

# BAROMÈTRE MONDIAL DU PLURALISME CULTUREL ET RELIGIEUX

STRENGTHENING CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM MEANS  
STRENGTHENING A SOCIETY'S CAPACITY FOR RESILIENCE



COUNTRIES  
OF ORIGIN

France,  
Lebanon

REGION OF  
IMPLEMENTATION

International - France,  
Lebanon, Mali



## PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONS

The project is supported by two organizations:

The Observatoire Pharos is a French non-profit organization founded in 2011 dedicated to the defense and promotion of cultural and religious pluralism through information, field action, and research focusing on the analysis and understanding of pluralism and identity tensions.

Founded in 2006, the Adyan Foundation is registered in Lebanon as an independent, non-profit and non-governmental organization. The foundation implements initiatives valuing cultural and religious diversity, and promoting coexistence and diversity management among individuals and communities.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The World Barometer of Cultural and Religious Pluralism aims to measure the intensity of identity tensions within a society, and its ability to absorb shocks between different sets of values to preserve the common good. Serving as an indicator, the tool serves to identify threats to peace, to prevent conflicts, and to build more peaceful and inclusive societies.

The Barometer aims to reflect reality by gathering, analyzing, and publishing relevant information on pluralism in various countries, starting with France, Lebanon, and Mali. In the long term, these results will be used as a basis for advocacy to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness among civil society, academics, and policy makers.

# HOW IT WORKS

The toppling of societies in violent conflicts generally happens at the individual level of (mis)perception, and when all else fails, a social bond is all that remains within a community. Strengthening cultural and religious pluralism as a solution against fragmentation means strengthening a society's capacity for resilience.

The Barometer serves as a tool to gather and analyze relevant up-to-date information and recommendations on pluralism around the world, and advocate for issues related to pluralism. The initiative aims to increasing knowledge, understanding and awareness among different governance actors, including civil society, policymakers, and development actors. The Barometer builds resilient peaceful societies that embrace their diversity through the development of an innovative methodology capable to measure pluralism in two dimensions: the facts, and the perceptions. Convinced that a joint work between partners from different countries would bring significant added value, the pilot phase is based in France, Mali, and Lebanon. Spread over three continents, the countries differ in their contexts, societies, political systems, and economic levels, yet share similarities with some of the issues they face in terms of coexistence and cultural and religious pluralism.

## PILOT PHASE

After a brief exploratory phase dedicated to studying the project feasibility and relevance, the project currently enters the 18-month pilot phase dedicated to research by local partners in three countries (Lebanon, Mali, and France) and the construction of a measurement methodology, divided into 4 steps:

- 1. Concept studies
- 2. Work on the criteria and their weight
- 3. Work on existing, missing and incomplete data
- 4. Analysis of results and adjustments

These four steps will include: in-depth work (theoretical framework, statistical work), field surveys, AI study, results analysis, multi-actors partnership development, scaling-up of the project, etc.



## 2021 OUTLOOK

The Barometer seeks to become a global tool, gradually integrating at least 50 countries through annual reports in collaboration with local partners on the field.

To achieve this goal, 2021 will be devoted to both primary field research and consolidating the methodology, in order to prepare for the publication of the first Barometer report in the spring-summer of 2022.

