Completion of the first intermediary report of the study on relations between Morocco and North America

IRES has finalized the first intermediary report of the study “Morocco - North America relations: current achievements and prospects for reinforcement” titled “Assessment of Morocco - North America relations”. This report was devoted to the examination of Morocco's relations with the North America countries in their geo-economic and geopolitical dimensions and the assessment of progress made in this area.

Finalization of the first intermediary report of the study “Economic security and climate change”

IRES' working group in charge of the study on “Economic security and climate change” had finalized the first intermediary report devoted to the definition of the conceptual framework of economic security, the identification of strategic economic activities and the methodology to assess the vulnerability of these activities within the framework of climate change.

Launch of a study on “How to make Morocco a regional hub in the field of innovation and scientific research?”

With view of the new realities of international competitive environment, IRES has launched a study to examine the potential of Morocco in strengthening its capabilities in the field of innovation and to suggest recommendations aiming to promote a national economy with high added value based on innovative technologies and to strengthen the country's image internationally and its attractiveness to foreign investment.

Completion of report on opportunities and risks

IRES had finalized the report on opportunities and risks for Morocco regarding international, regional and national context. This report is based on the analysis of key tendencies, the identification of opportunities and threats and their consideration in terms of strengths and weaknesses for Morocco as well as the ability of public policies to seize these opportunities and contain the threats. This report is structured around five dimensions: social, geo-economic, environmental, energetic and security.
**Webographic watch bulletins November and December 2013**

The November and December 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: sustainable development, international trade, poverty, energy, ....

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**Morocco-South America Relations: Progress and Prospects of reinforcement**

This seminar, organized on November 13, 2013, was devoted to the presentation and discussion of key finding of the study undertaken by IRES on this theme. It was attended by ambassadors of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru as well as by Moroccan diplomats, public and private national actors and experts of international issues. The seminar emphasize the strengths and weaknesses of Morocco’s cooperation with South American countries at bilateral and multilateral level as well as the importance to expand the spectrum of this cooperation to key dimensions, such as technical cooperation, issues related to human development and human-cultural exchanges.

**What place of North America within Morocco’s strategic options?**

This theme has been debated during the seminar organized on November 28, 2013, under the framework of the study related to the Atlantic dimension of Morocco’s external relations. This seminar emphasize the importance of North America region for Morocco’s external relations, with view to the opportunities in terms of development of trade and investment, and the bilateral cooperation in some important areas of common interest.

**Asia-Pacific dynamics and its impact on the global balances: what implications for Morocco?**

Under the framework of its study on « Asia-Pacific dynamics and its impact on the global balances: what implications for Morocco? », IRES organized on December 26, 2013, a seminar on this theme. This seminar was attended by diplomats, public and private actors and experts on international issues. This seminar emphasized the determinants of the centrality of the Asia-Pacific region within global geopolitical and geo-economic balances, the resulting direct and indirect effects for Morocco as well as the strategic actions the country should undertake in order to anticipate the geostrategic changes looming ahead.
IRES participation to the international conference on « Power sharing in the Middle East »
IRES took part to the conference, organized on December 5-6, 2013 in Hamburg, by the « German Institute for Global and Area Studies » (GIGA) on the theme « Power sharing in the Middle East ». IRES’ communication focused on the prospects of social and political changes in the Middle East and on the Moroccan experience in terms of democratic transition.

IRES communication to the seminar on « Morocco-Germany: 50 years of cooperation »
IRES took part to the seminar organized jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, December 10, 2013 in Rabat. IRES communication highlighted key levers to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries, with view to various opportunities associated with the process of advanced regionalization being implemented in Morocco as well as the prospects of extending this cooperation to other areas of common interest, including Africa.

Participation of the IRES to the 6th edition of the World Policy Conference
The Director General of the IRES took part at the 6th edition of the "World Policy Conference", held in Monaco on December 13-15, 2013. This conference, attended by renowned personalities, has been dedicated to addressing issues of global governance and the future of diplomacy.

Seminar related to the discussion of key findings of the first phase of the study titled “Economic security and climate change”.
4 February 2014

Seminar related to the discussion of key findings of the second phase of the study titled “Anticipation and management of risks of extreme events and natural disasters”.
27 February 2014

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