



Save the Date: **Wed June 1st 13:00-14:00 UTC/GMT**

Eye on Earth Webinar: Belmont Forum - Cooperative Research Action on Data and e-Infrastructures.

Dear Eye on Earth friends,

We are delighted to announce details for the next in our series of Eye on Earth Webinars. Once again we are privileged to have a high level speaker talking to us about an important initiative in the data-for-sustainable development agenda.

As ever we encourage you to share news of this event to your institutional and personal professional network.

SPEAKER

Robert Gurney is Professor of Earth Observation Science in the School of Mathematical, Physical and Computational Sciences at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. This School is the largest University centre of weather and climate science in Europe, and works closely with the UK Met Office and other operational agencies nationally and internationally.

Robert has spent twenty-six years at Reading, for the first eighteen as a Director of the Environmental Systems Science Centre for the UK Natural Environment Research Council, and was previously the Head of NASA's Hydrological Sciences Branch, and Deputy Project Scientist of the NASA Earth Observing System. He has many published papers and three books, and was appointed OBE in 2001.

He is joint **Chairman of the Science Board** of the **Belmont Forum Cooperative Research Action (CRA) on Data and e-Infrastructures**. This CRA is the subject of this seminar, which will **coordinate activity by the world's major science research agencies**.

ABSTRACT:

The Belmont Forum, established in 2009, is comprised of the world's major funding agencies of global environmental change research and international science councils. The Belmont Forum serves as a roundtable for these agencies to collectively address the challenges and opportunities associated with global environmental change. It is guided by the Belmont Challenge, which aims "To deliver knowledge needed for action to avoid and adapt to detrimental environmental change including extreme hazardous events". Priority focus areas of the Belmont Challenge include coastal vulnerability, freshwater security, ecosystem services, carbon budgets and most vulnerable societies.

WEBINAR LOGISTICS

To join the call: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/212016341>

Out of respect for those who may be joining from US West Coast and Australia (for whom it is very early in the morning / very late at night respectively) we will start the webinar on time.



Cross Posting

We will be "advertising" this event widely - so please accept our apologies for any cross-postings.

Webinar Call Efficiency

To ensure the call is efficient and clear all participants are kindly asked

- To use a headset
- To keep headset on mute unless asking a question in the discussion phase.
- The webinar session will be opened 30 mins before the scheduled start to give participants time to connect and fix any headset issues.