

Global Encounter-Brazil: Moving Toward Action

Bio-economy and Development

Individual Written Responses to Questions Related to the Topic

Procedure used to generate this document:

This document represents the summary of responses individuals wrote to questions related to their self-selected area of interest/expertise within six topic areas (Bio-economy and Development; Cultural Hybridizations; Environment, Technology, and People; Global Relations; Health, Education, and Social Disparities; Institutional Planning and Support and Political Economy, Commerce). All responses received are included and are typed verbatim with some explanation of acronyms. There is no significance in the ordering of the topics or comments as presented in this report. **Note:** The respondents had not participated in the Making a Difference session in the morning.

A. What *factors* can help explain the gap between where we are today and where we want to be on the items discussed earlier within this theme area?

1.
 - Publicity is inadequate. Use email list serves, The State News, study abroad programs.
 - Students left out of conversation, even for this conference
2.
 - Students left out of discussion
 - More communication between American and Brazilian students/faculty is needed.
3.
 - Lack of publicity about events like this to discuss importance of Brazil- A lack of communication with students

B. What *barriers/challenges* exist for MSU in acting on the opportunities in this theme area?

1.
 - Not enough communication between depts.
 - Disciplines aren't brought together.
 - Competition for resources

2. ●Lack of communication between MSU departments
3. ●Implementation of Bio-fuel projects
●Communication between departments

C. What *advice* do you have for MSU concerning addressing the challenges and barriers to success as we move forward on the Brazil initiative (related to this theme area, as well as in general)?

1. ●Develop specific internships geared to study areas, centrally administered.
●Inter-university communication
●Freshman seminars
- Intro to languages, country studies=> maybe (these need to be) required
●Alternative spring break programs
2. ●Specific internships geared to what is studied
●More incentives for students to be interested in Brazil
3. ●Specific internships geared not only to Brazil; but to specific interests
●Freshman seminars- Regional or linguistic studies
●Alternative spring break to Brazil
●More publicity efforts

D. Do you want to be contacted for meetings/work on this theme and Brazil in the future (and for other themes listed or in other Lusophone countries)?

1. **No Response**
2. **No Response**
3. ●Any of the themes used in this Global Encounter

E. Additional comments

1. ****No Response****
2. ****No Response****
3. ****No Response****

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<<http://www.isp.msu.edu/globalencounter/brazil>>, held at Michigan State University on November 7, 2006. This interactive and participatory event was designed to obtain input and to elaborate in a country-specific forum on relevant themes, opportunities, issues, and opportunities affecting MSU's current and future engagement in Brazil (and to some degree Lusophone countries).