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#### **Rural development in Africa**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) received the provisional report of the study entitled "rural development in sub-Saharan Africa". This report highlighted the main shortcomings in this area and made preliminary proposals with regards to the fight against rural poverty and transformation.

#### **Digital diplomacy**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) launched a study, which aims to examine the issues and challenges related to digital diplomacy for Morocco, to think about the strategic priorities in this area and to propose a roadmap giving Morocco a successful digital diplomacy.

#### **Employment and value creation: opportunities and risks for Morocco**

This study, has been initiated by IRES, to deal with this meta-issue. It aims to identify the trends and issues of value creation as well as to highlight the challenges ahead on the horizon 2050 at the international and national level. The implications of the Morocco's development model will be put forward in a political economy perspective and in a prospective approach.

#### Finalization of the IRES.Forum2017 report

This report draws the main conclusions of 2 international conferences and 17 meetings held during the year 2017 by IRES. It discuss national, regional and international issues as well as those relating to the presentation and discussion of recent publications, dealing with structural issues facing Morocco.

# Drafting of the acts of the meeting on Korea-Morocco partnership for bilateral economic cooperation and tripartite development cooperation in Africa

The Royal Institute for Strategic studies have recently edited the acts of this meeting. It focused on the cooperation relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Korea as well as the prospects for their strengthening in the economic sectors and geographical areas of common interest, particularly Africa.

# Drafting of the acts of the international meeting on the theme "The migration in Africa: issue, challenges, and response strategies"

The Royal Institute for Strategic studies have recently edited the acts of this meeting. It addressed the issue of migration at international and African level. Other aspects were discussed, notably the management of migration in Europe as in Africa and the issue of migration in regards to Morocco's accession to the Economic Community of West African States.

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## Webographic watch Bulletins for March and April 2018

The editions of March and April 2018 "webographic bulletin ", published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: the future of employment, climate migration, artificial intelligence, cybercrime, uberisation ......

#### IRES.Forum



#### **Assessment of the water issue in Morocco**

As part of the IRES' study program "Climate change: impacts on Morocco and global adaptation options" conducted since 2007, the meeting of March 12, 2018 was devoted to the issue of water in Morocco in its many dimensions: availability, mobilization, use, governance and protection.

#### IRES.Coopération



## **Session on Migration of Crans Montana Forum**

The Crans Montana Forum in partnership with the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) organized, on March 17, 2018, a session on the migration issues, challenges and response strategies.

Chaired by Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES, the meeting aims to contribute to the strategic thinking on migration, at a time when Morocco is mandated to coordinate the action of the African Union on this issue, co-chairs the Global Forum for Migration and Development and will host, in December 2018, the International Conference on Migration, which will adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.



# Participation of IRES in the sixth edition of the conference "Knowledge Coalition"

IRES took part in the sixth edition of the conference "Knowledge Coalition", organized, under the high patronage of HRH Prince Faisal Ben Bandar Ben Abdelaziz, by the Saudi broadcasting corporation in Ryad on April 9, 2018. This conference was an opportunity to discuss several topics, including Iran's intervention in the Gulf and Arab world, coalition of muslim nations and international challenges as well as the situation in the Arab world.

IRES attended two conferences. The Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, focus on the threats originating outside the Gulf region and Mr. Mohammed Zakaria ABOUDAHAB, University professor and associate researcher at IRES, gave a talk on "The Gulf Cooperation Council and successful foreign experiences in regional organization".



# IRES participation in the conference of the General Confederation of Enterprises of Morocco (CGEM) on "What social contract for Morocco?"

During his presentation, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE said that the issue of the social contract is part of a global reflection on the development model. He placed particular emphasis on the reforms to be undertaken in this area, focusing in the first place on the development of human capital and the emancipation of the individual.

Réunions de travail



# Visit to IRES of Mr. Tim COLE, British Envoy for Migration, accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Thomas REILLY, Ambassador of Great Britain to Morocco

A working session was held on 20 March 2018 with Mr. Tim COLE, British Envoy for Migration, accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Thomas REILLY, Ambassador of Great Britain to Morocco. The meeting focused on Morocco's immigration policy, its approach to migration in Africa, and also, on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.



## Visit of Mr Amin SAIKAL, Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University and Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the College of Arts and Social Sciences

Mr. Amin SAIKAL paid a visit to IRES, on April 04, 2018. After a presentation of the activities and missions of the two institutions, the discussions held with the Director General of the Institute, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE and the associated researchers, focused on recent developments in the security situation at international and regional level, particularly in the Middle East and the perspectives lying ahead in the light of the geopolitical and geoeconomic mutations.

A presentation was made of the Moroccan experience in the religious field and the fight against radicalization, its soft power strategy and its spiritual diplomacy under the enlightened leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

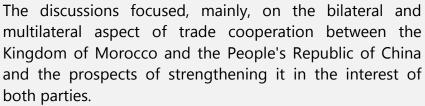


### **Visit to IRES of the Director of Cervantes Institute**

On April 20, 2018, the Director General of IRES held discussions with Mr. Javier GALVÁN, Director of Cervantes Institute, about the future of foreign languages in Morocco, especially the Spanish language. The opportunity to set up an observatory dedicated to this language was examined.



Mr. Sun Zhongue, Deputy Director General of the Department of Political Research at the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by a high-level Chinese delegation, was received by the Director General of IRES on 25 April 2018.



In terms of multilateral relations, the discussion focused in particular on China's action in Africa in line with the Royal vision of the autonomous development of the African continent and in line with the Agenda 2063 of the African Union.



#### Agenda

## Mai 2018

- Seminar to present the preliminary findings of the study on "Rural Development in Africa".
- Seminar to present the preliminary findings of the study titled: "Morocco's energy transition in the light of Morocco new African strategy".