

and considerations for decision-making, which APEC and processes like it are deliberately structured to exclude from the table.

- An umbrella strategy is needed – and may be in the process of developing, with the meeting scheduled after this workshop day, as planned in the closing session.
 - Within such a strategy, ways in which existing limitations of accepting a single economic focus can be addressed as a priority front for action will need to be developed and established together.
 - Specific suggestions made during the day-long special session on forests included, for example, demanding or requiring that delegations have forest experts on them, as key advisors, and that advisory functions for activist networks or groups in civil society (academic, non-profit community group networks).
4. **Erosion of Opportunity for Forest Protection and Economic Control.** Loss of sovereignty and control over decisions about resources such as forests within global agreements such as APEC and MAI include that local communities could lose control over and access to forests in their home areas. Such agreements, as is being demonstrated under the North American Trade Agreement, may leave governments open to suit by corporations for loss of revenue.
 5. **Over-riding Interests of Indigenous People, Community Members.** Shareholders and corporate interests take precedence over interests of the community, the citizens, or the workers in the industry.
 6. **Public Awareness, Education, Consciousness and Belief.** “People just do not believe you when you try to raise these issues.” “Put tangible examples behind it. So you can always link it to what is happening HERE, in the listener’s community.”

Some Issues in Moving from a Single-Organization Orientation to a Network

- ➔ “How do we incorporate working on our own groups, and be part of networking – choosing to support each other?”
- ➔ “How can we work on multilateral agreements, AT THE SAME TIME, showing the muscle of local organizations, continue to work in our own ways to support that local level of activity?”

Strategies to Include Looking and Working Forward to Malaysia APEC Meetings

- ➔ “How do we develop SOCIAL MUSCLE, as a group, working to something concrete in April (and the Malaysia APEC meetings, next rounds of these international trade meetings)?”
- ➔ Those who could meet the following day to continue discussions of core messages and strategies for ongoing networking made plans to do so by the end of the workshop, anticipating a lead-up to prepared engagement at the next round of meetings.
- ➔ How can those who sponsor, organize and pay for participation in such networking events for activists be convinced that several more days time spent strategizing, after an equivalent amount of time updating and briefing each other as occurred in the November 1997 meetings will yield multiple benefits and spin-off effects? Lessons learned from this working meeting as part of a “sustainability issues forum” concentrating on forests and trade issues need to be analyzed, and taken forward to increase the effectiveness of the next working meeting. This is part of strengthening capacity of the network which is a mixed