Session B

The Term
“Middle Eastern or North African”

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Outreach with Stakeholders

We contacted several state data centers to find out how they collect data on the Middle Eastern and North African population
• California, Maryland, Michigan, New York

We consulted with external stakeholders on their recommendations for collecting data on the Middle Eastern or North African population
• National Advisory Committee
• Arab American Institute
• Middle Eastern and North African scholars
### Terms Used

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### Organizations

**Research Centers and Universities:**
- Pew Research Center
- Population Reference Bureau
- Arab American Institute
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California San Francisco Medical Center

**Non-Governmental Organizations:**
- World Bank
- International Monetary Fund
- International Organization on Migration
- World Health Organization

**U.S. Federal Agencies:**
- Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program
- Department of Labor
- State Department
- Department of Agriculture
- International Trade Administration
EXPERT FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

- What are your thoughts on using the term “Middle Eastern or North African” as a category label on the Census questionnaire?
- Do you think that the community will identify with the “Middle Eastern or North African” term?
- Are there other terms that the Census Bureau should consider using instead of the term “Middle Eastern or North African”?
- Is it appropriate to use the acronym MENA when discussing this population?

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