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A transformative approach to community sustainability

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—May 11, 2009—What is sustainability? And how do organizations and communities achieve sustainability?

A two-day workshop in June offers both an understanding of and a systematic approach to sustainability.

The “Capacity Building for Community Sustainability: A Transformative Approach to Sustainability Thinking, Strategy and Results” workshop is June 6-7 at the Pahala Plantation House in Ka‘u.

The Kohala Center, the County of Hawai‘i Department of Research and Development and The Natural Step Canada (TNS) (<http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/>) are hosting the workshop and three free public talks on sustainability.

Senior TNS advisors will explain The Natural Step Framework as a basis for planning and decision-making that leads strategically toward sustainability in the short- and long-term. Developed in Sweden and field-tested around the world this framework is based on a set of guiding sustainability principles that provide organizations and communities with a methodology for making strategic progress toward sustainability in an economically viable, step-wise manner.

For more information on the sustainability workshop and to download a registration form, visit <http://www.kohalacenter.org/TNSWorkshopRegistration/home.html>. Space is limited—register now.

Free public presentations on sustainability are scheduled in Hilo from 9–11 a.m. June 9 in the Office of Aging Conference Room and from 6–8 p.m. at UH Hilo. The Kona talk is from 4–6 p.m. June 10 at the Kuleana Green Business Seminar and Pau Hana at NELHA Gateway Center. For details, see www.kohalacenter.org or call 808-887-6411.