2016.

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