



IRES.Think tank

## **What future for water in Morocco?**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has prepared a summary report on the future of water in Morocco. This report provided an overview of the current state of the this strategic issue and to identify the present and future challenges of the water issue in Morocco.

Proposals of strategic orientations and action levers were formulated, in order to preserve the "water capital" at the national level, to guarantee the water supply of the country on the medium and long term and to ensure a rational management of the demand for water resources.

## **The future of relations between Morocco and the United States of America**

Continuing its reflection on relations between Morocco and the United States, the Institute has completed the first phase of the study on the American perception of bilateral relations, in light of common interests and ongoing geopolitical and geo-economic changes. Carried out, at the request of IRES, by an eminent American researcher, the analysis of this perception has allowed to identify levers for strengthening Morocco-American relations in several areas, as well as prospects for triangular cooperation with the common partners of both countries.

## **The ocean: a global challenge and solution**

The Institute has written several feature articles, focus and data sheets on the "oceansphere" and the land-sea interface, as part of the preparation of the 2022 summary strategic report.

## IRES Watch

### Horizon Scanning

IRES has conducted a horizon scanning exercise that identified a few weak signals, emergences and trend evolutions on a global scale, in particular in relation to the issues of governance and planetarization, on a horizon ranging from 2024 to 2030. These transformations have been synthesized and prioritized, using the Institute's foresight mapping tool "Future Compass", according to their importance in terms of impacts and structural changes.



### Webographic watch bulletin for the months of March and April 2022

The March and April 2022 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique", available online on the IRES website, present summaries of prospective reports on the following themes: the European Union's blue governance, the main global risks in 2022, the geopolitics of energy transformation, ...

## Work Meetings



### Brainstorming devoted to the analysis of the direct and indirect repercussions on Morocco Russia's military intervention in Ukraine

This brainstorming, held on March 15, 2022, was an opportunity to understand the current geopolitical changes, to examine the impact of the current crisis on the national economy and to consider ways to strengthen its resilience.



### What future for water in Morocco?

Bringing together a panel of high-level national and international experts from several disciplines, this meeting, organized on March 17, 2022, has allowed to analyze in depth the current and future issues of water in Morocco and to hatch some innovative ideas, able to preserve and better manage the "water capital" at the national level.

It was in line with the spirit of IRES, which, by virtue of its missions, tackles subjects of strategic importance for the Kingdom, by promoting collective intelligence.

### **Retour de la guerre**



A videoconference devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "Retour de la guerre" by Mr. François HEISBOURG, was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

The debate addressed the multiple facets of the conflictuality that characterizes the world today, in particular, the Covid-19 pandemic, which has exacerbated tensions between the great powers, reinforced borders by adopting policies restricting people's movement.

### **Preparing the third edition of the national survey on the social bond**



In the framework of the preparation of the third edition of the national survey on the social bond, scheduled for 2022, following those of 2011 and 2016, IRES organized a brainstorming session on Monday, April 18, 2022, to identify the axes and innovative concepts to update and enrich, in light of social and societal changes, the questionnaire that will support a new radioscopy of the Moroccan society.

### **What health system in Morocco, in the light of national sovereignty and the generalization of social coverage?**



This foresight day allowed to make an overview of the state this strategic issue, to update knowledge, to cross approaches to better identify the current and future challenges of the issue of health in Morocco, as well as to explore the international changes that will shape the reorganization of health models in the future.

At the end of this meeting, the debates highlighted the key issues of the future on which action should be focused. They ended with the proposal, according to a prospective approach and a collective intelligence process, of innovative ideas, able to contribute to laying the foundations of a renewed, sovereign and inclusive Moroccan health model, in accordance with the High Royal Orientations.



### **Working visit to IRES by a high-level delegation from the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)**

A high level delegation from the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), chaired by its Founder and Executive President, Mr. Steve KILLELEA, accompanied by Mr. Serge STROOBANTS, Director for Europe and the MENA region at IEP and Mr. Cesar ALVAREZ, Director of Curricula at the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa in Rabat, paid a working visit to IRES on March 29, 2022.



### **Mr. Carlos MONTEIRO REIS, Head of the UNCTAD Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa of the United Nations in Rabat**

Mr. Carlos MONTEIRO REIS, Head of the UNCTAD Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa of the United Nations in Rabat, accompanied by Mr. Cesar ALVAREZ, Director of Curricula in this office dedicated to the training of African security forces in the fight against terrorism was received, on March 2, 2022, by the Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE.

### **Agenda**

May and June 2022, the IRES. Forum will be distinguished by the organization of :

- a conference of the Ambassadors' Debate Cycle on the future of relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Federal Republic of Germany,
- A study day on the future of Dakhla,
- the 10th edition of the Forum of Arab Thought and Culture.