

International Cooperation: Ideas for Moving Forward from a Research Funding Perspective

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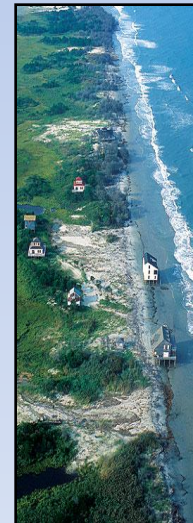
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Research Infrastructures

- Key knowledge to address challenges and opportunities of GEC
- National assets – challenge/barrier to international cooperation and collaboration
- Need for effective mechanisms to promote sharing and collaboration



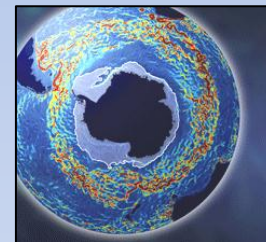
US and EU Environmental Research Infrastructures

- Coordinated activity to focus on data management issues for e-Infrastructures
- EC FP7 Call: Specific mention of collaboration with US (NSF) – encourage cooperation
- Dear Colleague Letter released – December



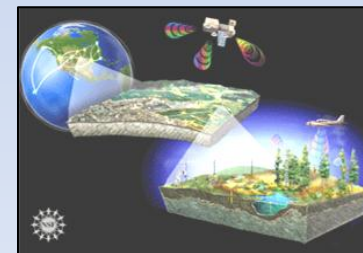
Challenges

- Double jeopardy & relatively slow mechanism
- Ad hoc approach



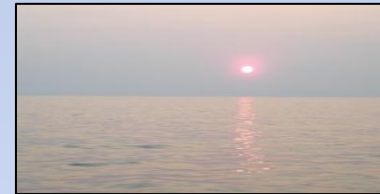
Benefits

- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration
- Discovered new, unexpected synergies



Belmont Forum International Opportunities Fund

- International researcher to rapidly propose ideas
 - ‘bottom-up’ mechanism to support the best ideas with new innovative partnerships
 - leverage current and emerging research investments
- Single call for proposals – Target of April 15, 2012
 - **Coastal Vulnerability & Freshwater Security**
- Joint with G8 Heads of Research Councils (HORCs)
- Single website for submission
- BF members funding their eligible researchers



Developing ideas for research infrastructures