



## IRES.Think tank

### **Relations between Morocco and South Africa: reality and prospects**

IRES has launched this study which aims to assess the current situation and prospects of Morocco's relations with South Africa amidst recent developments in the regional and international geopolitical and geo-economic situation.

### **The third edition of the study on Morocco's international reputation**

IRES has conducted in cooperation with the "Reputation Institute", a study on Morocco's reputation, which identified the perception of the image of the Kingdom in the G-8 countries and some developed or emerging countries, on the basis of 17 attributes, aggregated in three dimensions, namely quality of life, level of development and quality of institutions.

## IRES Watch



### **Second edition of the International Panel of Prospectivists (PIP)**

The second edition of the IRES' International Panel of Prospectivists was held on May 02-04<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This panel, which includes leading international futurists, focused on examining innovative strategies, at the 2030-2050 horizon to address the following meta-issues: living together in globality; creativity and population explosion; employment and value creation.



### **Webographic watch bulletins for May and June 2017**

The issues of May and June 2017 "webographic bulletin" published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: climate change, water stress, food system, industrialization, industry 4.0, digital transformation, 3D printing ...

### **IRES.Forum**



### **Conference on the challenges of the world of tomorrow**

IRES organized on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, on the sidelines of the second edition of its PIP, a conference at the National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco on the structural stakes of the world of tomorrow. This conference aims to broaden the debate to the general public and generate interest in the thinking of the future.



### **What innovative strategies for addressing Africa's structural development challenges?**

This meeting, held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the context of the preparation of IRES' 2018 strategic report, brought together senior officials and experts from African think tanks. The discussions addressed the structural challenges facing Africa and the strategies to be implemented in order to accelerate the continent's progress and development.



### **The surge of Nationalism: What Future for Globalization**

The Institute took part in the annual Forum of the Moroccan Institute of International Relations, organized in Casablanca on May 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, through a communication by Mr Said MOUFTI, Research Director at IRES, which highlighted geo-economic risks and opportunities linked to Morocco's positioning in globalization.



### **Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study on the perception of the international image of Morocco**

IRES organized on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a seminar devoted to the presentation of the first results of this study on the perception of the international image of Morocco, to which took part institutional actors and experts in the field of national branding.



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

This seminar, held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, was dedicated to the presentation of the preliminary findings of this study, which highlighted the challenges facing Morocco as part of its transition to the digital era as well as the public policies likely to enable the Kingdom to make digitization a lever of its emergence and modernization.



### **Seminar for the benefit of students of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Administration**

IRES' Director General, Mr Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE facilitated, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a seminar for the students of the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Administration* which was devoted to the presentation of the Institute's missions and the strategic issues examined as part of its study programs as well as key tools of public policies assessment.

## **Work Meetings**



### **Visit of the Ambassador of Korea to Morocco**

IRES' Director General received, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, His Excellency Mr. Dongsil PARK, Ambassador of Korea to Morocco. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss some issues of common interest, including geopolitics and global issues.



### **Working meeting with RUSI delegation**

Mr. Said MOUFTI, Research Director at IRES, met on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 with Mr. Jonathan EYAL, Associate Director at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). Discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration between the two institutes in areas of common interest.



### **Working meeting with a Korean delegation**

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a Korean delegation, chaired by Mr. Nam-sik IN, a professor at the National Academy of Diplomacy of Korea, visited IRES. During the exchanges held with Mr. Said MOUFTI, Research Director at IRES, the focus was on the evolution of the socio-political situation in the MENA region and its repercussions on regional and international security.



### **Visit to IRES of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Ihab JAMAL EDDINE, Ambassador of Arab Republic of Egypt to Morocco**

His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Ihab JAMAL EDDINE, Ambassador of Arab Republic of Egypt to Morocco, was received by Mr. Mohammed Tawfik Mouline, Director General of the Institute on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During this visit, the discussions focused on the role and functioning of think-tanks in lighting strategic choices, referring to the experience of IRES.



### **Visit of a high-level Chinese delegation to IRES**

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, His Excellency Mr. Gong Xiaosheng, Ambassador, Special Envoy of the Chinese Government to the Middle East, visited IRES, accompanied by a high-level delegation. The exchanges held with the Director General of the Institute, Mohammed Tawfik Mouline, were centered, among others, on recent developments in the Middle East and its prospects.





### **Visit of the President of « Instituto para a Promoção e Desenvolvimento da América Latina »**

Mr. Paulo NEVES, President of « Instituto para a Promoção e Desenvolvimento da América Latina », was received by the Director General of the Institute on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During this meeting, the discussions focused on the missions of IRES, and its functioning. The visit was also an occasion to investigate possibilities of collaboration between the two Institutes.

### **Agenda**

#### **July 2017**

- Seminar dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "Africa: Between Power and Vulnerability" - Philippe HUGON.
- Round Table "Recent Developments in the Geopolitical Situation in the Arab World: Key to understanding and Prospects".

#### **September 2017**

- Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study on the accession of Morocco to the ECOWAS.
- Debate-Ambassador.