

# Figure 1 Classification of Global Problems

Triggering Question: "What problems continue to be critical problems at the global scale according to your view?"

## Cluster 1: Urbanization

- 1: Explosive population growth with consequent escalation of social, economic and other problems
- 2: Widespread poverty throughout the world
- 4: Uncontrolled urban spread
- 5: Generalized and growing malnutrition
- 17: Continuing deterioration of inner-cities or slums
- 19: Inadequate shelter and transportation
- 27: Unbalanced population distribution
- 31: Widespread unemployment and generalized under-employment
- 32: Spreading 'discontent' throughout most classes of society

## Cluster 2: Governance

- 3: Increase in the production, destructive capacity, and accessibility of all weapons of war
- 30: Inadequate and obsolete law enforcement and correctional practices
- 33: Polarization of military power and psychological impacts of the policy of deterrence
- 34: Fast obsolescing political structures and processes
- 37: Growing use of distorted information to influence and manipulate people
- 40: New modes of localized warfare
- 42: Unimaginative conceptions of world-order and of the rule of law
- 47: Insufficient authority of international agencies

## Cluster 3: Inclusion

- 6: Persistence of widespread illiteracy
- 8: Growing inequalities in the distribution of wealth throughout the world
- 10: Hardening discrimination against minorities
- 11: Hardening prejudices against differing cultures
- 13: Anachronistic and irrelevant education
- 18: Growing irrelevance of traditional values and continuing failure to evolve new value systems
- 23: Generalized alienation of youth
- 28: Ideological fragmentation and semantic barriers to communication between individuals, groups, and nations
- 29: Increasing a-social and anti-social behavior and consequent rise in criminality
- 38: Fragmented international monetary system
- 39: Growing technological gaps and lags between developed and developing areas
- 41: Inadequate participation of people at large in public decisions
- 43: Irrational distribution of industry supported by policies that will strengthen the current patterns

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## Cluster 4: Ecology

- 7: Expanding mechanization and bureaucratization of almost all human activity
- 9: Insufficient and irrationally organized medical care
- 14: Generalized environmental deterioration
- 21: Accelerating wastage and exhaustion of natural resources
- 22: Growing environmental pollution
- 24: Major disturbances of the world's physical ecology
- 25: Generally inadequate and obsolete institutional arrangements
- 35: Irrational agricultural practices
- 36: Irresponsible use of pesticides, chemical additives, insufficiently tested drugs, fertilizers, etc
- 44: Growing tendency to be satisfied with technological solutions for every kind of problem

## Cluster 5: Planning

- 12: Affluence and its unknown consequences
- 15: Generalized lack of agreed-on alternatives to present trends
- 16: Widespread failure to stimulate man's creative capacity to confront the future
- 20: Obsolete and discriminatory income distribution system(s)
- 26: Limited understanding of what is 'feasible' in the way of corrective measures
- 45: Obsolete system of world trade
- 46: Ill-conceived use of international agencies for national or sectoral ends
- 48: Irrational practices in resource investment
- 49: Insufficient understanding of Continuous Critical Problems, of their nature, their interactions and of the future consequences both they and current solutions to them are generating