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#### IRES.Think tank

#### The future of global professions

Royal Institute for Strategic Studies

As part of its activity devoted to the examination of national strategic issues, the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES) has just launched a study on the future of global professions in Morocco. This attempts to establish a diagnosis of the six global professions in Morocco, to explore their future on an international scale and to identify the challenges for the Kingdom, as well as to formulate strategic recommendations capable of guaranteeing harmonious future development of these global businesses.

### Relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Federative Republic of Brazil

As an integral part of this study, a survey of the perception of Morocco's image among the main political and economic actors in Brazil was led, on behalf of IRES, by Pr. Ana-Flavia PLATIAU BARROS of the University of Brasilia.

**IRES Watch** 

#### **Relations between Morocco and certain European countries**

Two analytical notes were drawn up, the first one placing in its historical and geopolitical context, the diplomatic crisis between Morocco and Spain, following the admission into Spanish territory of the leader of the Polisario under a false identity, the second one highlighting the challenges of the crisis that relations between Morocco and Germany have been going through since March 2021.



## Webographic watch bulletin for May and June 2021

The May and June 2021 issues of the "Webographic watch bulletin", posted on the IRES website, present summaries of structural reports relating, in particular, to the following themes: The stability of the Maghreb, the impact of plastic pollution, regional integration in the Union for the Mediterranean ...



# Brainstorming on "The redeployment of terrorist movements in Africa: what are the challenges for Morocco?"

As part of its foresight mission, IRES organized a brainstorming session on May 18, 2021 on the theme "The redeployment of terrorist movements in Africa: what are the challenges for Morocco?"

This meeting made it possible to combine approaches to understand the latest developments in the terrorist phenomenon in Africa as well as the array of threats it projects on the continent, in general and on Morocco, in particular.

### **GAFA**: Reprenons le pouvoir!

A videoconference meeting devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "GAFA: GAFA: Reprenons le pouvoir!", By its author Joëlle TOLEDANO was held at IRES, on Wednesday May 19, 2021, and attended by senior officials of the national institutions concerned as well as international experts on issues related to the regulation of GAFA and the digital economy.

This meeting was an opportunity to highlight the economic model of the digital giants and to assess the extent of their influence, in particular, on the economy, innovation and competition. The reflection also focused on the current and future challenges of the regulation of digital platforms and the most appropriate measures to regulate their activities.

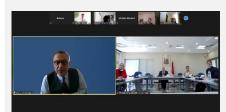
## The perception of the image of Morocco in Brazil

The Institute organized, on June 15, 2021, a videoconference dedicated to the presentation of the findings of the survey on Morocco's reputation among the main Brazilian decision-makers.

This meeting, which was attended by the Moroccan Ambassador in Brasilia, the head of the political service of the Brazilian Embassy in Rabat, diplomats, academics and senior officials of national institutions, provided an opportunity to take stock of the state of cooperation between Morocco and Brazil and to discuss the possibilities of strengthening these relations as well as the levers capable of raising the partnership between the two countries, bordering the South Atlantic, to a strategic level.







# The century of challenges: major international geostrategic challenges

The presentation and discussion of the book entitled "Le siècle des défis : Grands enjeux géostratégiques internationaux", by its author Mr. Ardavan AMIR-ASLANI were the subject of a videoconference on Thursday, June 24, 2021, facilitated by a panel of national and international experts.

The debate highlighted the major current geopolitical trends emerging in an constantly changing world. It also broadcast the main rivalries between the great powers, the challenges that this entails for the future of Africa, the risks induced by climate change as well as the changes in the global governance system.

IRES.COOPERATION



The Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, participated, as keynote speaker, in the videoconference of the 13th World Conference of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), organized in May 25, 2021.

Its communication was revolves around two axes: the first axis highlighted the contours of the post-Covid world, taking into account the many current uncertainties and formulated some proposals capable of achieving a "great ecological transformation", in favor of a more humane post-Covid world. The second axis concerned the repercussions of the pandemic on the African continent and provided an overview of the measures taken by Morocco to curb the spread of the virus and revive the economy.



VISITS TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS



# Visit of His Excellency Mr. LI CHANGLIN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Rabat

His Excellency Mr. LI CHANGLIN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Morocco, accompanied by Mr. Wei MAO, political attaché, were received on June 8, 2021 by the Director General of IRES.



#### A visit of high-level delegation from Nigeria

A high-level delegation from various Nigerian federal institutions, chaired by Mr. Karim ADEGBOYEGA, Director of Research at the Nigerian Think Tank "National Institute for Security Studies (NISS)", carried out a study mission to IRES, on June 10, 2021, with a view to having an overview of the architecture of the Institute's advanced foresight system, its articulation with the study programs as well as the various products developed in this area.

The main thrusts of Morocco's African policy were also presented, as well as the conclusions of certain IRES studies relating to development, governance and security issues in Africa.



# Visit of Her Excellency Madame Nell STEWART, Ambassador of Canada to Rabat

The Director General of IRES met, on June 17, 2021, with Her Excellency Ms. Nell STEWART, Ambassador of Canada in Rabat, accompanied by Mr. Bill MCCRIMMON, Political Advisor at the Embassy of Canada in Morocco.

Agenda

In July and August 2021, the IRES activity. Forum will organize:

- A videoconference relating to the presentation of the results of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the survey on Morocco's reputation in the world.
- The seminar dedicated to the presentation of the preliminary findings of the study entitled "The renewal of the partnership between Africa and the European Union: what role for Morocco?"
- A brainstorming sessions as part of the foresight activity.