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

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) finalized the study report on relations between Morocco and Brazil. This study aims to improve the understanding of the overall situation in Brazil, to assess the state of relations between the two countries, with a view to detecting the shortcomings and constraints, to identify the priority sectors on which should focus on bilateral cooperation and explore the possibilities of Brazil-Morocco-Africa tripartite cooperation.

### **Renewing the partnership between Africa and the European Union: what role for Morocco?**

The draft report of this study, launched following the adoption by the European Union of its new African strategy, took stock of cooperation between Africa and Europe and highlighted the role of Morocco in this cooperation, in light of the Shared Prosperity Partnership. Some levers of action have been identified so that Morocco can strengthen its contribution to Africa-Europe cooperation.

### **The future of Morocco's global professions**

The draft report of the first two phases of the study on the future of global professions in Morocco has just been drawn up. These two phases consist in establishing a diagnosis of Morocco's six global professions, exploring their future internationally and nationally and identifying the challenges, in terms of opportunities and risks for the Kingdom.

### **New foresight Watch System**

To grasp out the contours of an increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world (VUCA), IRES deemed appropriate to adopt a new Foresight Monitoring System, which is in line with the five pillars of the development model, proposed by the Institute in its 2019/2020 Annual Strategic Report.

This new system provides a real advance compared to the old monitoring systems set up by IRES, in this case the foresight Information System, designed in 2008 and the "i-RES" Exploratory and Strategic Resources System, developed in 2015..

### **European Union court ruling**

This analytical note highlights the possible impact on Morocco of the judgment of the General Court of the European Union (EU) on September 29, 2021, annulling the decisions of the Council of the Union *"relating, on the one hand, to the agreement between the EU and Morocco amending the tariff preferences granted by the European Union to products of Moroccan origin and, on the other hand, to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement."*

### **Russia's geopolitics in Africa**

The main characteristics of Russia's foreign policy, as well as its African policy, were the subject of an analysis note, which also dealt with relations between Morocco and Russia, in a context marked by the progression of Russian influence in the Sahel region.



### **Webographic watch bulletin for the months of September and October 2021**

The September and October 2021 issues of the "Webographic watch bulletin", posted on the IRES website, present summaries of forward-looking reports relating, in particular, to the following themes: trends 2030-2050 in Mediterranean and the southern neighborhood, migration and climate change, the development of scientific research in the world, ...

### **Work Meetings**



### **Foresight workshops on the future of Morocco's global professions**

From 25 to 29 October 2021, the Institute organized a series of workshops to present and discuss the preliminary results of its foresight exercise relating to Morocco's global professions, in which representatives of the public sector and professional federations took part, as well as academic experts.



### **Brainstorming on Morocco's relations with the European Union in the light of the judgment of the General Court of the European Union dated September 29, 2021**

This brainstorming session, organized on October 13, 2021, was devoted to understanding and anticipating the consequences for Morocco and Europe of the judgment rendered by the General Court of the European Union on September 29, 2021.



### **Notre avenir s'écrit dans l'océan**

A meeting dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the work entitled "Notre avenir s'écrit dans l'océan", by its authors Isabelle AUTISSIER and Francis VALLAT was held on October 21, 2021, to which a panel of national and international experts, specialists in sea-related subjects took part.



### **Brainstorming session dedicated to the latest developments in the Maghreb**

IRES organized a brainstorming session on September 22, 2021 devoted to the recent developments in the Maghreb, following Algeria's severance of its relations with Morocco.

#### **VISITS TO IRES OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS**



### **Working visit to IRES by a high-level delegation from "Huawei Technologies"**

A high-level delegation from "Huawei Technologies", chaired by Mr. HOU Tao, Global Vice-President of the Chinese multinational, paid a working visit to IRES on October 05, 2021.

The discussions during this meeting, which is part of the strategic dialogue started in 2018 between IRES and the think tanks and Chinese operators, concerned, in particular, subjects related to digital transformation, to digital sovereignty and the decarbonation of the digital economy.

## Agenda

For the months of November and December 2021, the IRES activity. Forum will stand out for its organization:

- the seminar dedicated to the presentation of the preliminary conclusions of the study entitled "The renewal of the partnership between Africa and the European Union: what role for Morocco?"
- the seminar devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book " La grande histoire vue de la mer" by Mr. Christian BUCHET
- brainstorming sessions as part of the foresight watch activity.