



- 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

Belmont Forum Membership

- Australia/CSIRO
- Austria/BMWF
- Brazil/FAPESP
- Canada/NSERC
- China/NSFC
- European Commission/DG R&I
- France/CNRS&ANR
- Germany/DFG&BMBF
- India/MoES
- Japan/MEXT&JST
- Norway/RCN
- South Africa/NRF
- United Kingdom/NERC
- United States/NSF
- *International Council for Science (ICSU)*
- *International Social Sciences Council (ISSC)*



- Initiated in 2009, by NSF (US) and NERC (UK)
- **Belmont Challenge:**
*to accelerate delivery of the environmental research needed
to remove critical barriers to sustainability
by aligning and mobilizing international resources*
- Convergence with other processes of collective thinking
within the Global Environmental Change community

⇒ **S&T Alliance for Global Sustainability** with **Future Earth** as first major action

⇒ The BF's **International Opportunity Fund**



- A yearly call with 2/3 thematic **Collaborative Research Actions** (CRAs)
- 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 partnerships** of natural, geo scientists, humanities and social scientists, and stakeholders
- A flexible tool
 - ***A la carte*** for a given CRA
 - Suitable for **various kinds of incentives**: networking, clustering, integration, capacity building...
 - **Open to any funder** (BF, IGFA or not) - Possibility of **joint call** with other international initiatives
 - **Everything is common** (scoping, call, selection, scientific follow-up) **but the money** (each partner funds its own eligible community)

IOF 2012



- 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; 2-3-year; ~ 1-2 M€ projects**



IOF 2013



- **E-infrastructure and Data Management - Foresight**
- **Food Security and Land Use Change - Joint Belmont Forum**
 - FACCE JPI call (~ 10 M€) – 2 types of project (community building and research projects)

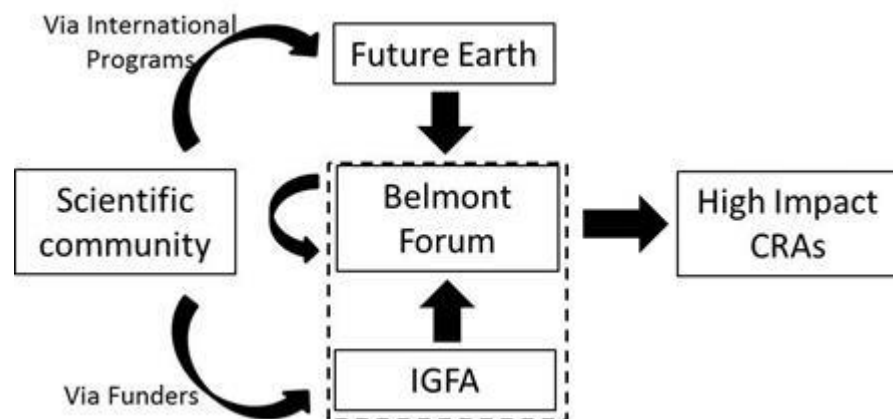


2014 CRA proposals under **scoping process**

- **Arctic** : Data Observing System and Sustainability Science
- **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**: Improving our capacity to predict global changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Climate Services** : Seasonal to Decadal Predictability of Regional Climate (incl. monsoons and polar areas)

CRA lifecycle

Schematic for emergence of new BF IOF/CRA



Timeline

Annual IGFA-BF meeting in December 2013:

- **2014 CRAs:** Decision on launching calls
- **2015 CRAs:** Decision on launching scoping processes

Call opening for selected 2014 CRAs : February 2014

Scoping Workshops for 2015 CRAs: April/May 2014

**Thank you for your attention ...
and for
your contribution to this
scoping workshop !**