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### IRES.Think tank

#### **Relations between Morocco and Mauritania**

This study aims to examine the findings of the cooperation between Morocco and Mauritania on the political, diplomatic, economic and social plan and to identify some foreign policy options able to establish relations between the two countries on a sustainable basis.

#### What climate diplomacy to Morocco?

IRES launched a study on this theme, based upon a benchmark of successful international experiences in the field of climate diplomacy in order to suggest the main axis of a proactive climate diplomacy to enhance Morocco's positioning within the international system of climate governance.

#### IRES Watch

# The dynamics of change driven by the Arab spring: what impact on the positioning of Morocco?



This seminar, held on May 9, 2014, emphasis on new geopolitical, security and economic realities induced by the ongoing mutations in the world Arab and their resulting impacts on Morocco in terms of opportunities and risks.

#### **Challenges and Prospects of MINURSO**



The debate facilitated, May 20, 2014, by Mr. Shoji MATSUMOTO, Professor of International and comparative Law President of the Sapporo Institute of International Solidarity, stressed the legal analysis of the role of MINURSO and the latest security Council Resolution relating thereto as well as and the prospects of this UN

mission, taking into account new trends of the international and regional context and the reality on the ground.

### **Prospects of Ukraine after the Presidential elections of May 2014**



This theme has been discussed during the conferencedebate given by Mr. Yaroslav KOVAL, Ambassador of Ukraine to Morocco, on June 18, 2014, which focused on keys to comprehend the socio-political situation in Ukraine and its future development in the aftermath of the Presidential elections held in this country May 25, 2014, and

on the prospects of bilateral cooperation between Morocco and Ukraine.

#### Webographic watch bulletins for May and June 2014



The May and June 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: cultural diplomacy, public policy evaluation in Africa, investments in energy, cybercrime...

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## IRES Forum

# Promoting Morocco label: what lessons to deduct from successful international experiences ?



IRES organized on May 15, 2014, a seminar on this theme which emphasis on conceptual and practical aspects of " country label " with reference to some relevant foreign experiences, the need for Morocco to consolidate its positioning strategy on the basis of a comprehensive and integrated vision of medium-long term use of monitoring

and on evaluation mechanisms to effectively promote Morocco's label in its political, economic, social, environmental and societal dimension.

#### **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 May 29, 2014, around "Labor and Health Economics in the Mediterranean Region: Migration and Mobility of Medical Doctors". The discussions stressed the deficit of doctors and health personnel in the Mediterranean as well as endogenous and exogenous

factors explaining this situation.

#### **Relations between Morocco and South America**



The findings of the study mentioned above, were discussed during the seminar of June 6, 2014, which highlighted the state of cooperation between Morocco and South America's countries as well as the potential of its development and proposed some foreign policy

options to enable Morocco to enhance its cooperation ties with this region.

#### Industrialization and Morocco's global competitiveness: Issues and Challenges



This seminar held on June 12, 2014, and attended by representatives of public and private sector as well as Moroccan and foreign experts of industrial development issues, emphasized industrial policy options undertaken by Morocco and stressed the overall coherence of the new industrial policy, with view to medium and long term

key mutations of the international competition landscape.

IRES.Cooperations

#### The problem of social cohesion in the Arab World



IRES took part in the 4th meeting of the MENA International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW), organized in Rabat on May 22, 2014. During this meeting, IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, presented a communication which highlighted the specifics of the social bond in Morocco.

#### Heading to the South-South: Not only a strategy, but a necessity



IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE chaired the work of the plenary session on exploring new ways for a better world integration of Africa, within the framework of the 25th annual session of the Crans Montana Forum, held in Rabat from 19 to 22 June 2014. This session attended by distinguished guests, namely Mr.

Blaise COMPAORE, President of Burkina Faso, and Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of Burundi and Mr. Mu'azu Babangida ALIYU, Gouvernor of Niger State (Nigeria) as well as a high-level panel composed of Ministers and heads of African institutions, shed light on the challenges facing the African continent and highlighted the Moroccan cooperation approach towards Africa.

#### Work Meetings

#### Work meeting with a delegation of the European Union

IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, received a delegation of the European Union, composed of Nick WESTCOTT, Managing Director of the External Action Service Africa, and Mrs. Cecile ABADIE, Head of Political Section of the European Union Delegation to Rabat. Discussions held focused on Morocco's strategic options in Africa and prospects for cooperation between Morocco and the European Union in the light of changes occurring at the international and regional context.

#### Visit of a Chinese delegation

A Chinese delegation, consisting of Prof. LI HONGFENG, Director of the Quebec Research Centre of the Beijing University of International Studies, and Mr. ZHENG Xuancheng, attached to the Chinese Embassy in Rabat, held a work meeting at IRES. During this meeting, which was attended by Said MOUFTI, Director of Research at IRES, the discussions stressed the regional positioning of Morocco in Africa and prospects of Morocco-China relations. Seminar "Morocco-Mauritania relations: achievements and prospects" **11 September 2014** 

Seminar "Morocco-Mexico relations: what levers to strengthen cooperation relations?"

## 22 September 2014

Seminar "The Mobility Agreement: towards a constructive migration policy between Morocco and the European Union? "

# 25 September 2014

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