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Providing adequate shelter for the majority of people is one of the great challenges facing the world. The whole field of human settlement is in a great state of flux: the rapidly growing urban areas with their attendant problems of pollution, wealth inequalities, and inadequate and overloaded infrastructure are where the need for shelter is most acute.

Many innovative approaches are being developed, piloted, and implemented around the world to meet this need in an appropriate way: those who support and guide the construction sector need to know of these innovations, and of their effectiveness and suitability, so that their scarce resources can be used to best effect.

The 'building advisory service and information network', **basin**, was set up in 1988 to provide information and advice on appropriate building technologies and to create links between know-how and resources for all those in need of relevant information: government officers, financiers, builders and developers, architects, planners, and producers of building materials, who need up-to-date information and advice on the manufacture, performance, and availability of appropriate outputs and technology from around the world, and on the effective management of local resources.



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The Centro Experimental de la Vivienda Económica (CEVE) is a non-governmental, professional association and member of the Asociación de Vivienda Económica (AVE) in Argentina. Its objectives are the promotion of low-cost housing and the creation of new job sources through technology research and development, training and technology transfer.

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Development Alternatives is a not-for-profit sustainable development enterprise that designs and promotes programmes and products which, through the use of alternative technology, contribute to the enrichment of human life. Its symbol, a 5-pointed star, depicts a stylised human figure with arms stretched outward, its head pointing skyward, and its feet firmly rooted to the earth.



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Shelter Forum is a coalition of non-governmental organisations which deal with issues of low-cost housing shelter in Kenya. Its main goal is to enhance access to affordable shelter for all, particularly the poor, among whom the most vulnerable are women and children, through advocacy, extension and networking.



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