



## IRES.Think tank

### **Morocco's return to the African Union: challenges and opportunities**

The provisional report of this study examined the dynamics of African geopolitics and reviewed the body of law and the functioning mechanisms of the African Union. This study make also some proposals to enable the Kingdom to play a structuring role within the pan-African organization.

## IRES Watch

### **IRES published online a space devoted to the international panel of futurists (PIP)**

A special space in the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies's website was devoted to the 2016 and 2017 meeting. It is dedicated to the the methodological approach, the objectives, as well as the public findings of each edition.



### **Webographic watch Bulletins for September and October 2017**

The edition of September and October 2017 " webographic bulletin ", published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: World Population Prospects, Agricultural Outlook 2026, artificial intelligence and automation, sea economy, climate change and economic growth, economic and social consequences of the conflict in Syria ...



### **Korea-Morocco partnership for bilateral economic cooperation and tripartite development cooperation in Africa**

The Royal On September 29, 2017, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) and the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Morocco, co-organized a meeting on relations of cooperation between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Korea and the prospects for their strengthening in economic sectors and geographical areas of common interest

The meeting was marked by the signing of a memorandum of understanding between IRES and KIEP.



### **Morocco's accession to ECOWAS: issues, challenges and perspectives**

The meeting of October 23, 2017 dedicated to the discussion of the preliminary findings of the study on Morocco's accession to ECOWAS, enabled to identify the issues, challenges and perspectives related to adhering to ECOWAS and to make some proposals to succeed in the integration of Morocco into this community.



### **Book presentation "D'une société de rente à une société de mérite : rêvons le meilleur pour le Maroc"**

The rond-table organized on October 24, 2017, devoted to the presentation and discussion of the Mr. Abdelali BENAMOUR's book, focused, inter alia, on the various forms of political, economic, social and religious annuity that have the potential to negatively affect the emergence of Morocco and on the importance of implementing reforms to ensure the country's transition to a society of merit, one of the attributes of the rule of law.

### **The participation of IRES in the fifth edition of the conference "coalition of knowledge storm"**



The Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES) took part in the fifth edition of this conference, organized by the Jordanian center "Arab Thought Forum "in Amman on September 24, 2017. The Director General of the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, highlighted, through a communication, the fact that radicalism is a complex, shifting, and long-lasting phenomenon, and that the struggle against this phenomenon requires a multidimensional response.

The communication also addressed the actions taken by Morocco on religious, institutional, social, security and judicial level, in the fight against the radicalization.

### **The participation of IRES in the work of the first Moroccan-German energy day**



The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies took part in the first Moroccan-German energy day, held in Rabat on September 28, 2017, through a lecture of its Director General, Mr Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE. This communication highlighted the importance of a long-term vision and a holistic approach to address the issue of energy transition. The intervention also highlighted some keys to successfully accomplish the energy transition and the need to put the regional dimension at the heart of Morocco's energy transition.

### **The conference of the IRES's Director General at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and at the Observer Research Foundation**



The Director General of the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, Mr Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE gave two lectures one at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), and the other at the Observer Research Foundation on the Morocco's emergence and its openness to the world. The meeting were attended by eminent personality, research directors and Indian experts. Mr MOULINE highlighted the progress that Morocco experienced in the political, institutional, economic, social and environmental dimensions and underlined the challenges that must be addressed by the Kingdom in the future. He recalled the orientations of Morocco's foreign policy and showed the important role it plays in Africa. A third conference was held for

the benefit of the students of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, a prestigious training institute of Indian senior officials.

## Work Meetings



### **Visit of the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Morocco and a high-level Czech delegation to IRES**

A delegation from the Senate's Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Morocco was received by the Director General of the Royal Institute For Strategic Studies on September 20, 2017. During this meeting, discussions focused on topics of common interest, particularly on the issue of migration in its political, economic, social and security dimensions. Discussions also focused on migration policies, implemented by the two countries.



### **Visite of the mayor of Florence**

His Excellency Mr Dario NARDELLA, Mayor of Florence (Italy), accompanied by a high-level delegation, paid a visit to the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, on September 28, 2017. During this meeting the discussions focused on Morocco's political, economic and societal progress as well as its leadership in the promotion of dialogue among civilizations. Other aspects were discussed, including prospects for strengthening bilateral cooperation between Morocco and Italy in areas of common interest.



### **IRES delegation's Visit to India**

A delegation from the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) began his visit to India on October 8, 2017, by the invitation of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Embassy of India in Rabat. The visit, which overlaps with the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of India, was intense in terms of meetings and attended by His Excellency Mr Mohamed MALIKI, Ambassador of Morocco to India.

## Agenda

### **November 2017**

- Conference on Bilateral Cooperation between Morocco and Indonesia.
- Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study entitled "Morocco's return to the African Union: challenges and perspectives".