



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2024**



FOREWORD

The 2024 Annual Report highlights a year of significant growth, impactful collaborations, and steadfast dedication of the Belmont Forum community to advancing transdisciplinary science for global sustainability. In 2024, the Belmont Forum notably expanded its reach and influence, supporting scientists and societal actors across continents through our calls for research proposals. We successfully launched three new CRAs and one leadership program. The year also saw ongoing development of the Ocean 2 and Resilience CRAs, along with the approval of Pathways to Sustainability 2. Additionally, we made progress in policy development, including the approval of the first Belmont Forum DEIA statement, and are actively updating our Open Data Policy, with plans to present a new version in the coming year.

A key highlight of 2024 was co-convening the Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress (SRI/SSD2024) with Finland's Sustainability Science Days. This global event promoted vital knowledge sharing and collaboration. Our valorization meetings, held concurrently at the University of Helsinki, boosted engagement while minimizing costs. We also experienced increased participation from low- and middle-income countries, reflecting our commitment to inclusion.

Our network grew with the addition of new member organizations and CRA funding partners, significantly enhancing

our capacity to deliver impactful CRAs. The relocation of our headquarters to Panama and the successful piloting of the BFGo Multilingualism initiative further emphasize our dedication to global reach and accessibility.

This report features powerful impact stories from our CRAs, illustrating how transdisciplinary research creates tangible solutions. From innovative waste management in Africa, to improved workplace health in Latin America, and novel reef restoration in Madagascar, Belmont Forum projects empower communities and help tackle urgent societal and environmental issues.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are energized by ambitious plans, including launching new CRAs and the Advancing Leadership Program, continuing coordination of SRI 2025 for greater impact, focusing on evidence-based outcomes, and developing a comprehensive DEIA implementation plan.

We sincerely thank our dedicated members, partners, and the entire Secretariat team. Your collective efforts and unwavering commitment are vital to advancing the Belmont Forum's mission. We are confident that by fostering collaboration and supporting cutting-edge transdisciplinary research, we will contribute substantially to a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

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I. 2024 OVERVIEW

Growing Our Transdisciplinary Community of Practice

The Belmont Forum has supported over 1,000 scientists and stakeholders across 90 countries by funding 192 projects through 23 calls for research proposals. In 2024, we worked on implementing four Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs): CCH, CEH 2, Migration, and SSCP. We also collaborated with organizations worldwide to launch three new CRAs: Driving Urban Transitions (DUT), Africa Regional (ARC), Tropical Forests (Forests 2024), and to announce one capacity-building curriculum, the Advancing Leadership Program (ALP).

The Belmont Forum community also kept on developing the Ocean 2 and Vulnerability and Resilience Management for Socio-environmental Systems in Exposed Territories (Resilience) CRAs, which were both approved for launch in 2025.

In December 2024, one more action, the Pathways to Sustainability 2 CRA, was approved at the Virtual Administrative Plenary, with its launch planned for 2025-26.

Additionally, we have made progress in updating and developing key policy documents. This includes ongoing updates to our boilerplate documents, as well as the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) statement. We have also taken steps to implement our Open Data Policy, including DDOMP training and securing Zenodo Space through a Memorandum of Understanding with Earth and Humanity Coalition.

CRAs IN 2024



CRAs Implemented



CRAs and Programs Launched

I. 2024 OVERVIEW

Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress - SRI

The fourth SRI (2024) was held in collaboration with Finland's Sustainability Science Days (SSD) from June 10-14, 2024. SSD is Finland's largest sustainability conference and is held annually by Aalto University and the University of Helsinki. The collaboration between SSD and SRI allowed a global audience to engage with programming in both Espoo and Helsinki.

Additionally, an African Satellite Event was organized by NRF-South Africa and the Future Earth Africa Hub in Durban, South Africa, from May 21-24, with over 400 attendees.

In an effort to maximize knowledge sharing within the Belmont Forum community while minimizing the costs of attending the Congress, all valorization meetings (kick-off, mid-term, and end-term) were held simultaneously at the University of Helsinki. This year's meetings included mid-term meetings for SSCP, end-term meetings for OCEANS 2018 and SOILS 2020, a co-creation kick-off workshop for the Advancing Leadership Program, call openings for FORESTS 2024 and ARC, and scoping activities for Ocean 2 and Resilience.

SRI 2024 SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE DAYS

The Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress (SRI), a joint initiative of the Belmont Forum and Future Earth, is an annual event that brings together people from different areas (research, government, civil society, and business) to drive progress toward sustainability. SRI promotes collaboration and action by fostering diverse knowledge sharing, providing a platform for innovative ideas, and creating an inclusive space.

SRI 2024



“It was an excellent opportunity to link researchers with policy makers and industry professionals.”

1,932
participants



20
sponsors
973
people onsite

100
countries



I. 2024 OVERVIEW

Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress- SRI 2024



SRI 2024 / SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE DAYS

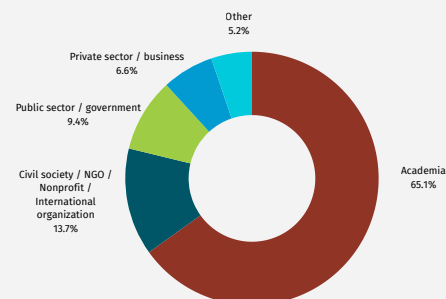
The Belmont Forum Secretariat organized a range of activities, including panel discussions, workshops, project spotlight talks, and a series of events focused on themes relevant to all (CRAs) and projects. These events included a TD Case Studies workshop, Ignite Style Talks, Non-Academic Careers, Demystifying BF, and a Sustainability Storytelling Night. Also, a photo competition and exhibition, open to all team members of ongoing CRA projects, was held at the SRI/SSD2024 to celebrate and showcase the impactful research supported by the Belmont Forum CRAs.

During SRI, the BF held a Plenary, a two-day meeting that brought together our members and partners. This provided an opportunity to strengthen our connection with the research community participating in the SRI. Attendees contributed to reviewing strategic matters, including the annual plan, coordination practices, and the evaluation of kickoff, midterm, and end-term meetings, as well as scoping activities. During the plenary, approval was granted for the multilingual tool available for proposal submissions for ARC and FORESTS CRAs.

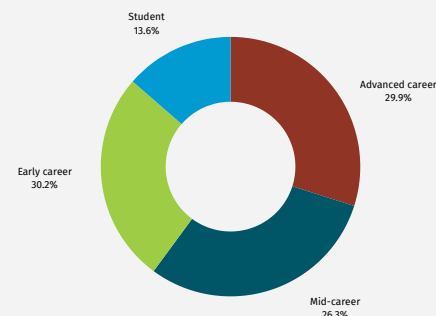
Looking ahead, the SRI2025 is planned to be co-hosted by the University of Illinois System and will take place from 16 to 19 June 2025, for the first time in the US in Chicago and online.

Participants

Participants
by sector



Participants by
career stage



II. INCREASING COLLABORATION

Organizations involved in 2024



In 2024, we have welcomed two new members and fourteen new CRA funding partners

The Belmont Forum member's network and partnerships continue expanding globally, and connecting with like-minded organizations to advance the transdisciplinary community. This growing network aids our work in science, open data access, capacity development, and stakeholder engagement.

In 2024, we welcomed two new member organizations: United Network for Climate Inclusivity Advocacy Livelihoods, Inherent Utilization and Mobilization (UNCIALIUM), Republic of the Congo. And National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Brazil.

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) became a partner and will help deliver our CRAs, strengthening our network and

capabilities.

Thirteen new CRA funding partners have joined our community. Their support will enable continuity in developing and implementing impactful CRAs: Schmidt Ocean Institute, BRIN Indonesia, WRC South Africa, FNI Mozambique, MSRTI, NRD, Fundect, Fapespa, Funcap, Fapeal, Fapeam, Faperj, Araucaria Foundation.

We celebrated the involvement of philanthropic and development funders and partnerships in CRAs: IoC Unesco UN Ocean Decade, G20 Knowledge Partners, and The Earth Humanity Coalition. Their support and collaboration will help us to expand the reach and impact of our CRAs, ensuring that they benefit communities around the world.



Map 1. Belmont Forum Members and Partners in 2024

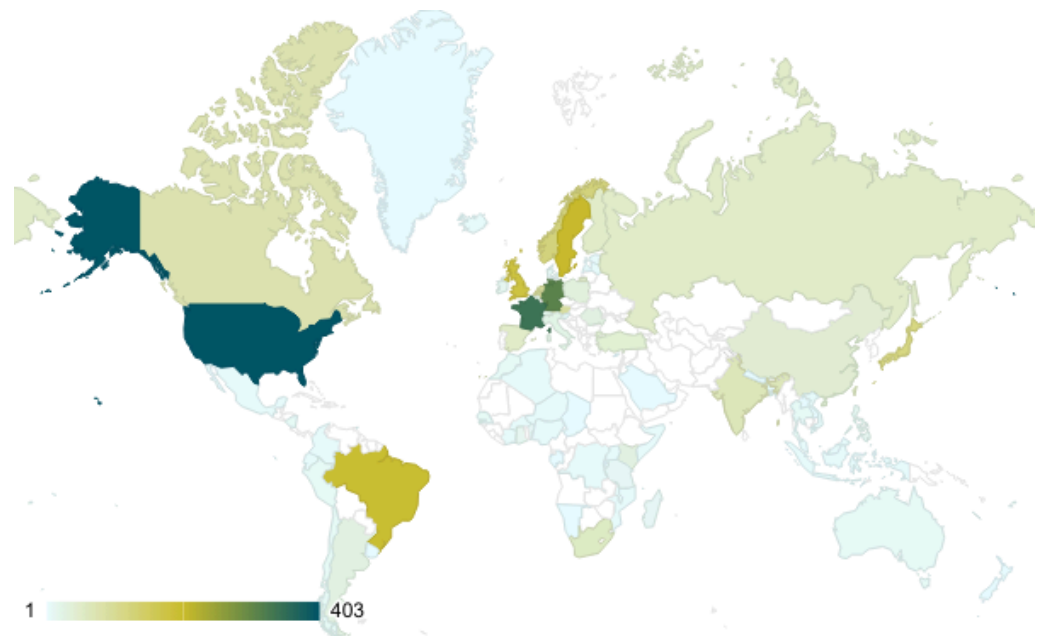
III. ADVANCING TRANSDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE

Growing Our Impact

Since its foundation, the Belmont Forum has supported over 192 projects to date, with more than 1000 scientists and societal actors from various disciplines working in over 90 countries across the globe to build "International transdisciplinary science to provide knowledge for understanding, mitigating and adapting to global environmental change."

Our International Community

Our CRAs have engaged over 3,300 researchers and societal actors to date. Approximately 7.4% of the personnel are from low- and middle-income countries. We are collaborating with our members and partners to increase the participation of researchers and societal actors from LMICs in leadership roles for both current open calls and future CRAs.



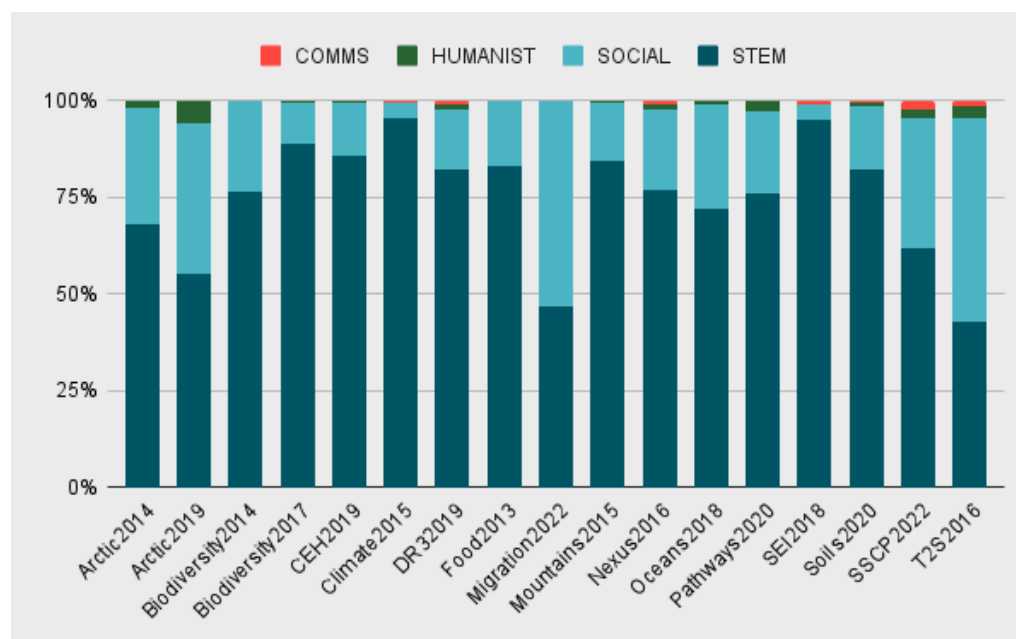
Map 2. Belmont Forum awardees' locations (Source: BFGO, 2024).

Our Transdisciplinary Community

At the Belmont Forum, we are continually adapting to meet the challenges of building a global, transdisciplinary research community. All projects include co-design and co-implementation by a multinational team. These teams comprise researchers from a multitude of disciplines — natural science, social science, and humanist approaches — as well as on-the-ground societal actors.

Researchers representing a wide range of disciplines participated in the funded projects, including Medicine, Biology, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Physics, Math, Computer Science, Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Building & Planning, Social Studies, Law, Business & Administrative Studies, Education, Languages, Philosophy, and Communication. While on average approximately 48% of the participant researchers come from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) disciplines, it is important to note that over 50% of the researchers associated with the Migration 2022 CRA were from social studies.

The Belmont Forum is proud of its accomplishments and is committed to broadening fair social actor participation. Social actors who have engaged in the past include farming cooperatives, government institutions, workers' unions, indigenous people's organizations, UN-related organizations, Brazil's G20 Research and Innovation Working Group, and the maritime industry, among others. The Belmont Forum recognizes the need for innovative and adaptive approaches to social actor engagement.



Graphic 1. CRAs Personnel Disciplines - Grouped (Source: BFGO, 2024)

Fostering the Next Generation of Scientific Leaders

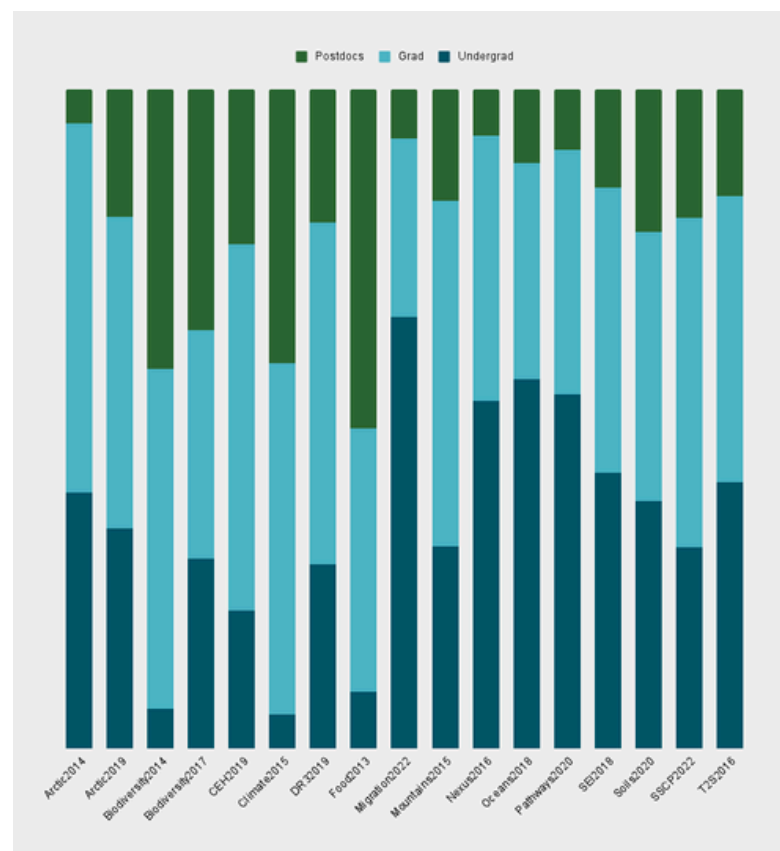
The Belmont Forum recognizes the important role that Early Career Researchers (ECRs) play in shaping the future of science. Their energy, fresh perspectives, and innovative ideas are assets that foster adaptability and ensure the sustainability of scientific research.

To harness this potential, we encourage the involvement of ECRs in all stages of the research process. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers are invited to contribute their insights and expertise to the development of research proposals and the successful implementation of Collaborative Research Action (CRA) activities.



Advancing Leadership Program World Tour, Thailand, 2024

By fostering a collaborative environment that values the contributions of ECRs, the Belmont Forum aims to cultivate a vibrant and dynamic scientific community. We seek to empower by providing opportunities for training and networking, and equipping them with the skills and resources they need to succeed in their research careers. This will ensure the long-term health of the global research community.



Graphic 2. CRAs ECRs (Source: BFGo, 2024)

Impacts of CRAs (2022-2024)

"I am extremely grateful to the Belmont Forum for enabling us to establish new international collaborations, which we hope will continue to advance science and connect knowledge to action in the future. The Belmont Forum has facilitated connections between countries, institutions, and cultures, which would not have been possible otherwise.

Additionally, I would also like to acknowledge our partners in the UK (University of Stirling and University of Saint Andrews), USA (Stony Brook University, University of Washington and University of Santa Barbara), Cote d'Ivoire, and Brazil, who have all been essential to the success of our project."

(Giulio De Leo; S&CC; CEH 2019)



Learning About, Sampling, and Eating Raw Arctic Kelp; Marianne Falardeau; MARAT; Arctic II; 2024

Impacts of CRAs (2022-2024)

Oceans 2018: ARMS Restore

Coral reefs are vital ecosystems that provide food, income, and coastal protection, yet they are rapidly disappearing due to human activities, threatening both biodiversity and human well-being. The ARMS Restore Project, part of the Belmont Forum's 2018 Oceans call, focused on reef restoration in Madagascar, one of the world's poorest yet most biodiverse nations. Led by the University of Toliara, Harvard University, Stockholm University, and local partners including Reef Doctor and the Bay of Ranobe Community, the project was funded by SIDA, FORMAS, and the NSF.

From 2021 to 2024, the team pioneered a novel approach to reef restoration by rebuilding the entire ecosystem, not just corals. By building large limestone structures and seeding them with biota collected via Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures (ARMS), the team created new reefs with key taxa, including sponges, corals, and microbes. This work occurred along the 32 km Bay of Ranobe coastline, home to 13 villages struggling with overfishing and malnutrition.

Local scientists and fishers played a central role in every phase, with hundreds employed in reef construction. Advanced tools, such as environmental DNA barcoding, fisher GPS tracking, and aquaculture and health surveys, were utilized to link ecosystem restoration with improved community nutrition and well-being.



Aaron Hartmann; ARMS Restore; Oceans 1; 2024

Impacts of CRAs (2022-2024)

Pathways 2020: UComNetSus-Africa

The UComNetSus-Africa (Pathways 2020) project in Mombasa, Kenya, demonstrates how young people are innovatively tackling waste management. By sorting waste, they create jobs, form youth groups, and clean the environment. Training has fostered "wastepreneurs" skilled in waste value-addition. The project's transdisciplinary approach reveals waste management's links to water pollution, air quality, human health, education, security, and the local economy, underscoring the need for integrated solutions. The project was funded by Future Earth and the NSF.

Young artists in Kigali, Rwanda, leverage art, music, dance, and poetry to promote environmental awareness and sustainable lifestyles. Their creative expressions engage children and the community, fostering environmental responsibility and encouraging sustainable practices. The UComNetSus-Africa project highlights the power of art and music for knowledge sharing and social change, showcasing transdisciplinary approaches to environmental challenges.

In Kumasi, Ghana, locals are co-creating their environment, revealing hotspots for pollution, garbage, and water shortages. Through "locovocalisation," they attach meaning to participatory maps, shaping debates on urban problems and influencing investment, living decisions, and urban policy.



Mapping of problems facing the sustainability of Mombasa and possible solutions; Peter Wangai; UCommNetSus; Pathways 2020; 2022

Impacts of CRAs

(2022-2024)

CEH 2019: PREP Project



Ed Kashi; PREP; CEH 2019; 2023

In partnership with La Isla Network (LIN), the PREP project (CEH 2019) evaluated a Rest-Shade-Hydration and Hygiene (RSH-H) intervention at a large sugar mill in Nicaragua. The intervention was needed because workers were experiencing an epidemic of chronic kidney disease with devastating effects on the worker community. The project was funded by NOAA, NSF, VR, and UKRI

PREP findings clarified the link between exposure to heat stress and acute and chronic kidney disease. The RSH-H intervention led to a reduction in kidney function decline, fewer instances of acute kidney injury, improved productivity, and a positive return on investment. Most importantly, formally evaluating the intervention facilitated a shift towards prioritizing workforce health protection in company practices.

Additionally, "Toolkits for a Rest-Shade-Hydration and Hygiene Intervention and How to Evaluate It" were developed, designed to be adapted across various workforces facing high heat exposure. These toolkits provide temperature and workload-adapted rest-work schedules and hydration recommendations.

A crucial insight from the PREP project is that the successful implementation of technical interventions, such as RSH-H, requires addressing both tangible ("hard") and intangible ("soft") organizational factors. Neglecting either of these can undermine the effectiveness and longevity of any interventions.

IV. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Enhancing Our Community

In 2024, the Belmont Forum made significant progress in leadership and governance. The headquarters were relocated from Uruguay to Panama, marking its formal presentation in the new location.

The BFGo Multilingualism initiative was piloted successfully, accepting applications in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish, promoting inclusivity. The Forum strengthened internal coordination with a 2024 implementation plan to integrate roles into the CRA lifecycle, improve coordination skills, and clarify structures for Coordination Committees. CRA review procedures were refined, including a new reviewer module to standardize and improve efficiency, with a prohibition on the use of AI tools in the review process, to ensure confidentiality.

Financial sustainability and operational improvements also advanced, with strong support garnered in 2024 for increasing membership contributions in the coming year and establishing a Membership Structure Review Committee, pending approval. Additionally, funds were approved for new staff, including a Senior Program Lead, to support key initiatives and the Secretariat.



The Belmont Forum relocated its headquarters from Montevideo to Panama in 2024.

Changes in the Belmont Forum's Steering Committee

Our Steering Committee underwent changes during the Virtual Plenary in December 2024. The Forum expressed gratitude to outgoing members Minn-Tsong Lin (NSTC) and Şiir Kılış (Tubitak) for their valuable contributions.

The Belmont Forum welcomed new Steering Committee members Masae Sugawara and Prashant Kumar Srivastava. These individuals are dedicated to advancing transdisciplinary research for global sustainability. Their expertise and guidance will be instrumental in shaping the Forum's future and ensuring its continued support for impactful research.

Masae Sugawara, Manager in the Department of International Affairs at the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), brings a wealth of experience to the committee. With a Ph.D. in Biophysics and a strong research background, she has worked at prestigious institutions in France and the UK.

Cdr. Prashant Kumar Srivastava, Program Head in the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), is a skilled Hydrographer and physical oceanographer. His expertise in ocean policy, research vessel management, and international collaborations will be invaluable to the Belmont Forum.

IV . GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Enhancing Our Community

In 2024, we were pleased to welcome several new members to our Secretariat team, who have brought with them a diverse range of skills and expertise that have already enhanced our capabilities and effectiveness:

Alex Guglielmoni (Fapesc)
Anne-Teresa Birthwright (BF)
Connie Bolte (NSF)
Daniella Melo (Fapesc)
Elisabeth Ervin-Blankenheim (NSF)
Emmanuel Chitechi (NRF Kenya)
Gabriella Servi (Fapesc/BF)
Larisse Faroni-Perez (BF/IAI)
Laurent Bernadou (CNRS)
Regina Mae Francia (NSF)

We would like to thank the dedicated members of our Secretariat team who left in 2024. We extend our sincere gratitude for their contributions and hard work. Their dedication and commitment were important for our achievements, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors:

Alex Guglielmoni (Fapesc)
Ferdousi Sultana (University of Ottawa)
Rebecca Barnes (NSF)
Regina Mae Francia (NSF)



The Belmont Forum's Secretariat Team at the SRI/SSD 2024 in Helsinki, Finland

V. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Belmont Forum is an international partnership dedicated to mobilizing funding for environmental change research. Its core mission is to accelerate the delivery of this research to overcome critical barriers to sustainability through global collaboration. Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs) are a key mechanism that brings together the international community in an inclusive way to address global challenges.

Members and partners contribute with resources, both direct and in-kind, to the design and implementation of CRAs. These contributions support the Secretariat's mandated tasks and activities, as well as the implementation of each CRA.

Since its inception, the Belmont Forum has committed over 302 million euros to Collaborative Research Actions across 90 countries. This funding has supported more than 192 transdisciplinary research projects since the first CRA was launched in 2012. On average, 14 million euros are committed per multilateral funding call, with individual projects receiving an average of 1 million euros across 21 funded CRAs.

These figures are expected to increase as in-kind contributions are fully estimated. The volunteered time of scientists, societal actors, and the support personnel from member and partner organizations significantly enhances the Belmont Forum's objectives. The inclusion of new

members and partners from international organizations with a presence in the Global South enables funding for research projects with broader participation from low and middle-income countries. Additionally, new partners from the Global South have joined CRAs, fostering wider engagement of societal actors in underrepresented regions and groups, thereby contributing to the future of science.

I hope that more funding will exist to support transdisciplinary research where we can develop and nurture stakeholder partnerships through long periods of time, which is essential to have resilient research projects that can undergo crises like pandemics. Deeper relationships can also ultimately increase the impact of the research, for instance by allowing to connect with more community members, including youth who can be trained and contribute to the research process, and to co-produce knowledge that can directly inform decision-making processes. I especially hope that opportunities (funding, community support) will be there for early career researchers, who are tomorrow's science workforce and play a critical role in shaping transdisciplinary research and practice.

(Marianne Falardeau, MARAT, Arctic 2019)

CRA Name	M €
2012 Freshwater	10.3
2012 Coastal	8.2
2013 Food	20.1
2014 Arctic	16.3
2014 Biodiversity	2.9
2015 Climate	15.4
2015 Mountains	8
2016 Nexus	25.3
2016 T2S	19.9
2017 Biodiversity	28.4
2018 Oceans	12.9
2018 SEI	4.5
2019 Arctic II	7.2
2019 CEH	15.6
2019 DR3	12.1
2020 Pathways	3.9
2020 Soils	7.8
2022 Migration	12.3
2022 SSCP	10.7
2023 CCH	14.5
2024 CEH 2	15.1

Committed Project Funds
from 2012 – 2024

CEH 2

Funded Projects



ARMS Resilience

In response to one of the first climate-induced famines, the ARMS Resilience project works with Indigenous communities in Southwest Madagascar to restore coral reefs and enhance marine food yields. The team will combine environmental, ecological, agriculture, fisheries, and human data to develop a decision framework for meeting nutritional needs, integrating both traditional scientific and Indigenous knowledge.

BioARC

BioARC's purpose is to create a network of biorepositories across the Americas to improve wildlife pathogen surveillance and promote open-access data sharing, advancing One Health practices. These biorepositories will preserve high-quality wildlife samples, enhancing both biodiversity conservation and public health.

AWARE

Building on the success of CEH 1, the AWARE consortium under CEH 2 will expand earlier work of AWARD-APR to enhance early warning systems (EWS) for diarrheal disease in South Africa, Indonesia, and India alongside Nepal, Taiwan, and Vietnam. The project will integrate machine learning into the EWS to improve predictive capacity, and evaluate the use of over-the-counter medication data as a novel proxy for recent diarrheal disease incidence.

ComDisp

This project focuses on community-centered research to address housing-related health disparities worsened by climate change. It will evaluate health risks across various climate scenarios, empowering affected communities to take action and fostering knowledge co-production among practitioners, scientists, and policymakers.

BEDMAC

This project aims to build and validate transdisciplinary knowledge on the connections between climate, health, and the built environment, with a focus on malaria transmission in a changing climate. Key objectives include engaging communities to develop climate adaptation strategies, assessing the impacts of future climate hazards on malaria, and conducting intersectional analyses of vulnerabilities in different populations.

COPE

COPE aims to develop advanced Early Warning and Decision-support Systems (EWDS) for heat and air pollution exposure in Delhi and Kolkata, India. This project will combine climate models, health surveys, and hospital data to identify health risk hotspots and create projections for future climate scenarios, providing tailored response strategies and adaptive measures.

CEH2

Funded Projects

IMPHRESS

The IMPHRESS project addresses heat-health decision-making in South Asia through a multidisciplinary research team, enhancing understanding of extreme heat impacts and vulnerabilities. By engaging with stakeholders and local communities, the project generates evidence to develop a prototype heat-health forecasting system and facilitate adaptation planning.

SOLVE

The SOLVE project tackles global warming, food production, ecosystem health, and human well-being challenges, especially for vulnerable populations. It aims to create local roadmaps for resilient, equitable, and sustainable food and land systems under climate change, utilizing inclusive modeling and national scenarios to assess climate hazards, biodiversity impacts, and multi-species health risks.

IPON-COMPLEX CLIMATE-HEALTH-EMERGENCIES (CCHES)

IPON-CCHES focuses on understanding Complex Climate-Health Emergencies in Indigenous communities across the global South. It aims to enhance resilience in health and food systems through pilot interventions, involving a transdisciplinary team of scientists and Indigenous knowledge holders.

YAKU

YAKU explores the links between community water governance and under-5 child health in the Andean region and Northern Africa, aiming to inform national and regional policy on improving water management systems. It will create a database of water governance models and examine their impacts on infectious diseases and child mortality through a mixed-methods study.

SCHISTO-PREPAREDNESS

Schisto-Preparedness investigates the social, climatic, and environmental factors influencing schistosomiasis transmission, aiming to understand how climate change might worsen risks across different areas. The team will create an open-access decision support system to help policymakers assess schistosomiasis risk under future climate projections and socio-economic conditions, focusing on Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal.

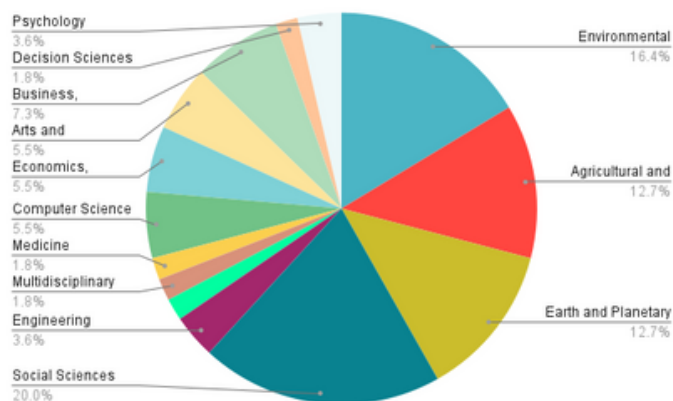


VI. COMMUNICATING BROADLY

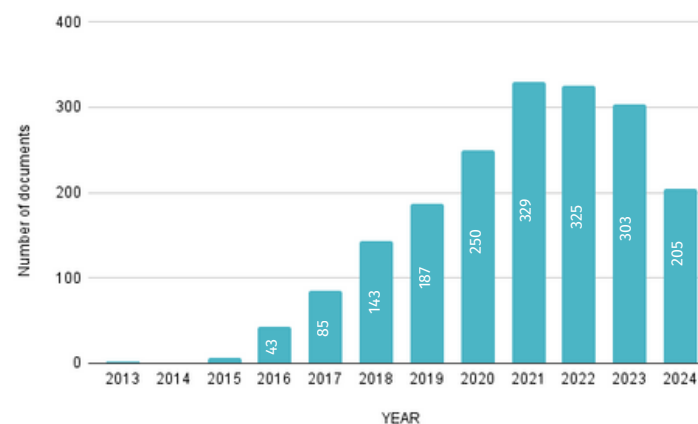
The Belmont Forum community recognizes the value of human interaction for fostering understanding and effective communication. Despite the challenges, we have actively sought avenues to broaden our reach and engagement with both researchers and the society.

Throughout 2024, Belmont Forum researchers remained dedicated to producing impactful academic and non-academic publications. Their work has influenced policy and opinion worldwide. The scope of their academic contributions spans a wide array of disciplines, encompassing engineering, arts and humanities, and social sciences.

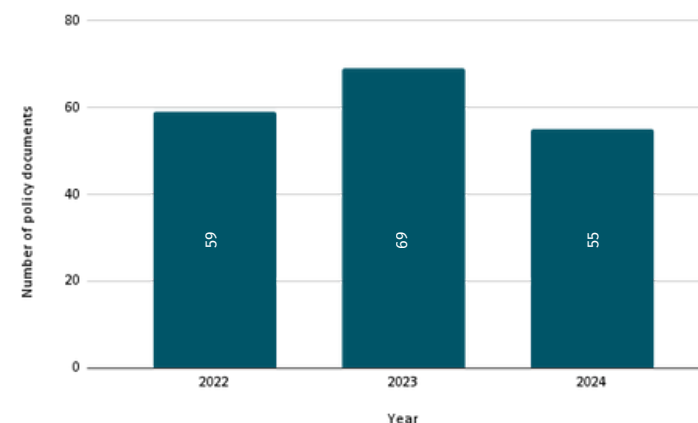
This transdisciplinary approach highlights the Belmont Forum's commitment to fostering diverse perspectives and promoting comprehensive research that addresses complex global challenges.



Documents by subject area (Source: Scopus, 2024)



Belmont Forum funding mentions (Source: Scopus, 2024)



Belmont Forum policy mentions (Source: Overton, 2024)

VI. COMMUNICATING BROADLY

Bridging Knowledge and Action: Highlights from 2024 Activities



In 2024, a series of capacity-building activities were conducted, focusing on key areas to enhance expertise. The trainings included sessions on ethical guidelines and conflict resolution, providing strategies for navigating complex situations. An emphasis was placed on transdisciplinarity, with activities dedicated to fostering collaborative approaches and improving skills in effective proposal writing, research design, and methodology. Furthermore, workshops were held to accelerate the dissemination, impact, and policy integration of environmental change and sustainability research. Interactive training sessions focused on the important task of bringing evidence into policy and society, while other workshops explored systems thinking and futures literacy, contributing to a comprehensive development experience throughout the year.

V I . COMMUNICATING BROADLY

Belmont Forum present at international conferences

The Secretariat engaged with the international community by participating in several global events, such as the Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, where it organized a talk on the future of the ocean and the role of biodiversity. Additionally, we led discussions on leadership models in the Global South at the On Think Tank (OTT) Conference.

Our global presence extended to high-level meetings and conferences. We participated in the IOC Executive Council, and in the Ocean Decade Foundations Dialogue. The Belmont Forum also contributed to the G20 Manaus Declaration, highlighting the Forests CRA.

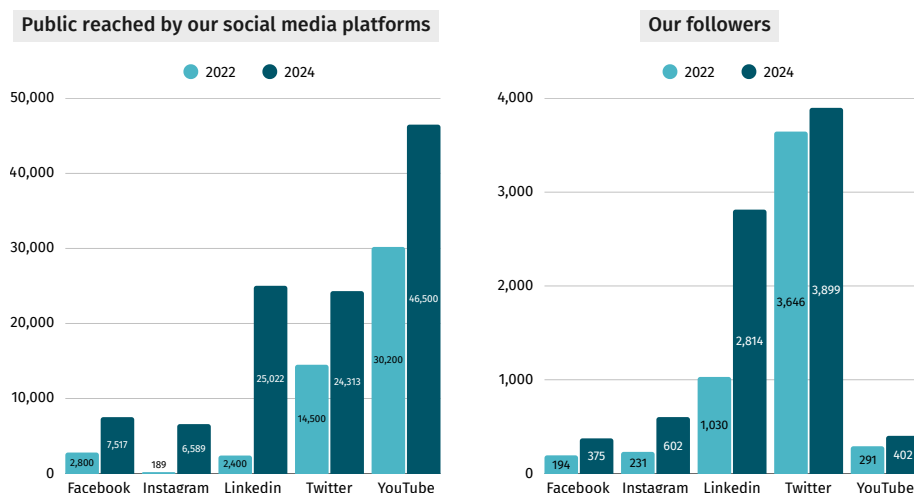
We attended the IDRiM Congress, the CILAC Forum, and the AGU Annual Meeting. At these events, the Belmont Forum connected with researchers, policymakers, and societal actors from diverse regions and disciplines. Through these and other engagements, we strengthened our commitment to advancing sustainability research and promoting international cooperation.



Nicole Arbour (BF) at UNESCO's Ministerial Round-Table at CILAC.

Outreach through Social Media

Our social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube, have become one of our primary methods for communicating ongoing activities and opportunities, allowing us to connect with over 100,000 users globally and effectively overcome communication barriers often associated with transdisciplinary projects. We have also been actively disseminating information and updates through news posts and blog articles on our website, which provide in-depth coverage of our activities, achievements, upcoming initiatives, and project-related stories.



In addition, our website is currently undergoing a major overhaul, with a redesigned version anticipated for launch in 2025. This future website is expected to offer enhanced functionality, improved navigation, and a more engaging user experience. We believe it will serve as a valuable resource for our community, providing easy access to information about our work.

VII. MOVING FORWARD ON 2025

The Belmont Forum has achieved significant milestones, including supporting over 1,000 scientists and societal actors across 90 countries and funding 192 projects through 23 calls for research proposals. In 2024, we continued supporting four Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs) and collaborated with numerous organizations to launch three new CRAs and one leadership program.

Additionally, the Belmont Forum co-convened the Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress (SRI/SSD2024), which fostered collaboration and action towards sustainability. In Finland, the team also joined a workshop, hosted by the IAI, to collectively reflect on international and TD coordination, focused on building a roadmap to enhance these practices. We also welcomed new members and partners, expanding our global network.

Aimed at solving real societal issues, the CRAs have achieved meaningful results. This year's annual report shared several impact stories. They involved projects that empowered a range of societal and environmental outcomes. CRA projects addressed waste management challenges and promoted environmental awareness through innovative and creative approaches in Africa (UCommNetSus, Pathways 2020). Other projects improved workplace health and safety using transdisciplinary methods in Latin America (PREP, CEH 2019). Similarly, some initiatives developed new approaches to reef restoration by rebuilding entire ecosystems, leading to improved community nutrition and well-being (ARMS Restore, Oceans 1). These projects exemplify the Belmont Forum's commitment to fostering transdisciplinary research that tackles real-world challenges.

Challenges and Looking Ahead

We continue to adapt and evolve to meet the challenges of building a global, transdisciplinary research community. This includes increasing the participation of researchers and societal actors from low- and middle-income countries in leadership roles and ensuring fair social actor participation. The Belmont Forum also recognizes the importance of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and is committed to providing opportunities for their inclusion and development.

Moving forward, we have ambitious plans for 2025. These include launching three new CRAs, the Advancing Leadership Program, coordinating SRI 2025 for increased impact and outreach, focusing on evidence-based outcomes, and developing a DEIA implementation plan for good governance. The Belmont Forum remains dedicated to its mission of advancing transdisciplinary science for global sustainability.

WEBPAGES

ADVANCING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

<https://belmontforum.org/alp>

AFRICA SATELLITE EVENT

<https://sricongress.org/sri2025-africa-satellite-event/>

ARC

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#arc>

BELMONT FORUM

www.belmontforum.org

BFGo

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BLUESKY

<https://bsky.app/profile/belmontforum.bsky.social>

CCH

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023>

CEH 2

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#ceh22023>

DUT

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#dut>

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBelmontForum>

FORESTS

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#forests>

G20'S MANAUS DECLARATION

<https://belmontforum.org/archives/news/tropical-forests-a-key-deliverable-of-g20s-manaus-declaration>

INSTAGRAM

https://www.instagram.com/belmont_forum

LINKEDIN

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/18034390>

MARAT

<https://www.juanrocha.se/project/marat/>

MIGRATION

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#migration2022>

OCEANS 2

https://belmontforum.org/cras-in-scoping#ocean_2

OCEANS 2 CRA: ENDORSED BY THE UN OCEAN DECADE

<https://belmontforum.org/archives/news/belmont-forums-oceans-2-cra-endorsed-by-the-un-ocean-decade>

OCEANS 2018

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#oceans2018>

PATHWAYS 2

<https://belmontforum.org/cras-in-scoping#pathwaysII>

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY: COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/drjasonlane_excited-to-share-that-the-manuscript-activity-7284608954498785280-8dyF/

PREP

<https://www.enbel-project.eu/projects-page/prep>

RESILIENCE

<https://belmontforum.org/cras-in-scoping#resilience>

S&CC

https://belmontforum.org/projects?fwproject_call=ceh2019

SOILS 2020

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#soils2020>

SRI

<https://sricongress.org/>

SRI REPORT

<https://sricongress.org/sri-ssd2024-report/>

SSCP

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#sscp2022>

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<https://x.com/ucomnetsus>

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