

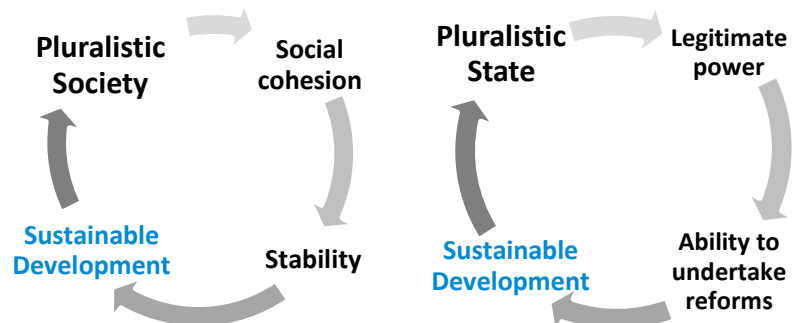


## Action research project : creation of an International Barometer of cultural and religious pluralism

### Definition

When **diversity** only refers to an observation of fact, **pluralism** is proactive. In plural societies, **pluralism** names the **dynamic of coexistence and interaction** among diverse components gathered to build a **common project**, without losing their **distinctiveness**.

### Cultural and religious pluralism, a stake for **sustainable development**



### Why create the International Barometer of cultural and religious pluralism ?

- ✓ To report about **reality** and **perceptions** of cultural and religious' stakes in societies
- ✓ To measure the **level of coexistence and trust** in societies and follow **the evolution** over time
- ✓ To **emphasize progress** regarding pluralism or **alert** in case of pluralism in danger
- ✓ To prevent **identity crises** and **inter communal conflicts**
- ✓ To identify forces of **fragmentation** and on the contrary, forces of **cohesion**
- ✓ To shed light on these issues for **decision-makers and development actors**
  
- ✓ Because in a global world, pluralism and identities are **overexposed but understudied**
- ✓ And lastly because despite the stakes and the needs, **such and indicator doesn't exist**.

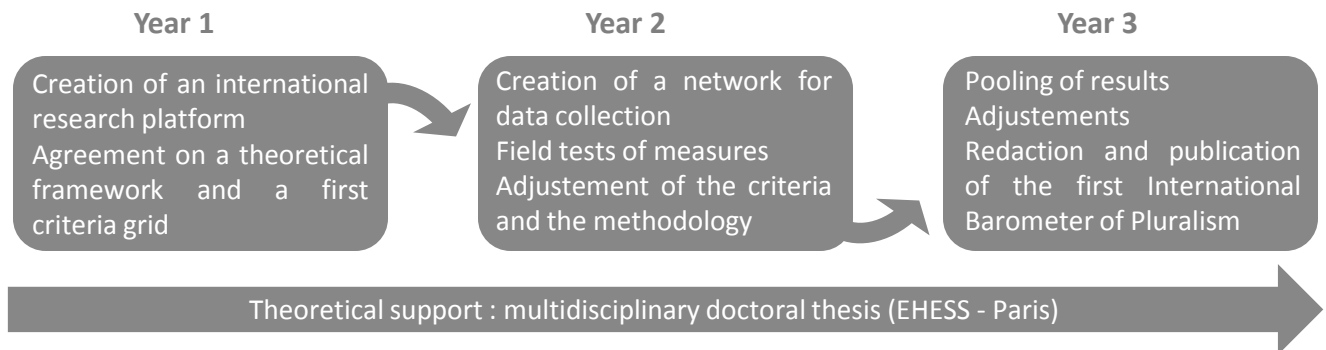
### And in practice ? The International Barometer of cultural and religious pluralism consists in :

1. A **biannual public report** taking stock of the situation of pluralism in the world
2. An **international contributors platform** (NGOs, research institutes, religious leaders)
3. An **operational measuring instrument** to evaluate pluralism in a society : a flexible tool enabling to measure the impact of natural disasters, conflicts, reconciliation processes, political elections, projects and public policy, at all geographic scales.



## A three-years international project of action research

### What are the steps towards this goal?



### Approach of the Pharos Observatory :

- ✚ Foster a **collective and international** work in order to escape from the temptation of dogmatism,
- ✚ Elaborate a **mixed and innovative methodology** combining quantitative and qualitative analysis,
- ✚ **Cross knowledge** of scholars (experts) and people directly involved (people from the relevant societies),
- ✚ Combine a **scientific** observation and a **militant commitment** in the promotion of pluralism,
- ✚ Ensure **transparency** about ideological and methodological potential bias,
- ✚ **Highlight efforts and progress** as regards cultural and religious pluralism,
- ✚ Aim a **pedagogic purpose** by focusing on incitation more than condemnation,
- ✚ Provide narrative **contextualization of the results** relying on political and socio-cultural analysis,
- ✚ Place **human and perception** at the centre of its **comprehensive approach**,
- ✚ Make this work **available** and disseminate it to **be used** by those who work for **sustainable peace**.

**Estimated budget : 800 000€**

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