

# Policy Research Tool

*Sharing Knowledge...  
Bridging Research and Policy*



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## **Tool Objectives**

- To support and strengthen the political discourse
- To facilitate policy-making and the transfer of positive experiences
- To facilitate decision-making on complex issues
- ‘Cull’ research that would be obtained through searches into comparative analysis

***Based on scientific evidence and comparative information***

## **Value Added**

- Online free, speedy, multilingual access to policy analyses
- High level of comparability and contextualization of experiences
- Possible inclusion of corresponding indicators, news, etc.

***To assess the relevance of available policy options***

***To produce reports with content from original documents***



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## Content Base Development

- ✓ Higher Education, Research and Knowledge (90 docs, ongoing)
- Poverty Eradication and Human Rights
- International Migration and Multicultural Policies
- Democratic Innovation and Urban Development
- People, Biodiversity and Ecology
- Health, Development and Equity (with WHO)
- Electronic Governance (with UNU)
- National Research Councils: South Africa, India, Brazil
- ...



## Expected Results

### *Documentation (Custom reports)*

- Compilation of documented and comparable experiences
- Contains only the information selected by the user

### *Exploration*

- Identification of trends, emerging or interconnected issues

## Expected Impact

- Policies may link gradually to one another, since initiatives are potentially based on shared experience
- The process of the interventions and their results may be made accountable, traceable and adjustable