



## IRES.Think tank

### **Cartographic atlas of Africa**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has produced a cartographic atlas of Africa in the process of drafting its 2018 strategic report, dedicated to the autonomous development of Africa.

The objective sought through the elaboration of this first edition of the atlas is to understand the African realities and the current dynamics, after Morocco's return to the African Union.

Several areas are covered by this atlas which includes 127 cartographic illustrations that highlight the place of Africa in the world as well as the situation of African countries according to the different dimensions of human development. Interest is also focused on global issues including governance, security, climate change, food security and migration.

## IRES Watch

### **The recent developments of the geopolitical situation in the Gulf region**

Developments in the geopolitical situation in the Gulf region have been monitored by the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies since the outset of the crisis between Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, on the one hand, Qatar, on the other hand.



### **Webographic watch Bulletins for January-February 2018**

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: income inequalities, governance business, automation, artificial intelligence, digital skills, digital divide, sustainable development, economic prospects...



### **Migration in Africa: issues, challenges and response strategies**

As a part of its reflection on global issues, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES), organized, in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Foundation, on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018, an international conference on the theme "Migration in Africa: issues, challenges and response strategies".

The main objective of IRES is to contribute to the strategic thinking on migration, at a time when Morocco was appointed to coordinate the action of the African Union on this issue, co-chairs the World Forum for Migration and Development and will host, in December 2018, the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration, to adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.



### **What are the prospects for strengthening Morocco-Brazil relations?**

His Excellency Mr. José Humberto DE BRITO CRUZ, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Morocco, hosted, on January 17, 2018, at IRES, a panel discussion on the theme "What are the prospects for strengthening Morocco-Brazil relations? ". the meeting focused on the recent developments of cooperation between Morocco and Brazil, as well as prospects for its strengthening in the political, economic, cultural and academic fields.

Other aspects were discussed, including, strategic levers and to the construction of the South Atlantic basin.



### **The strategic partnership between Morocco and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council: challenges and orientations of foreign policy**

The Royal Institute for Strategic studies organized, on February 23, 2018, a presentation of the preliminary findings of the study entitled "The strategic partnership between Morocco and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council: challenges and orientations of foreign policy".

This study examined the current situation in the Gulf region and a review of Morocco's relations with the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council since the conclusion of the strategic partnership between the two parties. The study aimed, also, to explore how can Morocco consolidate this partnership, despite the Gulf crisis and the uncertainties that remain concerning the situation in the Middle East.



### **L'affaire du Sahara et le droit des relations internationales**

The meeting organized on February 26, 2018, devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "L'affaire du Sahara et le droit des relations internationales", was the opportunity to discuss the topic of the Moroccan Sahara, in the view of international law and its issues and challenges.

## **Work Meetings**



### **Visit to IRES of a high-level foreign delegations**

Her Excellency, Ms. Nathalie DUBE, Ambassador of Canada to Morocco Canada paid a visit to IRES on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, accompanied by a high-level delegation, which was received by the Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE and Mr. Hassan SAOUDI, Security Expert and associate researcher at IRES. The discussions focused on security / defense and counter-terrorism issues in the Sahel region.

The President of the Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Paulo Neves, accompanied by the Secretary General, Mr. Filipe Domingues, have been received by the Director General of the Royal Institute for Strategic studies to present the

next initiatives of the Institute, especially the VII Strategic Triangle Meeting: Latin America-Europe-Africa which will be held in Lisbon, in April.

Other high officials from the International Organization of La Francophonie and the European Union paid a visit to IRES, in order to discuss highlevel strategic issues, at the international level and for the Kingdom of Morocco.

## Agenda

### **March 2018**

- Brainstorming around the issue of territorial integrity.