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2018' Panorama devoted to Africa

The Institute finalized the first part of this report dedicated to Africa, the cradle of humankind, civilizations and globality. Interest was also extended to african people, biomes and institutions.

Morocco's accession to ECOWAS: issues, challenges and prospects

The interim report of the above mentioned study was tackled to the examination of the key issues and challenges related to Morocco's accession to ECOWAS. This report has identified some strategic levers that Morocco should deploy to ensure the conditions for a successful membership in this regional community.

The strategic partnership between Morocco Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries

IRES launched this study, which aims to identify recent developments of the geopolitical and geo-economic situation in the Gulf region, to assess Morocco's relations with the GCC countries since the conclusion of the strategic partnership between the two parties and to make proposals for foreign policy to further strengthen this partnership.

IRES Watch



Webographic watch bulletins for July and August 2017

The issues of July and August 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 ...



Europe and Africa have definitely a common future: how to build it

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) took part in Crans Montana Forum, held in Barcelona from July 5th,2017 to July 8th, 2017, through a communication of its Director General, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, which highlighted the common challenges facing Europe and Africa. The communication also addressed proposals of some policy levers that could enable for a better cooperation between the two continents as well as the potential contribution of Morocco.



Recent Developments of the Geopolitical Situation in the Gulf Region

This theme was the subject of the brainstorming session of July 12th, 2017. This meeting was focused on the identification of the keys to understanding the Gulf crisis and on the assessment of its direct and indirect impact on the regional and international levels. The meeting also addressed the potential role of Morocco in contributing to the resolution of this crisis.

Work Meetings



IRES: Strengthen the capacities of Morocco in terms of analysis, anticipation and adaptation

The French magazine of Mines' engineers of the Mines of Paris, Saint-Étienne and Nancy, published in its issue 491 of May-June 2017, dealing with the issue of continuing education, an interview with Mr. Mohammed Tawfik Mouline, Director General of the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, entitled "IRES: Strengthen the capacities of Morocco in terms of analysis, anticipation and adaptation".



Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of India to Morocco

Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES received on July 27th, 2017 his Excellency Dr. Kheya BHATTACHARYA, Ambassador of India to Morocco. On the sidelines of this visit, the Ambassador presented a letter issued by the Government of India inviting the Director General of IRES to carry out a work mission to Indian institutions and think tanks.



Visit to IRES of Mr. Li Li, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Morocco

His Excellenc Mr. Li Li, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Morocco, carried out a working visit to IRES on August 23th, 2017. Discussions focused on the possibilities for strengthening intellectual cooperation between Morocco and China, on the occasion of the celebration in 2018 of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of relations between the two countries.

Agenda

September 2017

- IRES KIEP Joint Seminar on Cooperation Relations between Morocco and South Korea
- Seminar dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "Africa: Between Power and Vulnerability" Philippe HUGON.

October 2017

• Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study on Morocco's accession of to ECOWAS.