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Social networks and their impact on the Moroccan economy and society

This study aims to better understand the impact and issues raised by the new digital reports in Morocco. Its main objective revolves around the following issues: what virtual world that is emerging in Morocco and what would be its implications on the Moroccan economy and society?

Morocco's development model

As part of its ongoing reflection on global competitiveness and intangible capital, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) conducted a study on Morocco's development model in terms of prospective approach.

The diplomacy of cyberspace

The purpose of this study is to examine the issues and challenges for Morocco related to digital diplomacy and to make proposals for providing Morocco with a successful cyberspace diplomacy.

The update of the 2017 strategic report

IRES has updated its 2017 strategic report on "Global Issues of the Biosphere", taking into account the latest developments in the field of climate change and the ecological footprint on a national, regional and global levels.

IRES.Veille



Webographic Newsletter of the months: March and April 2019

The editions of March and April 2019 "Webographic Bulletin", published online in the institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: Food crisis, social justice and sustainable development, the impact of the artificial intelligence on education, the state of the climate...

IRES.Forum









Social movements in Algeria

In regards to its mission of strategic intelligence, IRES organized, on April 3, 2019, a brainstorming to understand the recent developments in Algeria.

Iran, what influence on North Africa and the Sahel?

In partnership with the International Institute of Iranian Studies of Saudi Arabia, IRES organized, on April 8, 2019, an international conference to discuss the extent and means used by Iran to build its influence in North Africa and the Sahel to identify strategic levers to counter external threats to Arab countries.

Finalization of the IRES Forum.2018 report

This report is a summary of the proceedings of international conferences and seminars organized by IRES in 2018, to discuss national, regional and international issues as well as meetings related to the presentation and discussion of books, dealing with structural issues that challenge Morocco.

IRES.Coopération



IRES' contribution to the fifth edition of the Crans **Montana Forum**

IRES took part in the 5th edition of the Crans Montana Forum, held in Dakhla from March 14 to 17, 2019, under the theme "Building a powerful and modern Africa dedicated to its youth". The institute organized, in partnership with the Ministry Delegate in charge of African Cooperation, on March 16, 2019, a high-level panel on digital transformation in Africa with the aim of deepening the reflection on this issue. The participation of the Institute was also demonstrated by the setting up of an IRES stand at the Dakhla Congress Center.

Visit of a Korean delegation

At the invitation of IRES, a Korean delegation from the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) visited Morocco from 09 to 12 April 2019. This visit is part of the the study project "Industry of the future: opportunities and issues for Morocco" implemented jointly by IRES and KIEP. It aims to assess the maturity of the national industrial sector with regard to the Industry 4.0.





IRES participation to the 16th edition of "Come To My Home"

The Director General of IRES participated in the 16th edition of "Come To My Home", organized on April 15, 2019 at the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University in Benguerir, through a communication on the theme "The crucial issues of the humanity".



Participation of IRES in the 8th edition of the conference "Coalition of Knowledge Storm "

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Réunions de travail



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Visit on 22 March 2019 to IRES of a delegation of the African Development Bank (AfDB)

The exchanges focused on the issues and the levers of change necessary for an autonomous development of Africa within the framework of a "leapfrog" approach. The AfDB President's Senior Adviser emphasized the importance of intra-African knowledge sharing in South-South cooperation. He proposed to IRES to take part in a virtual network of knowledge to develop in the future.



Visit of His Excellency the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Rabat on March 25, 2019

During this meeting, discussions focused on the possibilities of developing Morocco's relations with Bangladesh. At the same time, Mrs. Sultana Laila HOSSAIN, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Rabat, expressed her wish that IRES establish a partnership with think tanks in Bangladesh.



Visit of a delegation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Ms. Giovanie BIHA, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, accompanied by Ms. Lilia HAHEM NAAS, Director of the Subregional Office for North Africa, was received by IRES's General Director on march 27, 2019. During this meeting, IRES was asked to contribute to the reflection on the important issue of job creation.



Visit on April 10, 2019 of His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador to Rabat

The discussions with Mr Niklas KEBBON, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to Rabat, aimed at developing cooperation between IRES and Swedish think tanks in the field of international relations and global issues



Working visit on April 29, 2019 of a high-level delegation

The discussions with Mr. Philippe POINSOT, Coordinator of the United Nations System for Development (SNUD) and Mrs. Leila MOKADEM, Resident Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Morocco, focused on the issue of the new model of development of Morocco.

Agenda

May 2019

- International conference on the new Morocco's development model.
- Seminar to present the preliminary results of the study on scientific research and innovation in the Arab world.

June 2019

• Seminar presenting the main results of the 5th edition of the study on Morocco's reputation in the world.