Morocco facing Covid-19: overcoming the crisis and preparing for the future
Continuing its reflection on the COVID19 crisis, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has developed an analysis note which assesses the extent of this health crisis at the national and international level. This note also proposes levers of action, allowing Morocco to face this crisis, both immediately and in the medium and long term to better prepare the country for the post-Covid world.

The report on the reputation of Morocco in the world
IRES in partnership with “The Reptrak Company”, finalized the report of the sixth edition of the study on the reputation of Morocco in the world.
It is to be noted that this study, which is part of the work of the observatory on the image of Morocco internationally, set up by IRES in 2015, focused on the analysis of the reputation of the Kingdom in G-7 countries + Russia and in 16 developed or emerging countries as well as the assessment of Morocco’s internal reputation.
The sixth edition of the survey, administered between the months of March and May, a period of great confinement, was marked by a very significant improvement in the external and internal reputation of the Kingdom.

Development of renewable energies in Morocco: lessons and perspectives
IRES finalized the report of this study which aims to take stock, between 2009 and 2019, of achievements in the development of solar and wind energy, to examine the relevance of the technological choices adopted, to "deepen the issue of industrial integration, explore the possibilities in terms of regional cooperation and make public policy proposals likely to promote accelerated development of renewable energies in Morocco, while referring to successful international experiences."
**Strategic maritime passages**

This analytical note presents the most strategic maritime passages on a global scale. It identifies the main issues, risks and threats to which they are exposed. The last part of this note is devoted to strategic and operational foresight. The purpose of the proposals is to help make sea passages more secure, particularly the Strait of Gibraltar.

**The situation in Libya**

This analytical note focuses on the situation in Libya, which is a factor of destabilization for the entire region, and on the challenges and political, economic and social issues arising therefrom. She proposed some possible scenarios to get out of this crisis.

**The Grand Renaissance Dam: between cooperative management and conflictual management**

The Grand Renaissance Dam (GERD), built by Ethiopia on the Blue Nile, set to become Africa’s largest hydroelectric power plant, leads to tension between the countries bordering the Nile. This analytical note highlights the issues, the legal aspects of sharing the waters of the Nile and the prospects for cooperative management to put an end to tensions between Egypt and Sudan on the one hand, and Ethiopia on the other hand and open up new opportunities for hydroelectric production, land irrigation and access to drinking water.

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**Webographic Newsletter of the the months of July and August 2020**

The July and August 2020 issues of the "Webographic watch bulletin", posted online on the IRES website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following topics: employment at the heart of 'a green recovery, the economic prospects of the African Continental Free Trade Area, social entrepreneurship of young people ...

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Mr. Ahmet Aydin DOGAN, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Rabat, accompanied by Mrs. İren Asli MOLLASAIHOGLU, Third Secretary at the Embassy was received by the Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, on July 28, 2020. The discussions focused on issues of common interest and on the possibilities of strengthening cooperation between IRES and Turkish strategic think tanks.
Morocco's reputation in the world in 2020

IRES organized, on July 16, 2020, a videoconference dedicated to the dissemination and discussion of the main results of the sixth edition of the study on Morocco’s reputation in the world, carried out by IRES in partnership with "Reptrak Company", world leader in the field of "Nation Branding".

For September and October 2020, IRES Forum activity will organize videoconferences dedicated to presentation and discussion of:

- preliminary results of the study on the rural middle class;
- recently published books related to the global health crisis (Covid-19).