

Solving Urban Problems

Directions: In the table below you have descriptions of agencies and organizations that address problems related to population, migration and urbanization. Given the examples described below, determine whether each is local, national, or international

Example	Local, National, or International
1. The United States government has an agency called the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment. It ensures that all Americans are protected from significant risks to human health and the environment where they live, learn and work. The EPA provides information for U.S. policies concerning natural resources, human health, economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, and international trade.	
2. Jockin Arputham founded the National Slum Dwellers Federation in India and is president of Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI). His organization uses many different methods he has used to strengthen communities to fight eviction and get government support for people-centered development. This includes the long fight to protect Janata colony in Mumbai from eviction, working with Bangladeshi refugees, and the formation of the federation of slum dwellers, first in Mumbai and then for all of India.	
3. The World Bank Institute (WBI) is a global connector of knowledge, learning and innovation for poverty reduction. It connects practitioners, networks and institutions to help them find solutions to their development challenges. Recently the Bank launched a new tool to assist countries in proactively responding to the urbanization pressures facing them and manage and reduce the negative consequences of congestion, crime, informal settlements and slums.	
4. The Global Agenda Council on Urbanization is an independent international organization aims to advance the international dialogue	

on urbanization by placing a lens on four issues: removal of disparity between urban citizens; discovery of the best practices being followed to proactively address the concerns of ageing populations in cities; creation of “innovation infrastructure” to support entrepreneurship and job creation; and the harnessing of informality for greater prosperity.	
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5. The United States Department of Commerce contains the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau is the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. It takes a count of all people in the United States and other demographic data every ten years known as the “census.”	
6. Wayne State University’s Institute of Gerontology partnered with Adult Well-Being Services, a local non-profit service agency, to conduct the first phase of the two-phase study in Detroit. They collected data about senior demographics from a variety of sources, then organize and analyze it to create a comprehensive database about southeast Michigan’s growing senior population.	
7. The National League of Cities is an organization dedicated to connecting city leaders with solutions to address their cities' challenges. Through three unique entities within the organization, NLC provides programs, resources and services that assist cities in a hands-on way.	
8. The Population Division of the United Nations is responsible for monitoring and appraisal of the broad range of areas in the field of population. It prepares high-quality documentation, analytical work and facilitation of consensus-building and policy development. The Population Division also provides governments across the world information on population trends as the official United Nations demographic estimates and projections are prepared for all countries	

and areas of the world, as well as urban and rural areas and major cities, and serve as the standard and consistent set of population figures for use throughout the United Nations system.	
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