

QUESTION 1 (cont'd)

Opportunities

In spite of the magnitude of the challenges facing us, there are reasons to be confident of human capabilities. First, there is a growing awareness of the challenges. Our perception of human needs and problems has been improved by our growing consciousness and should result in greater intellectual energy being devoted to their solution. There is growing knowledge in all areas, especially in human sciences, ecology and cultural studies. There is growing competence in technology and impact assessment, in the use of communications media, in management skills and skills of animation. Finally, there are growing institutional facilities at all levels: international agencies, bilateral agreements, interdisciplinary networks, management systems, all of which can be made to work for the good of the individual.