

PROGRAM - TUESDAY, 27 / 5:

ONE:

- Purpose
- Presentation: Understanding the Convergence

TWO:

- Process for the workshop
- World Cafe

THREE:

- Groups: Divergence Activities
- Exploring the world today

FOUR:

- Groups: Divergence Activities
- The Big Picture

QUESTIONS - TUESDAY, 27 / 5:

- Why are we here?
- What will we do together in the coming days?
- Who are we?
- What's going on in my world and what's happening in yours?
- What are the matters that concern all of us and the common themes that are emerging from the big picture?

SCHEDULE - TUESDAY, 27 / 5:

- Breakfast - To 7 am
- Coffee - 10 am to 10:30 am
- Lunch - Noon to 1:30 pm
- Coffee - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Dinner- 5 pm - 7 pm

Welcome to Earth University

On behalf of EARTH University, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IIC) and Michigan State University, I extend a warm welcome.

The world is changing and the dynamics driving these changes are very different from those of the past. In the midst of a high level of economic interdependence, we must find new ways to confront the challenges that are emerging.

Thirteen of the last 14 human disease outbreaks are responses to an interrelationship between animals, humans and the environment. Many citizens, however, are unaware of this connectivity.

Around 60 percent of the 1,400 known pathogens can be transmitted from animals to humans.

Meeting at the interface between human health, animal health, and environmental health

The context for this conference is the interface between human health, animal health and environmental health. This is not just an abstract space or idea but relates to our everyday lives and work.

There will be a major emphasis throughout this week on the process by which we convert our experiences of the present



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This interdependence is not only a product of unsanitary conditions, but is linked to trade and the international trafficking of goods and services.

Preparing communities to meet this challenge is essential. The success of this endeavor rests upon strengthening relationships between scientists and civil society.

An understanding of the connection between local and global contexts

and the potential outcomes of strong teamwork is undoubtedly the formula that we need to face our future.

This week we will learn to BE and DO...to act differently and to promote change.

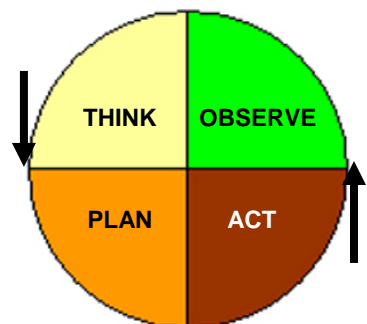
The key is to open our minds. Be prepared to interact and learn new ways of working. This, perhaps, will lead us to success.

- Dr. Kevin Walker

and of the past to enable us to deal more effectively with the future at that interface.

The process itself consists of four fundamentally different cognitive activities -- Observing, in the sense of experiencing, thinking, planning and acting.

It is important that we work through each of



these activities and emphasize their differences.