

BELMONT FORUM

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Dear Belmont Forum Plenary:

Thank you very much for your enthusiastic participation in the recent Belmont Forum Plenary held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We had a very productive and informative set of meetings throughout the week and have many opportunities and much to do in the coming year. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed soon under separate cover.

We are writing to encourage your participation in several collaboration opportunities presented to Plenary by the e-Infrastructures and Data Management (e-I&DM) Project. We request that you [follow this link to designate a Data Liaison for your agency](#) and, as appropriate, indicate your agency's interest in collaborating on the pilot projects on data accessibility with science publishers and/or data training.

Please complete the form by Monday, December 18th so the e-I&DM team can begin to move forward on these important initiatives in early January. Please do not hesitate to contact the [e-I&DM Secretariat](#) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

e-I&DM Requests for Collaboration:

- **Data Liaison** – designate an individual who will help facilitate your agency's communication with the e-I&DM team as potential new actions and/or recommendations are being developed, and ensure your agency's input is received in a timely manner and fully considered.
- **Pilot project with science publishers on data accessibility** – indicate your agency's interest in collaborating on a pilot project comprising a subset of Belmont Forum members and science publishers to harmonize the language and expectations around Data Accessibility Statements and related issues to ensure that awardees make their data open and accessible, and to enable funders to better measure the success of research grants through publications and impact.
- **Maximizing the impact of the Belmont Forum Curricula Framework** – indicate your agency's interest in collaborating on a pilot project to identify and share data management trainings across Belmont Forum members that include elements of the Curricula Framework for Data Management endorsed by Plenary. Sharing the development and implementation of skills training would be a cost-effective use of the Belmont Forum and its resources and help set standards for the global environmental change and sustainable development research communities.

Thank you for your support of these important data sharing and data management initiatives in the Belmont Forum.

Best Regards,

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