

Global Encounter-Brazil: Making a Difference

Bio-economy and Development

Group Report Out

Procedure used to generate this document:

Participants were asked to answer these questions in the pre-writing phase and before any group discussion:

What are your current or future focused areas of teaching, research and/or outreach related to Brazil?

What resources (existing at MSU or working in collaboration with MSU) should be considered as the University moves forward on any and all work related to Brazil?

What are the top three to five things that MSU should be doing in regards to this theme/area of concern in Brazil over the next five to ten years?

Looking back in 5-10 years, how would we know that we had been successful (Are there *measurables/metrics* which might be useful?).

For which items in question 3 would you be willing to be contacted to continue work as the Brazilian (or Lusophone) agenda progresses?

Additional comments?

After the pre-writing period, the group discussed questions 3 and 4 only. These report-out notes are taken from the presentation the group facilitator made to the plenary session.

MSU should be doing the following in the area of bio-economy and development in the next five to ten years:

- Develop "true" partnerships
- Expand study/inquiry into forest residues as alternative energy sources and products
- Increase technology exchanges in forestry to enhance/improve processes, etc. at the community level (i.e. Extension) thereby increasing results/impact at local level

These metrics can be used to determine if MSU has been successful in sustaining projects and collaborations:

- Number of programs/enrollments-increases
- Number of faculty/staff involved in collaborative projects-increases
- Number of people reached/impacted by local program/efforts
- Increase the development of new scientific knowledge (publications, grants, etc.)

This material was generated from Global Encounter-Brazil, <<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).