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Mr. Samors serves as the Coordination Officer for the Belmont Forum e-Infrastructures & Data Management Project. In that role, he coordinates and liaises with e-I&DM project leads, Action Theme co-leads, stakeholders, Advisory Group and Oversight Committee members, and international partners to encourage the adoption of data principles and best practices, promote effective data planning and stewardship, and develop training curricula to enable practitioners to put those principles and practices into action through Belmont Forum agency activities and funded projects. Prior to joining the Belmont Forum, Mr. Samors served as Senior External Relations Manager for the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) designing and implementing GEO's engagement strategy. He has worked closely with experts and global leaders in data and information issues across a range of governments and international scientific and technical organizations. His earlier positions have included serving as Associate Vice President for Innovation and Technology Policy at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), as Associate Vice President for Federal Relations for the University of North Carolina System, and as Assistant Vice President for Research at the University of Michigan. He holds a Masters in Public Policy from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, and a B.A. in Economics from Brown University.