



*Management of Social Transformations (MOST)*

# **Improving Linkages between Research and Policy making :**

## **MOST Comparative Policy Research Tool**

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## Knowledge Transfer Strategy

*A comprehensive approach for enhanced dissemination and usability of policy-relevant research results*

### Contents

- Cross-cutting, international, interdisciplinary, comparative

### Methodology

- Innovative networking principles for **systematizing knowledge access and comparability** for optimal policy information
- Systematic format (TOC) to produce different types of documents based on same original content to serve different types of needs

### Results

- Various types of documents (full, condensed, custom)
- Various dissemination formats (print, electronic)
- Various consultation modes (static, interactive, dynamic)





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## MOST Comparative Policy Research Tool

**An online, free and multilingual knowledge management system to:**

- Evidence contexts and issues, frameworks, initiatives on the ground, recommendations, implications, operational aspects
- Produce customized reports with select content from original documents – *without compromising integrity of individual research*
- Compare cases with similar characteristics and assess relevance of policy options available – *without precluding conclusions*
- Access related indicators' databases and specialized online libraries – *at local, national, regional and international levels*





## Expected Impact on the Policy Cycle

### Research-Policy

- Knowledge base updates and enriches as it is used on the ground and feedback on the experiences is made available (follow-up, evaluation)
- Alternative approaches are assessed over time (tracking, mapping)

### Local-Global

- Policies link gradually to one another since initiatives are based on shared experience (lessons learned, mutual benefits)
- T=0: Options are contextual and comparable
- T=1+: Options are comparative, contextualized and 'refreshed'

### Policy-Community

- Responsiveness is made accountable, traceable and adjustable



## ***ILLUSTRATION***

**“Strengthening women’s participation in urban environmental management”**

## Case Characteristics

### Themes and Issues

- Governance
  - Democracy and participation
- Urban Development
  - Environment
- Migration and Mobility
- Multicultural Societies
- Education
  - Basic education
- Labour and Employment
- Health
  - Food security

### International Frameworks

- Human Rights Issues
  - Economic, social and cultural rights
- Millennium Development Issues
  - Poverty and hunger

### Additional Keywords

women

## Geographical Location

### Countries

Brazil

### Sub-regions (click for detailed listings)

- [Africa and Arab States](#)
- [Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [Europe and North America](#)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

### Regions

- The World
  - Africa and Arab States



- Small Island States
  - Antigua and Barbuda

Search

**OPEN PAPER**

**OPEN BRIEF**

**Your search:** [ themes = city, environment, women; location = brazil ]

**Returned:** 2 Results

Back to [search criteria](#)

Sort by: [relevance](#) | [newest](#) | [oldest](#)

[Add all to collection](#)

1	 	<i>Right to housing : The women movement in Brazil and the experience in the Gamboa favela in Santo André</i>	 
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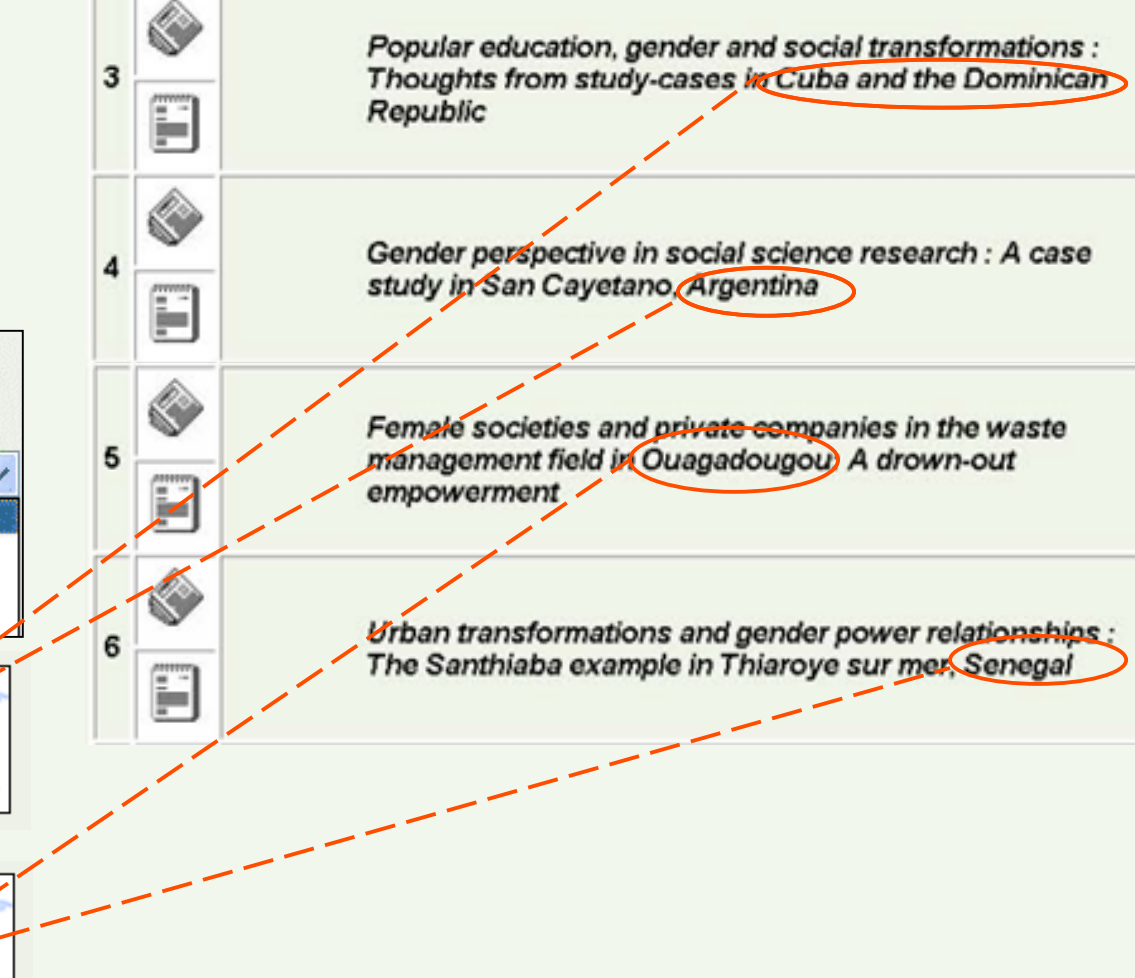
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## Reporting with MOST Tool

### Results

- A compilation of focused experiences (options) from around the globe
- Containing only the very information relevant since selected by the user
- Integrating context-specific dynamics and pointing to the relevant data

### How much it takes

#### 3 clicks

- Full Papers and Briefs; Briefs linking to full sections in original Papers

#### 4-5 clicks

- Custom documents with select contents from 1 or all Paper(s)

#### 5+ clicks

- Custom reports with select contents from personal collection of Papers
- Explore as needed...



## Initial Content Base / Policy Papers Series

(2007)

### Cross-cutting, interdisciplinary, international and comparative themes:

- Human Rights and Poverty Eradication [*100+ docs*]
- Higher Education, Research and Knowledge [*50+*]
- Prevention, Treatment and Care in HIV/AIDS [*50+*]
- People, Biodiversity and Ecology
- Evaluations of Social Policies and Programmes [*Brazil, South Africa*]
- Science – Policy Nexus
- + Standalone studies from MOST, UNESCO, networks and partners...

Continuous content development – Open call for contributions





# Management of Social Transformations Programme



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## Special Features / Next Steps

### Search shortcuts

- Match and compile issues and available options (“How To’s”)
- Point to options available based on case specificity (“Advisory”)
- “Profiles” to be saved and loaded on logon to the system
- Natural language question answering (English)

### Knowledge delivery and dynamics

- Profile-based email alerts when matching new Papers are posted
- R-P Communities of practice to exchange on experiences
- Over time history of experiences to be reflected within documents

### Interpretation support

- Applications to synthesize and make sense of huge masses of content

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## System Considerations

### **Each element of the format is an individual 'Knowledge item'**

- Each knowledge item is unique (domains/dimensions/locations)
- Knowledge items are complementary (margin contributions)
- Each item can be extracted from any document / collected across all documents (comparability)

### **Tool's operational base is the network of knowledge items**

- Utility multiplies with each new submission (exponential value)
- Self-sustainable -- but requires critical mass(es) of content to be 'knowledgeable' (tipping point)

### **Database analysis and content development**

- Identify trends and causalities (how specific problems arise in particular contexts; how different policies may impact each other...)
- Identify gaps and redundancies (strategy)