



Policy Research Tool

*Sharing Knowledge...
Bridging Research and Policy*



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Needs of Policy-makers

To establish policies

- Based on scientific evidence
- Taking into account the political context in which they apply
- Having strong social and political impact

Corresponding Difficulties

Availability of relevant data

Time...

- To gather documentation
- To analyze information
- To translate knowledge into action plans

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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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Comparability Framework

Generic framework - Policy Brief Template

1. Context and issue
 2. Programmes and projects
 3. Research results
 4. Recommendations
 5. Operational aspects
- + Abstract, Bibliography, Indicators, News...

Thematic framework (search criteria)

Specific categories for each theme

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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
- ...



1 Search criteria

▶ Knowledge for Higher Education and Research Policy

- ▶ Policies and agreements...
- ▶ Research impact and development...
- ▶ Research productivity and delivery...
- ▶ Research capacity...
- ▶ Cooperation, partnership and networking...
- ▶ Knowledge development and management...
- ▶ Special and emerging issues...

Regions:

Regions:
unselected selected

3 Extract content

Briefs sections:

- Abstract
- Context and Issue
- Policies and programmes
- Research results
- Recommendations
- Operational aspects
- References

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Select Briefs

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Add to Collection Policy Brief [hide overviews]

- An assessment of the impact of University Intervention in improving the Teaching of Science and Mathematics in Community Day Secondary Schools in Malawi**
In Malawi the shortage of qualified teachers is a major constraint on the performance of Community Day Secondary schools (CDSS), where science teachers have only a primary school teaching certificate and an academic qualification equivalent to the...
- A Review of Monitoring and Evaluation Roles in the National Development Program**
This study analyses the evaluation and monitoring roles of development programs through their procedure...



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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