



## IRES.Think tank

### **How to make Morocco a regional hub in the field of research and innovation?**

The first intermediary report highlighted the reforms undertaken by Morocco in the field of research and innovation and reviewed some international experiences highly relevant to Morocco.

### **The dynamics of change driven by the Arab Spring: What impacts on the positioning of Morocco?**

The third phase of the study on this theme identified some foreign policy options to enable Morocco to reinforce its regional positioning in the aftermath of sociopolitical mutations taking place in the Arab world.

### **Anticipation and risk management of extreme climatic events and disasters**

IRES has finalized the report of the second phase of this study, dedicated to the examination of early warning and disaster management systems in Morocco.

## IRES Watch

### **The future of the Mediterranean amidst new global geostrategic realities**



This theme has been discussed during the conference-debate facilitated by Mr. Fathallah SIJILMASSI, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), on April 22, 2014. It highlighted the specifics of UfM as a framework for dialogue and cooperation, the centrality of human development in the cooperative approach promoted by the UfM and the need for greater coordination between the institutions working in the Mediterranean.



### **Webographic watch bulletins for March and April 2014**

The March and April 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: international relations, food security, new information and communication technologies...

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### **Presentation of a collective book**



As part of its cycle of presentation and discussion of recent books on strategic issues, a roundtable was organized on March 13, 2014, around "The Moroccan Constitution of 2011 – Analysis and comments". The discussions stressed the institutional and political prospects offered by the 2011 Constitution.

### **Anticipation and management of risks of extreme events and disasters**



This seminar, held on March 18, 2014, was dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the results of the second phase of IRES' study project related to the analysis of the risk management of natural disasters and extreme events in Morocco and public policy coherence to face the challenges caused by these risks.

### **Issues and challenges of the security situation in Africa for regional and international cooperation: what role of Morocco?**



The seminar organized on March 28, 2014, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Office of Morocco, shed light on recent developments in the Sahel and the effectiveness of current cooperation mechanisms in order to curb the terrorist threat in the region. A special session was devoted to deepen the reflection on the keys to comprehend the crisis in the Central African Republic.

### **How to make Morocco a regional hub in the field of research and innovation?**



The findings of the first phase of the study were discussed during the seminar of April 24, 2014, which highlighted strengths and weaknesses of the Moroccan innovation system and the potential that the country holds in order to emerge as a regional hub in the field of research and innovation.

### **The relations between Morocco and countries of Southern and Eastern Africa**



This seminar held on April 30, 2014, and attended by diplomats, representatives of regional organizations as well as academic experts, emphasize the current state of relations between Morocco and the countries of Southern and Eastern Africa as well as the necessary levers for their development.

### **Crans Montana Forum: "Africa and South-South cooperation"**



IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE chaired the session on the governance of natural resources in Africa, within the framework of Crans Montana Forum, held in Brussels from 19 to 22 March 2014. On this occasion, the Director General of the Institute was awarded the Forum gold medal, distinction awarded to some personalities for their actions in favor of a human world.

### **IRES' communication at the Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics (EHTP)**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) took part in the conference organized by the Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics (EHTP) on the theme: "Morocco-Brazil relations", held in Casablanca, on March 19, 2014, through a communication presented by Mr. Said MOUFTI, Director of Research at IRES, which focused on the positioning of Brazil in the international arena and the position that this country holds within Morocco's strategic options.

### **Trends international and regional structural context: implications on foreign policy options in Morocco?**

On demand of the Diplomatic Academy, IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, facilitated, on April 1, 2014, at the headquarter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, a conference which highlighted the opportunities and risks of the international and regional context and their implications on Moroccan's foreign policy options.

### **Participation of IRES to the conference organized by the house of counselors**

During this conference-debate organized, on April 15, 2014 in Rabat, on the theme: "Sahel: the security challenges", in the framework of the working visit of a delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO, the Director General of the Institute, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, delivered a communication on the security risks arising from the Sahel region and on Morocco's contribution to the international efforts in terms of stabilization and development of this highly sensitive region.

### **What African geopolitics for Morocco?**

IRES took part in the round table held by Al Akhawayn University, on April 24-25, 2014 in Ifrane, through a communication of its Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, which stressed the specifics of Africa as a global geostrategic issue and the weight it holds within Morocco's foreign policy priorities.

## Work Meetings

### Work meeting with a delegation of the Crans Montana Forum



A delegation of the Crans Montana Forum, chaired by Jean Paul CARTERON, Ambassador, Founding President of the Forum, visited IRES on March 3, 2014. At this meeting, discussions focused on the growing role of Africa as well as on the organizational aspects of the 25th annual session of the Crans Montana Forum to be held in Rabat from 19 to 22 June 2014.

### Visit of an American delegation of the Air War College



IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, received, on March 10, 2014 at the Institute' headquarters, an important delegation composed of senior military officers of the "Air War College" (AWC). During the visit, Mr. Said Moufti, Director of Research at IRES, highlighted recent socio-political developments in the MENA region, with a focus on the progress made by Morocco in terms of economic progress and democratic transition.

### Visit of an Iraqi delegation



A delegation from Al-Nahrain Center for Strategic Studies, think tank attached to the Head of Government of Iraq, was received at IRES on April 30, 2014. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the respective missions of the two institutions, their functioning and the issues examined within their working programs.

## Agenda

Seminar related to the discussion of the results of the study "The positioning of Morocco in the Arab world"

**May 9, 2014**

Seminar "The Moroccan label: What lessons to deduct of foreign successful experiences?"

**May 15, 2014**

Seminar related to the discussion of the results of the study "Morocco-South America Relations"

**June 5, 2014**

Seminar related to the discussion of the results of the study "Industrialization and competitiveness of Morocco"

**June 12, 2014**

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