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## **Recent developments in the Arab world: the crisis between Qatar and the other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries**

The provisional report of this study focused on recent developments of the geopolitical situation in the Gulf region following Qatar crisis, and the strategic partnership between Morocco and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

## **Morocco's energy transition in the light of its new African strategy**

The purpose of this study is to examine the energy context in Africa and to analyze its impact on Morocco. Some strategic proposals are suggested in order to make the national energy transition a part of the strengthening of Morocco's role in the continent.

## **Rural development in Africa**

This study, aims to establish the status of rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, to identify priority issues and challenges, and propose innovative strategies to deal with it.

## **Energy and climate: two interrelated strategic issues**

On the eve of COP23 in Bonn, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) published an analysis of the "energy / climate" strategic issues. This subject, that concerned the international community, deserves more in-depth consideration all over Africa. The analysis recalled Morocco's commitment to the development of renewable energies and the interest of the country in a global adaptation strategy.

## **African Union-European Union partnership**

The study highlighted the basic principles of cooperation between the African Union and the European Union, on the eve of the Summit held on 29-30 November 2017, and the respect of the sovereignty and independence of the states.

It stressed the need for a partnership with a strong geopolitical content, an economically renewed character and articulated around policies of migration with humanistic approach as well as multidimensional security approaches. IRES also emphasized that value-based cooperation and the sustainable development should be a primary concern. Finally, it was proposed to focus on scientific and technical cooperation on human development by giving priority to young people and women.



### Webographic watch Bulletins for November and December 2017

The editions of November and December 2017 " webographic bulletin ", published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: smart factories, industry of the future, automation and artificial intelligence, digital economy, economic inequalities, migration of children and young people around the Mediterranean basin, climate change ...



### The prospects of Morocco-Indonesia relations

His Excellency, Mr. E.D. Syarief SYAMSURI, Ambassador of Indonesia to Morocco, hosted on November 20, 2017 at IRES, a panel discussion on the theme "The prospects of Morocco-Indonesia relations."

This meeting highlighted the current state of relations between Morocco and Indonesia as well as the strategic levers to strengthen the bilateral relations, The discussion focused also on the presentation of Morocco and and Indonesia 's vision with regard to the fight against terrorism.



### Morocco's return to African Union: challenges and perspectives

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies organized, on November 28, 2017, a seminar dedicated to the discussion of the preliminary findings of the study entitled " Morocco's Return to African Union: challenges and perspectives".

This study, which is part of the IRES program on Morocco's external relations and diplomacy, identified the dynamics of African geopolitics, examined the institutional architecture of the African Union and made some strategic proposals to succeed in the integration of Morocco into the African multilateral fora.



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

Her Excellency Ms. Merethe NERGAARD, Ambassador of Norway to Morocco was received on November 21, 2017 by Mr. Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of the Royal Institute For Strategic Studies. Besides a presentation of IRES missions and its functioning, the meeting was an opportunity to discuss issues of common interest.



### **Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Morocco**

His Excellency Dr. Götz SCHMIDT-BREMME, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Morocco, paid a courtesy visit on December, 18th 2017 at IRES. Besides a presentation of IRES missions and its functioning, the meeting was an opportunity to discuss issues of common interest, particularly that of the migration.



### **Visit to IRES of the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Morocco**

His Excellency, Mr. Mohammad Taghi MOAYED, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Morocco, was received by Mr. Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of the Royal Institute For Strategic Studies, on December 19th, 2017.

During this meeting, the discussion focused on the relations between Morocco and Iran and on the possible levers to develop the bilateral relations, particularly on the economic level as well as on the cooperation between the think tanks of the two countries.



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

His Excellency M. José Humberto DE BRITO CRUZ, Ambassador of Brazil to Morocco, paid a visit on December, 20th 2017 at IRES. The meeting focused on relations between Morocco and Brazil as part of a foresight approach and on issues of common interest.

## Agenda

### **Janvier 2018**

- International Conference entitled: "Migration in Africa: Issues, Challenges and Response Strategies".
- Brainstorming around the meta-issue "Employment and value creation".