

## **News Letter**

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### 2013 annual report of the Institute

IRES has finalized its 2013 annual report, which summarizes the main achievements in terms of strategic studies and watch. The report highlights the key findings of these studies as well as the conclusions of the seminars organized by the Institute. It also presents an overview on cooperation activities with national and international institutions, mainly with think-tanks.

#### IRES.Think tank

## Completion of the first intermediary report of the study "Asia-Pacific dynamics and their impact on global balances: what impact on Morocco?"

IRES work group, in of charge this project, has achieved the first intermediary report of the study mentioned above, presenting the diagnosis of Asia-Pacific geostrategic dynamics.

# Finalization of the second intermediary report of the study "Morocco-South America relations: for a global and integrated cooperation strategy"

IRES has finalized the report of the second phase of this study, dedicated to the analysis of issues and challenges linked to the positioning of Morocco in South America.

#### **IRES Watch**

## Conference-debate on the theme "An insight on ongoing popular movements in Arab countries"



As part of the monitoring of the evolutions of the regional context of Morocco, IRES organized on February 24, 2014, a conference-debate on the theme "An insight on ongoing popular movements in Arab countries". The emphasis was placed on identifying keys to apprehend popular movements in Arab countries and on the

prospects arising in terms of democratic transition and economic and social development.



### Webographic watch bulletins for January and February 2014

The January and February 2014 issues of the "webographic watch bulletin", available on the website of the institute, present summaries of several prospective reports. These reports tackle various issues, such as: world economic prospects, migration, energy efficiency, research and development...

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### **Updating the compilation report on international think-tanks**

IRES updated its compilation of international think-tanks, while targeting especially those specialized in international relations and diplomacy.

**IRES Forum** 

### Finalization of IRES.Forum 2013 report

This report draws the main conclusions of about thirty seminars, held during the year 2013, within the framework of the following debate cycles:

- External relations of Morocco
- Regional socio-political and security issues
- Global issues
- National issues
- Presentation and discussion of recent publications related to strategic issues

## "What new vision of Morocco-European Union partnership, in the light of mutations in the south Mediterranean neighborhood?"



IRES organized on February 10, 2014 a conference, moderated by Mr. Rupert JOY, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union in Morocco. During this conference, which was attended by diplomats, public and private sector officials, and academic experts, the emphasis was put on the progress made in terms of cooperation

between Morocco and the European Union in structuring areas. It also shed light on the prospects of strengthening bilateral relations, in the framework of a new partnership vision.

### "Economic security and climate change"



IRES organized on February 19, 2014, a seminar dedicated to the presentation of the main conclusions of the first phase of the study on "Economic security and climate change". During this seminar, attended by officials from relevant departments and public institutions, the focus

was put on economic security and on strategic economic activities that are likely to be hard hit by climate change.



# "Actors and impacts of structuring fields of the operationalization of the Constitution"

This seminar, held on February 20, 2014, was attended by university researchers. It was dedicated to the presentation

and discussion of preliminary results of the study mentioned above.

### IRES participation to the board constitutive meeting of CALAME project

IRES took part in the meeting about the CALAME project (Coordination for Action and Linkage between the Actors of the Mediterranean Economy), held in Paris on January 30, 2014. Among other things, this project aims at enhancing cooperation between actors of the euro-mediterranean economy and to build coordination mechanisms, so as to contribute to the emergence of the Mediterranean, as a prosperous region.

## IRES participation to the workshop: "Think Tanks and Research Institutes: what role in the Moroccan diplomacy towards Africa?"



IRES took part in the workshop organized on February 18, 2014, in Rabat, by the Institute of African Studies. On this occasion, the General-Director of IRES presented a communication highlighting the role of Africa in the priorities of Moroccan foreign policy, as well as IRES contribution to the

enlightenment of Morocco's strategic options towards Africa.

### "What geopolitics for Morocco?"

The General-Director of IRES took part in the round table organized by Al-Akhawayn University on February 25 and 26, 2014 in Ifrane, on the theme: "What geopolitics for Morocco?" He shed the light on global structural changes and their implications on Morocco's foreign policy.

#### Agenda

Seminar related to the discussion of a collective book "The Moroccan Constitution of 2011 – Analysis and comments"

#### March13, 2014

Seminar related to the discussion of the results of the study "Anticipation and risk management of extreme climatic events and disasters"

#### March 18, 2014

Seminar "The security situation in Africa: issues and challenges for regional and international cooperation"

#### March 28, 2014

Seminar related to the discussion of the results of the study "Actors and impacts of structuring fields of the operationalization of the Constitution"

### April 3, 2014

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