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### **The Accession of the Kingdom of Morocco to the ECOWAS: challenges and prospects**

IRES launched this study, which aims to examine key issues and challenges related to the accession of Morocco to the ECOWAS, to assess the resulting impacts and to identify the diplomatic, political, economic and communication levers that Morocco should deploy to ensure the conditions for a successful membership to this regional community.

### **Digital Transformation: issues and public policy directions**

IRES has completed the first draft of the report of this study, which focused on the challenges faced by Morocco in its transition to the digital era. The report also highlighted the the public policies likely to enable the Kingdom to seize the opportunity of digitalisation and to make it a strong lever for its emergence and modernization.

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### **Webographic watch bulletins for March and April 2017**

The issues of march and april 2017 "webographic bulletin" published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: Terrorism, international security, sharing economy, digital economy, digital transformation...

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### **Conference facilitated by IRES' Director General at the Court of Accounts**

The IRES' Director General, Mr Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE facilitated, on March, 18th 2017 a conference at the Court of Accounts in Rabat which highlighted the main findings of the Institute's programs. The communication also addressed internal and external policy priorities, according to IRES viewpoint.



### **Recent developments of the issue of Moroccan Sahara**

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, IRES organized a round table which examined key trends of the external and internal context in relation with the issue of the Moroccan Sahara and to highlight the associated issues and challenges.



### **IRES' communication on the occasion of the seminar "Territorial Intelligence for Regional Development"**

During this seminar, organized by the Ahmed ALHANSALI Association for Economic and Social Development on March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2017, the Director General of IRES presented the Institute's strategic intelligence system and highlighted the main lessons, in perspective, to set up a monitoring system at the territorial level.



### **What levers to strengthen the positioning of Moroccan economic actors in Africa, in the light of Morocco's return to the African Union?**

The seminar of April 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, dedicated to examining the reality and the prospects for strengthening the positioning of Moroccan economic actors in Africa, enabled the review of the positioning experience of these groups in terms of the assets to be capitalized and the challenges to be raised as well as the prospects for their growth strategies.



### **Morocco-United Kingdom Relations: Reality and prospects in the aftermath of the Brexit**

This seminar, held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, was devoted to the discussion of the preliminary conclusions of the above-mentioned study. It highlighted the direct and indirect impacts of the Brexit on Morocco and identified some strategic levers that could expand the prospects of partnership between the two Kingdoms.

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### **IRES contribution to the Crans Montana Forum**

Partner of the third edition of the Crans Montana Forum, held in Dakhla on March 16-21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, IRES participated actively in the work to this forum through a high-level panel on the phenomenon of migration to Europe, chaired by the Director General, Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE,. At this forum, Mr Said MOUFTI, Director of Research at the Institute, facilitated a conference on the governance of natural resources in Africa.



### **Participation of IRES to the activities of the 37th edition of the Paris Book Fair**

IRES took part in the 37th edition of the Paris Book Fair which took place on March 24-27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This participation was an opportunity to communicate on the work of IRES and to inquire about the latest publications related to the fields of study of the Institute.



### **Communication from IRES at the 2nd International Conference on the Emergence of Africa**

At this conference, held in Abidjan on March 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the communication of the Director General of IRES highlighted the progress made by Morocco in the political, institutional, economic, social and environmental fields, and identified the challenges that need to be addressed and the reforms that have yet to be undertaken.



### **Participation of IRES to the 4th edition of the conference "Coalition of Knowledge"**

IRES took part in the 4th edition of this conference, organized in Cairo by the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, through a communication of its Director General, which addressed the multidimensional issues of security in the arab region. The communication also addressed Morocco's contribution to supporting common arab interests.

#### Réunions de travail

### **Visit to IRES of a delegation of the Observer Research Foundation**



On March 22nd, 2017, the Director General of IRES, Mr Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, received a delegation from the Observer Research Foundation, led by Samir SARAN and SUNJOY JOSHI, respectively Vice-President and Director of this Indian institution. Discussions focused, among others, on the possibilities for collaboration between the two institutes in areas of common interest.

### **Visit to IRES of Mr. Pedro PIRES, former President of the Republic of Cape Verde**



IRES' Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, received, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, His Excellency Pedro PIRES, President of the Leadership Institute (IPP) and former President of the Republic of Cape Verde. Discussions focused on development priorities in both Morocco and Cape Verde, as well as the multidimensional approach adopted by the Kingdom in the fight against extremism and radicalization.

#### Agenda

### **May 2017**

- International Foresight Panel 2017 (2nd edition)
- Strategic Dialogue IRES - African Think Tanks

### **June 2017**

- Presentation of the preliminary results of the study on the reputation of Morocco in the world
- Presentation of the preliminary results of the study on digital transformation: issues and public policies directions