Implementation by IRES of the new Royal Orientations

IRES has launched the preparation of its 2014 action plan according to the new Orientations contained in the Royal Message of August 30, 2013, having invited the Institute to devote its efforts to the diplomatic field and various aspects of Morocco’s external relations. To this end, preparatory meetings, attended by former ambassadors and experts of Foreign Affairs, were held. Furthermore, the Institute is undertaking internally an assessment aiming to adjust its working tools, mainly the Foresight Information System, and its organizational mode so as to fulfill the New Royal Orientations.

Launch of a new study titled "Economic Security and climate change"

Within the framework of the second phase of its study program "Climate Change: Impacts on Morocco and global adaptation options" IRES launched a study entitled "Economic security and climate change." This study aims to assess the threats to the national economy in a context of climate change and to identify proactive measures that would enhance the country’s overall adaptation policy. The study deals also with some key aspects related to opportunities offered to Morocco internationally in terms of financial cooperation and capacity building so as to address efficiently the threats raised by climate change.

Completion of three intermediary reports of the study program “Morocco’s positioning in the globalized system”

Three intermediary reports undertaken within the framework of its study program "Morocco’s positioning in the globalized system", were finalized by IRES’ working groups, namely :

- Second phase report of the study "Dynamics of change driven by the" Arab Spring ": What impacts on Morocco’s regional positioning? ".
- First phase of the study "Relations between Morocco and South America : a strategy for a comprehensive and integrated cooperation".
- First phase report of the study" Asia-Pacific dynamics and their impact on the global balance: what incidences on Morocco?".
The geopolitical transformations in the Arab world: What impact on regional and international positioning of Morocco?

Under its new guidelines, the Institute organized 31 October 2013, a seminar on the theme "The geopolitical transformations in the Arab world: What impact on regional and international positioning of Morocco", attended by experts of geopolitical and geo-economic issues.

Webographic watch bulletins September and October 2013

The September and October 2013 issues of the « Webographic watch bulletin" are posted on the website of the Institute. These issues present summaries of several prospective reports on the following topics: Human development, digital economy, investment, science diplomacy, global warming, ....

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Overview on extreme climate risks and their impact on the Moroccan economy

This seminar, organized on September 23, 2013, was devoted to the presentation and discussion of key finding of the first phase of the study on the anticipation and management of risks of extreme events and natural disasters. It was attended by officials from several departments and academic experts in the field of climate change.

Industrialization and global competitiveness of Morocco: issues and challenges

IRES has invited public and private operators and Moroccan experts of issues related to industrial development, to attend the seminar organized on September 25, 2013, in order to examine the issues and challenges Morocco has yet to meet in order to accelerate the edification of a strong industrial base to improve its international profile of specialization and to enhance its ranking among competitive economies.

Operationalization of the constitutional prerogatives of the civil society: which impacts on the governance of public policies in Morocco?

This theme has been debated during the seminar organized on October 2, 2013, under the framework of the study on the operationalization of the constitution. The meeting highlighted key options leading to the edification of an advanced participatory democracy model in Morocco, based on good governance of public policies.
The Knowledge Economy: Enhancement, Challenges and Prospects

As part of its cycle dedicated to discussions of recently published books addressing some key issues, IRES held, October 7th, 2013, a round table of presentation of the book titled "The knowledge economy: Enhancement, Challenges and Opportunities" by its author Prof. Jean Pierre BOUCHEZ. This roundtable enabled a rich debate on conceptual aspects of knowledge and their various dimensions: historical, sociological and economic.

Official bilingualism: What impacts on institutional and societal communication in Morocco

IRES organized, Wednesday, October 23, 2013, a study day on this topic, attended by public representatives, civil society actors and university experts. This scientific event has enabled to develop further the thinking on possible ways to implement efficiently official bilingualism according to Morocco’s July Constitution.

IRES Communication to the 7th edition of the International Conference on Public Finances

The IRES Director General chaired, on September 14, 2013, the proceedings of the second session of the International Conference on Public Finances organized under the theme “Which political management of the fiscal and budgetary reforms in Morocco and France?”. During this session, emphasis was put on the urgent need to design a new public finances strategy and to ensure its coherence with the dispositions of the Kingdom’s Constitution.

Participation de l’IRES au Forum de Crans Montana

IRES took part to the extraordinary session of the Crans Montana Forum and the 15th annual meeting of the International Summit on Transnational Crime, held in Brussels 16-18 October 2013.

The forum, attended by political and military personalities as well as representatives of international organizations and experts of security and development issues, was held under the theme of “the post-crisis world”. At this event, IRES was represented by Mr. Said MOUFTI, Director of Research.

IRES Communication at the “Hassan II Academy of Sciences and Technology” seminar

IRES’ Director General took part to the seminar organized October 30, 2013 by the Hassan II Academy of Sciences and Technology on the theme “What green economy for Morocco?”. The IRES’ Director General presented a communication highlighting the role of the green economy in the enhancement of Morocco’s global competitiveness as well as the strategic levers required to accelerate the conversion of the national development model on the basis of green economy’s principles.
**Work Meetings**

**Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of Pakistan to Morocco**
During a visit to IRES on September 11, 2013, His Excellency Mr. Mohammad WAHEED-UL-HASSAN, Ambassador of Pakistan to Morocco was received by Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, IRES’ Director General. The meeting was devoted to the prospects of development of bilateral relations between Morocco and Pakistan.

**Visit to IRES of a delegation from China**
A Chinese delegation headed by HE JI Peiding, Ambassador, member of the Advisory Group of policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited IRES September 19, 2013. During this visit, discussions were held on the recent developments of socio-political situation in MENA countries as well as the issues and challenges facing the democratic transition in the region.

**India Ambassador to Morocco visits IRES**
His Excellency, Mr. Krichan KUMAR, Ambassador of India to Morocco visited IRES on October 8, 2013. The discussions held focused, mainly, on the prospects for strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries in some key areas.

**Work meeting with a Spanish delegation**
A Spanish delegation, chaired by HE Mr. Antonio SANCHEZ-BENEDITO, Special Ambassador in Mission to the Sahel, visited IRES on 8 October 2013. At this meeting, discussions covered recent development of security situation in the Sahel region, and the potential role of Morocco and Spain in the promotion of peace, security and development in this sensitive region.

**Study mission of a delegation from UEMOA to IRES**
A Delegation from the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa (UEMOA) was received at IRES on October 30, 2013. This visit is part of a study mission designed to inquire about the experience of IRES in the perspective of establishing a strategic watch entity within the UEMOA Commission.
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**Seminar « Morocco - South America relations: Achievements and prospects of enhancement »**  
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