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### **IRES, the 4th best Arab Think Tank**

IRES was ranked 4th best Arab Think Tank, according to the 2015 ranking, established by the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research, which is based on several criteria such as the quality of studies and the contribution to the enlightenment of decision making.

### **The Panorama of Morocco in the world: Morocco's international relations**

IRES has finalized its 2016 strategic report which emphasized the reality and perspectives of Morocco's cooperation with neighbouring countries, those falling within the Kingdom areas of belonging as well as relations with North America, Latin America and Asia.

### **The threat of Daesh: What impacts on the geopolitical reconfiguration in the Arab region and on Morocco?**

IRES has launched this study in order to identify the ideological referential of "Daesh" and the threats that this movement engender for the regional and international stability.

### **IRES Watch**

### **Paris terrorist attacks : keys to understanding and lessons**



This theme has been discussed during the round table held on November 17, 2015, attended by Moroccan and French experts, in order to understand the key factors leading to the terrorist acts in Paris and to deepen the reflection on the appropriate responses to counter the rise of extremism and religious radicalism.

### **The future of water and urbanization in Africa**



IRES organized, 4th-5th December 2015, in partnership with the Futures Studies Forum (FSF) and the UNESCO Foresight Directorate, an international workshop which was devoted to the appropriation of advanced analysis tools in the field of foresight and their application to the issues of water security and urban development.



## **Webographic watch bulletin for November and December 2015**

The November and December 2015 editions 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: changing climate, digital diplomacy, energy efficiency and terrorism.

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#### **For a strengthened cultural diplomacy**



This seminar, held on November 2th, 2015, was dedicated to the discussion of the preliminary findings of the IRES' study on this theme, to which took part members of the government, diplomatic corps accredited to the Kingdom as well as representatives of public sector and civil society.

#### **The German Middle East foreign policy after reunification: between continuity and change**



Facilitated on November 4th, 2015, by Pr. Henner FURTIG, Director of the Institute of Studies of the Middle East under the GIGA and by His Excellency Mr. Volkmar WENZEL, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Morocco, this conference sheds light on the mechanisms through which operates Germany's external action towards the MENA region.



#### **Seminar dedicated to the presentation of the book entitled "Wheat's geopolitics: a vital product for global security"**

The discussion of the book mentioned above, held on November 12, 2015, highlighted the multidimensional challenges of wheat as a strategic product.

#### **The priorities of Chinese foreign policy in Africa and the Middle East**



His Excellency Li Zhaoxing, President of the Association of Public Diplomacy and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, animated at IRES, on November 13, 2015, a conference on this theme. The discussion highlighted the finding principles of China's foreign policy and the levers to strengthen the cooperation between Morocco and China in fields of common interest.

#### **The priorities of Czech foreign policy in the MENA region and Africa**



Her Excellency Mrs. Michaela FRONKOVA, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Morocco, facilitated on November 26th, 2015, a conference which stressed the position of the Czech Republic with view to recent geopolitical developments occurring in the Middle East.

### **The geostrategic challenges of maritime spaces**



Held on November 30, 2015, in presence of foreign experts and senior officials from relevant government departments, this conference was an opportunity to examine economic, security, legal and environmental issues threatening the maritime spaces, with an emphasis on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic area.

### **Digital future, digital transformation: From lean production to acceleration**



The round table of December 15, 2015, which was dedicated to the presentation and the discussion of the book mentioned above, focused on the trends that accompany the emergence of the future digital world as well as the resulting issues and challenges.

### **The joint Arab security action: Reality and Prospects**



At this conference, organized on December 21, 2015, His Excellency Sheikh Khaled BEN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, Executive Director of ISA-Bahrain Centre, emphasized the constraints that hamper the effectiveness of the common Arab defense Treaty and referred to the military coalitions set up recently to address security threats that concern the Arab countries, in general, and the Gulf area in particular.



### **The inequalities and the social cohesion**

The seminar held on December 22, 2015, was devoted to the presentation of the preliminary findings of the study mentioned above, to which took part institutional actors as well as Moroccan and foreign experts.

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### **Morocco-France: a shared history, common challenges**



With the support of the Embassy of Morocco in France, a colloquium was organized on November 9, 2015, in Paris, at the headquarters of the Arab World Institute, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the agreements of La Celle Saint-Cloud. IRES contributed actively to this event through a communication of its Director General at the opening ceremony and the participation of its associate researchers to the round tables of this colloquium.

### **The international Forum on Peace and Security in Africa**

The Institute participated to the Forum mentioned above, organized on 9-10 November 2015 in Dakar, through a communication of Mr. Said MOUFTI, Director of Research, on the specificities of the Moroccan approach in terms of contribution to the economic development and the promotion of peace and security in Africa.

### **What strategic vision of Morocco in terms of adaptation to climate change?**



On the occasion of the 21th Conference of Parties (COP21), the Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, hosted on December 2, 2015 in Paris, a side event dedicated to the presentation of IRES' vision in respect to Morocco's adaptation to climate change.

### **Morocco's strategic priorities**

As part of the annual retreat of the United Nations country team, the Director General of the Institute facilitated on December 9, 2015 in Fez, a conference which highlighted Morocco's strategic priorities with view to its interior and foreign policy.

### **Communication of IRES' Director General to the General Assembly of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (ESEC)**



On the margins of the 57th session of the ESEC General Assembly held December 17, 2015, IRES' Director General delivered a communication which emphasized the main findings of the study conducted by the Institute on Morocco's reputation in the world.

#### **Work Meetings**

### **Visit to IRES of the UN Coordinator and UNDP Representative in Morocco**

Mr. Philippe POINSOT, UN Coordinator and UNDP Representative in Morocco, visited IRES, November 3, 2015. The discussions concerned the strategic issues examined within the framework of IRES' work program and possibilities of cooperation between the two institutions in areas of common interest.

### **Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of India to Morocco**



IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE received on November 17, 2015, His Excellency Mr. DINESH K Patnaik, Indian Ambassador to Morocco. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the Institute's mission and to explore possibilities of future collaboration.



### **Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of Sweden to Morocco**

Her Excellency Mrs. Erika Ferrer, Ambassador of Sweden to Morocco visited IRES on December 7, 2015, which stressed the reality and prospects of the bilateral cooperation between the two countries in areas of common interest.

### **Work meeting with the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)**



Mrs. Giovane BIHA, Deputy Executive Secretary of the ECA, conducted on December 8, 2015, a work visit to IRES in order to discuss possibilities of collaboration between the two institutions on structural issues that concern the future of Africa.

### **Interview with the Lieutenant-Colonel Joachim ISACSSON, program officer at the British Ministry of Defense**



Lieutenant Colonel Joachim ISACSSON, program officer at the British Ministry of Defense, met on December 8, 2015, with Mr. Said MOUFTI, Research Director at the Institute, to discuss the prospects of Africa out to 2045, at the political, economic, security and environmental levels.

## Visit of Mrs. Amani El-Tawil of Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies (ACPSS)



During this visit, which took place on December 9, 2015, the focus was put on the issues examined within the work program of the two institutes as well as opportunities of collaboration on topics of common interest, mainly African issues.

## Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of Poland to Morocco



His Excellency Marek Aleksander ZIÓŁKOWSKI, Ambassador of Poland to Morocco, was received by IRES' Director General on December 11, 2015. The discussion concerned the new European neighborhood policy and the prospects of strengthening bilateral cooperation between Morocco and

Poland.

## Exchanges with the Future Institute for Research and Advanced Studies



Mr. GHALY Ibrahim, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs of the Future Institute for Research and Advanced Studies of Abu Dhabi, visited IRES on December 22, 2015, to discuss possibilities of collaboration between the two institutes.

### Agenda

Seminar "Morocco, future emerging country?"

**January 27, 2015**

Seminar "Morocco's Label Strategy"

**January 28, 2015**

Seminar "Climate governance"

**February 5, 2015**

Seminar "Where Morocco's political field is heading?"

**February 10, 2015**

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