

# Global Encounter-Brazil: Moving Toward Action Environment, Technology, and People 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 *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?

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

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)?

Do you want to be contacted for meetings/work *on this theme* and *Brazil* in the futures (and for other themes listed at the top of the previous page or in other Lusophone countries)?  
If yes, indicate which themes and country/countries.

Additional comments?

After the pre-writing period, the group discussed questions 1-3. The report to the entire group should reflect the ideas the group wanted most to share with the larger group. These report-out notes are taken from the presentation the group facilitator made to the plenary session.

**What *factors* can help explain the gap between where we are today and where we want to be on the items discussed earlier within the people, environment, and technology theme?**

- Institutional Linkages are weak or barriers
- Need higher level of engagement-Administrators
  - tuition exchange
  - reciprocal course credit
  - dual programs
- Need these to be competitive with the European institutions
- Need for scholarships
- Need for language courses

**What *barriers/challenges* exist for MSU in acting on the opportunities within the people, environment, and technology theme?**

- MSU has not developed
  - large focused research groups
    - \*themes
  - a self-aware Brazil Community
    - \*Need to increase visibility and increase linkages

**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 the theme area and as will in general)?**

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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).