




BELMONT FORUM

São Paulo Meetings Week
November 6-10, 2017



Dear Belmont Forum members, partners, and guests:

On behalf of the Belmont Forum, the São Paulo Research Foundation welcomes you to a week of meetings at the science-policy-society interface.

Each event this week builds upon the one before, moving the discussion from prioritization to implementation, ending with a workshop where interested organizations can participate in the process of building an international opportunity around mutual interest in Food Security and Safety. Observers are also welcome to attend, to better understand the Belmont Forum collaborative process.

This year we also have a number of side events that reflect a growing interest in partnerships to maximize resources and meet grand interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary goals. On Tuesday morning, the Inter-American Forum will be advancing collaborative possibilities among economies of all sizes in the Americas. The Global Forum will bring together on Friday philanthropic and aid and development organizations to enable transformative projects that address the Sustainable Development Goals. We look forward to working with these fora as they develop.

The progression from Regional Info Day to funding workshop allows the Forum members and partners to interact with a cross-cut of implementers, funders, coordinators, and stakeholders from the Americas as well as other regions. The lessons learned from these discussions will be summarized in a synthesis document that will be made available to all attendees in the weeks following the close of session. We encourage your participation and engagement to make this a truly representative document with broad utility.

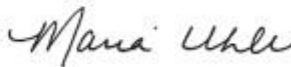
Again, welcome, and we hope you enjoy your time in São Paulo!

Best regards,



Gilberto Câmara

Co-chair, Belmont Forum



Maria Uhle

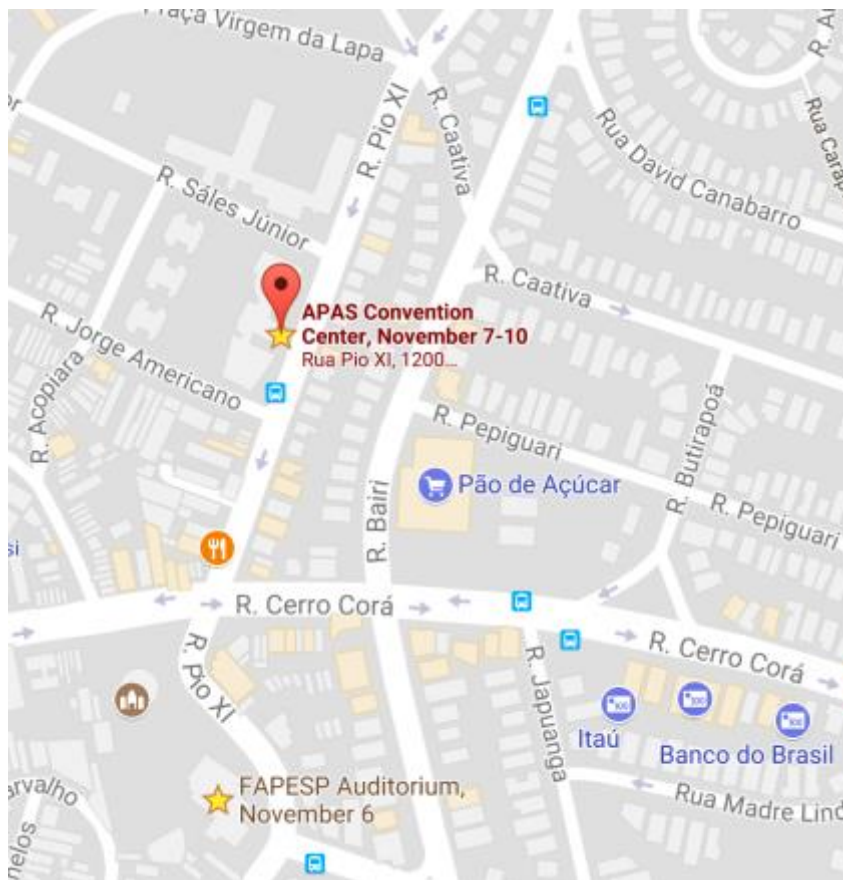
Co-chair Belmont Forum

Meeting Logistics

Meetings will take place from November 6-10, 2017.
All events will take place in São Paulo, Brazil.

| | Morning | Afternoon |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Monday, November 6 | Americas Regional Info Day | |
| Tuesday, November 7 | Inter-American Forum (Invite Only) | Belmont Forum Plenary (Closed Sessions) |
| Wednesday, November 8 | Belmont Forum Plenary (Open Sessions) | |
| Thursday, November 9 | Belmont Forum Plenary (Open Sessions) | |
| Friday, November 10 | Global Forum (Invite Only) Food Security and Safety CRA Workshop | |

On **Monday, November 6**, the Americas Regional Info Day will take place at the:
FAPESP Auditorium
R. Pio XI, 1500 - Alto da Lapa, São Paulo - SP, 05468-140, Brazil.



Entry to the auditorium is through the main FAPESP entrance.

All other daytime events and sessions for **November 7-10** will be held at the:
APAS Convention Center
Rua Pio XI, 1200 - Alto da Lapa, São Paulo - SP

Meeting Logistics (continued)



Travel

São Paulo has two primary airports:

Congonhas (CGH), domestic flights only

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%A3o_Paulo%E2%80%93Congonhas_Airport

Guarulhos (GRU), domestic and international flights

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%A3o_Paulo%E2%80%93Guarulhos_International_Airport

Taxis from GRU to the center of São Paulo averages about 200 R\$.

It is possible to book a taxi in advance online from sites such as:

<http://www.guarucoop.com.br/>.

Note that many taxi drivers may only speak Portuguese.

An executive bus service is also available, connecting both airports with locations in the city center.

Meeting hotels are a 10-15 minute taxi ride from the Paulista stop.

<http://www.airportbusservice.com.br/en/linhas>



Visas

Many attendees will require visas to enter Brazil.

Please refer to the visa requirements for visiting Brazil for a meeting or conference on the appropriate consular or embassy website. Apply as early as possible for your visa as processing times can vary.

If you require a letter to support your visa application, please contact Alexandre Roccatto

(aroccatto@fapesp.br) or Gilberto Câmara (gilberto.camara@inpe.br) as soon as possible with your request.

Local Information



Accommodation

Meeting attendees will be responsible for making their own accommodation reservations. FAPESP has negotiated meeting rates with the following hotels for the meeting week:

[Mercure Pinheiros](#)

Rua Capote Valente, 500 – São Paulo – SP – Pinheiros

Phone: +55 11 3069-4000

E-mail: h3147-re@accor.com.br
h3147-re1@accor.com.br

Please use code: **FAPESP Group** for special rates.

Single apartment: R\$ 307,54 Double apartment: R\$ 377,00

Quoted rates include tax, breakfast, and wifi

Check-in: 2:00pm / Check-out: Noon

[WZ Hotel Jardins](#)

Avenida Rebouças, 955 – São Paulo – SP – Jardins

Phone: +55 11 3069-0000

E-mail: reservas@wzhoteljardins.com.br

Please use code: **FAPESP Group** for special rates.

Single apartment: R\$ 231,00 Double apartment: R\$ 283,50

Quoted rates include tax, breakfast, and wifi

Check-in: 2:00pm / Check-out: Noon

[Comfort Suites – Oscar Freire](#)

Rua Oscar Freire, 1948 – São Paulo – SP – Pinheiros

Phone: +55 11 2137-4700

E-mail: csof@atlantichotels.com.br

Please use code: **FAPESP Group** for special rates.

Rate (5-6 November): Single apartment: R\$ 276,50 Double apartment: R\$ 276,00

Rate (6-10 November): Single apartment: R\$ 298,00 Double apartment: R\$ 340,00

Quoted rates include tax, breakfast, and wifi

Check-in: 2:00pm / Check-out: Noon

All prices are in Reais (R\$). NOTE: **The deadline for reservation at these rates is October 5, 2017.**

Hotels will ask for a credit card number to guarantee the room.

*Please note that there will be a **complimentary bus service from these hotels** to the meeting venues.*



Local Information (continued)



Climate

November in São Paulo is a spring month.

The average high temperature is near 27°C (80°F) and the low temperature is around 18°C (64°F).

Skies tend to be partly cloudy with occasional light rain showers.

Currency

R\$ € \$ ¥ £

The unit of currency in Brazil is the real (plural is reais). One real is equal to 100 centavos. It is represented by the symbol R\$.

Exchange rates vary. Please consult the websites prior to travel for up to date information, such as <https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>.



Electrical

The standard voltage in Brazil is 127 / 200 V with a standard frequency of 60 Hz.

The type of plug used in Brazil is a 3-pin type N, which could also accommodate a 2-pin type C plug as well. There are also some places which utilizes a 2-flat pin type A plug, as is used in the USA.

It is recommended to use a universal plug adapter to ensure that you have the right plug type to fit the socket.



Internet Connection

For those with wireless devices, there will be free Wi-Fi available at the conference venues.



Time Zone

The time in São Paulo is GMT-3.

Americas Regional Info Day

FAPESP Auditorium

Monday, November 6, 2017

The Americas Regional Info Day welcomes experts and stakeholders, funding and resource organizations, coordination and governance bodies, and public, private and non-profit institutions who are engaged in activities relevant to the Belmont Forum Challenge:

to provide knowledge for understanding, mitigating, and adapting to global environment change .

The discussion will identify priorities at the science-society-policy nexus that are of mutual interest in the Americas Region, overcome challenges and build opportunities for multi-national collaboration, and strengthen linkages to global frameworks to leverage extramural funding for Americas Regional priorities.

08h00-09h00 Registration and coffee

09h00-09h15 Welcome by FAPESP Scientific Director
Carlos Henrique Brito Cruz

09h15-09h30 Tour de table of attendees and their affiliations


09h30-10h00 Introduction to Belmont Forum and meeting focus
Gilberto Câmara, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

10h00-11h00 Science-society-policy challenges and opportunities in the Americas (Title TBC)
TBC
45 minutes presentation and 15 minutes discussion
Discussion moderator: **Gilberto Câmara**

11h00-11h20 Coffee and informal discussion

11h20-12h00 An inclusive approach: Identifying shared priorities across the public – private – civil spectrum
Discussion moderator: **Marialuisa Tamborra**, European Commission

12h00-12h50 Finding common ground: developing partnerships around shared priorities in the Americas
Marcos Regis da Silva, Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
30 minutes presentation and 25 minutes discussion
Discussion moderator: **Maria Uhle**



12h50-14h00 Catered lunch for all attendees

14h00-14h40 Flexible partnering: the Belmont Forum approach

Maria Uhle, US National Science Foundation (NSF)
20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion

14h40-15h40 Connecting regional priorities into the global landscape: the SDGs and other frameworks

Presenter TBC

15h40-16h00 Coffee break and informal discussion

16h00-16h30 Added value of the Belmont Forum

Erica Key, Belmont Forum

16h30-17h00 Synthesis of discussion and recommendations

Moderators: **Gilberto Câmara**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
Maria Uhle, US National Science Foundation (NSF)

17h00 Adjourn

17h15 Transport back to meeting hotels

Belmont Forum

Closed Session

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
APAS Convention Center

Please note that the Closed Session is open only to current members of the Belmont Forum.

12h00-13h00 **Lunch provided by FAPESP at the APAS Convention Center**

| Time | Activity | Lead | Paper |
|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 13h00 | Welcome by co-chairs to closed session | | |
| 13h15 | Round table presentation <i>Brief introductions by attendees</i> | Co-Chairs | |
| Internal Business | | | |
| 13h30 | Doha meeting report approval and adoption of meeting agenda <i>Member approval required</i> | Co-Chairs | BF16 Doha Meeting Report |
| 13h45 | Belmont Forum Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratification of members-in-waiting, partners-in-waiting <i>Member approval required</i> • Election of Steering Committee Members • Secretariat Host Recommendation | Co-Chairs Mao Takeuchi Secretariat Co-Chairs | |
| 14h45 | Secretariat Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new Secretariat members • Secretariat Budget • Communications Overview • External Engagement | Co-chairs Mao Takeuchi Susanna Ehlers Roel Marsman | |
| 15h30 | Coffee Break | | |
| 16h00 | CRA Financial Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report of the current CRAs, including ERA-Net Co-Fund • CRA MOU Status | Erica Key Mao Takeuchi | |
| 16h30 | Strategic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRA Development Best Practices • Relationship with S&T Alliance | Erica Key Co-chairs | |
| 16h45 | Summary of Actions | | |
| 17h00 | End of closed session | | |
| 17h15 | Bus to meeting hotels | | |

Belmont Forum

Open Plenary Sessions

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
APAS Convention Center

| Time | Activity | Lead | Paper |
|---|---|--|-------|
| 09:00 | Day 2 Opening remarks by Co-Chairs | Co-Chairs | |
| 09 :15 | Round table presentation <i>Brief introduction by attendees</i> | | |
| Added Value of the Belmont Forum | | | |
| 09 :30 | Belmont Forum in the Global Context | Erica Key | |
| 10 :10 | Regional Priorities and Partnership Development | Erica Key, Yue-Gau Chen, Cheikh Mbow | |
| 10 :40 | Valorization and Synthesis of Belmont Forum Projects | Erica Key | |
| 11 :00 | Coffee Break | | |
| 11 :20 | Training and Capacity Development Activities | Maria Uhle, Cheikh Mbow, Robert Samors | |
| 11 :40 | Transdisciplinary Science for Sustainability Congress (TSSC) | Josh Tewksbury, Maria Uhle, Erica Key, Heide Hackmann | |
| 12 :00 | Legacy Activities | Maria Uhle, Josh Tewksbury | |
| 12 :30 | Lunch <i>provided by FAPESP</i> | | |
| Developing Opportunities for Partnership | | | |
| 13:30 | Collaborative Research Actions <i>Overview, discussion, and connectivity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services II (BioDivScen) • Cross-sectoral impact research and economics of climate change • Arctic Science for Sustainability II • Future Earth Co-Branded CRA: Transdisciplinary Research for Ocean Sustainability • Food Security and Safety • Disaster Risk, Resilience, and Reduction (DR³) | Sarah Todd, Alexandre Roccatto Svetlana Thaller-Honold Yaroslav Sorokotyaga Lisa Almesjö Maurice Heral Yue-Gau Chen | |

| Time | Activity | Lead | Paper |
|---|---|---|-------|
| 13 :30 | Collaborative Research Actions (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science for the Sustainable Development Goals E-Infrastructure Exemplars | Maria Uhle Maria Uhle | |
| 14 :30 | Proposal of New Thematic Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate, Environment, and Health | Amy Luers | |
| 14 :45 | Coffee | | |
| Opening Access for Decision Making | | | |
| 15:10 | E-Infrastructures and Data Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to new co-leads and coordinators Data Activities with Developing CRAs Partnerships for Open Data | Gilberto Câmara, Maria Uhle Robert Samors Robert Samors | |
| 16 :00 | Synthesis of day's discussion | Integrated Applications Network Moderator | |
| 17:00 | Recap on Actions and Decisions | Erica Key | |
| 17:05 | Closing remarks | Co-chairs | |
| 17 :15 | Bus to meeting hotels | | |
| 19 :00 | Optional meeting dinner | | |

Belmont Forum Plenary Meeting Dinner: Please join us at [Vento Haragano](#) for dinner at 19h00. The restaurant has many selections for vegetarians, vegans, and other dietary options.

The dinner will be at your own cost but the atmosphere is very welcoming and the discussion will be enjoyable!



Vento Haragano Churrascaria

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 São Paulo – Jardins
 +55 11 3083-4265

Belmont Forum

Open Plenary Sessions

Thursday, November 9, 2017
APAS Convention Center

| Time | Activity | Lead | Paper |
|--|---|--|-------|
| 09:00 | Day 3 Opening remarks by Co-Chairs | Co-Chairs | |
| Communicating Successes | | | |
| 09:15 | Current funding overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security and Land Use Change • Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services I • Arctic Observing and Science for Sustainability • Mountains as Sentinels of Change • Climate Predictability and Inter-Regional Linkages • Food-Water-Energy Nexus • Transformations to Sustainability | Alexandre Roccatto Johann Muller Maria Uhle Elisa Palazzi, Susanna Ehlers Johann Muller, Parvinder Maini Susanna Ehlers Dick van der Kroef, Susanna Ehlers | |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee Break</i> | | |
| 10:50 | Session TBD | | |
| 12:00 | <i>Lunch provided by FAPESP</i> | | |
| Leveraging New Pathways Forward | | | |
| 13:00 | Connecting current projects into parallel activities, the SDGs, etc | Co-chairs | |
| 13:30 | Developing common metrics and indicators | Erica Key | |
| 13:50 | Best practices and lessons learned from current partnerships | Co-chairs | |
| 14:05 | Global Funders' Forum | Heide Hackmann, Katsia Paulavets | |
| 14:20 | To be held for other sessions | | |
| 16:00 | Synthesis of day's discussion | Integrated Applications Network Moderator | |
| 16:45 | Summary by co-chairs | Co-chairs | |
| 17:00 | Close of plenary open sessions | | |
| 17:15 | Bus to meeting hotels | | |