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### **The global health crisis**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) continued its reflection on the COVID-19 crisis, on the configuration of the post-crisis world as well as the effects of the health crisis in Morocco and Africa.

In the light of this, the Institute has undertaken work to identify the opportunities to be seized, the risks to be avoided and the ruptures to be anticipated, on an international scale, at the political, economic, social, societal and environmental level. Notes have been developed on the strategic dimensions related to the health crisis.

This preliminary work allowed the IRES to launch, at the beginning of May, the preparation of the annual strategic report, entitled "Morocco in a post-COVID world".

### **The future of relations between Morocco and the European Union**

IRES finalized the report of the study on the future of relations between Morocco and the European Union. This report aims to take stock of this cooperation since the establishment of the advanced status, to assess the challenges for Morocco, the negotiations of a comprehensive and deep free trade agreement and to make some proposals relating to the harmonization of the Shared Prosperity Partnership with the new development model of the Kingdom.

A survey of perception of Morocco's image within European institutions was carried out on behalf of IRES by the Center for European, Policy Studies (CEPS), a European think tank headquartered in Brussels.

### **The water issue in the Souss-Massa region according to the NEXUS approach**

The IRES has completed the report of this study, which makes innovative proposals for a rational and equitable management of water resources, at the Souss-Massa hydraulic basin level, within the framework of the NEXUS approach.

## Development of renewable energies in Morocco: lessons and perspectives

IRES received the provisional report of this study. The purpose of this is to take stock, of the development of solar and wind energy achievements from 2009 to 2019, to examine the relevance of the technological choices adopted, to deepen the industrial integration issue, to explore the possibilities in terms of regional cooperation and make proposals for public policies capable of promoting an accelerated and intelligent development of renewable energies in Morocco, while referring to successful international experiences.

## The geopolitics of Russia

The following note sets out the main characteristics of Russia, its relations with the European Union, the new powers of the Middle East and Africa. It also dealt with the levers for strengthening the partnership between Russia and Morocco.

### IRES Watch

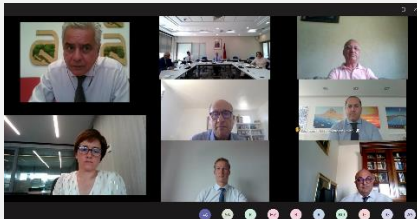


### Webographic Newsletter of the months: May and June 2020

The editions of May and June 2019 "Webographic Bulletin", published online on the IRES website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: Covid-19 in the African cities, the potential impacts of Covid-19 on businesses, the importance of transparency in the MENA region, energy transformation by 2050.

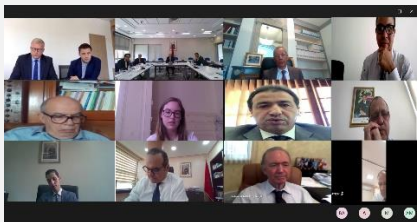
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### Work Meetings



### Development of renewable energies in Morocco: lessons and perspectives

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) organized, a videoconference devoted to the presentation and discussion of the preliminary conclusions of the this study.. This videoconference, which was attended by senior representatives from the ministries of energy and industry, national energy operators and the Energy Federation, offered an opportunity to generate ideas.



### The future of relations between Morocco and the European Union

This videoconference organized on June 17, 2020, was dedicated to the dissemination and discussion of the preliminary conclusions of the study on the future of relations between Morocco and the European Union.

This videoconference was attended by a high-level panel, including the Ambassador of Morocco to the European Union and NATO, directors from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Interior, the General Secretariat of the government, representatives of Parliament, and former ministers and ambassadors.



### **The COVID-19 health crisis**

IRES held a brainstorming in videoconference on May 8, 2020, in order to exchange participants' points of view on the current pandemic and its short, medium and long term consequences, at both national and international levels.

### **Agenda**

For the months of July and August 2020, the IRES will organize seminars dedicated to the presentation of the results of:

- the 6th edition of the study on the reputation of Morocco in the world.
- the study on the middle class in rural areas.