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### **For an autonomous development of Africa**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) completed, in May 2018, the drafting of its annual strategic report, dedicated to the autonomous development of Africa. This report, in French and English, aims to understand the African continent in its many dimensions. It highlights the major challenges that Africa will face by 2050 and the levers for the autonomous development of this continent, namely the energy, economic and digital transition as well as economic governance.

The report also, highlights the forces of the autonomous development of Africa, in particular the human capital and the reconciliation in Africa. Finally, the report highlights the current contribution of Morocco as well as the role that the Kingdom could play, in the future, in favor of the leadership of the continent.

### **Study on Morocco's reputation in the world**

IRES, in collaboration with the Reputation Institute, conducted the fourth edition of this study, which focused on Morocco's reputation in the G-8 countries and in 15 developed and emerging countries, based on of 17 attributes, grouped in three dimensions, namely the quality of life, the level of development and the quality of institutions.

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### **Recent developments in the Arab world**

Developments in Libya, Syria and Yemen is being monitored by IRES, by studying the main causes of crises in the arab countries and analyzing the role of national, regional and international actors.

### **Morocco's role in the New Silk Roads**

The Institute has undertaken a profound reflection on the possibilities for the African continent to benefit from the New Silk Roads and to identify the potential contribution of Morocco to this initiative, starting from the intrinsic strengths of the Kingdom and its developed relations with the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.



## **Webographic watch Bulletins for May and June 2018**

The editions of May and June 2018 "webographic bulletin", published online in the Institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: Climate migrants, the energy, the industrialization of Africa, cybersecurity, informal employment, weapons around the world ...

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### **Challenges and opportunities for rural development in sub-Saharan Africa**

This seminar, held on May 2, 2018, was an opportunity to present the preliminary findings of the study "Challenges and opportunities of rural development in sub-Saharan Africa", which is in conformity with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063. This study aims to identify the issues and challenges facing sub-Saharan Africa for the rural development. It make strategic proposals for fighting poverty and promote rural transformation in sub-Saharan Africa, in order to provide to the people concerned with a decent living environment.



### **ASEAN's contribution to East Asia's regional construction: A potential partnership in Africa**

His Excellency Mr. Hassan WIRAJUDA, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, facilitated a panel discussion at the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies, on May 23, 2018, The conference was attended by His Excellency Dr. ED Syarief SYAMSURI, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Morocco, accompanied by an Indonesian delegation.

The conference shed light on the situation and future of ASEAN, on the ongoing integration process under the aegis of ASEAN as well as the relationship of this community with external powers, including China.



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

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### **La renaissance de la route de la soie : l'incroyable défi chinois du XXI<sup>ème</sup> siècle**

La rencontre du 12 juin 2018 a eu pour objet de présenter et de discuter l'ouvrage de M. Pierre PICQUART et de débattre de l'initiative des "Nouvelles Routes de la Soie" qui vise à recréer des voies intercontinentales de circulation et d'échanges, reliant l'Asie, l'Europe et l'Afrique. Des opportunités de développement pour l'Afrique ont été mises en évidence ainsi que les perspectives de coopération sino-marocaine dans le cadre de cette initiative.



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### **Summit of African think tanks**

Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES, gave a presentation at the Summit of African think tanks, organized by Ocp Policy Center on May 9, 2018. After a brief presentation of the Institute, he presented the IRES experience in both the conduct of programs of studies and advanced strategic intelligence and emphasised the importance of the foresight as competence of the Institute. The role of IRES in intellectual diplomacy and as a place for calm debate was also discussed.



In addition, Mr. MOULINE presented the main challenges encountered, particularly with regard to the search for multidisciplinary profiles capable of decoding complexity.

### **Strategic Triangle: Latin America - Europe - Africa**

At the invitation of the President of the Instituto para a Promoção da América Latina e Caraíbas (IPDAL), Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE participated in the 7th "Strategic Triangle: Latin America - Europe - Africa" in Lisbon on May 14th and 15th, 2018.



During his presentation at the session on strategic partnerships, Mr. MOULINE highlighted the importance global weight of the triangle Latin America, Europe-Africa and presented the main geopolitical, economic, cultural and environmental challenges he will be facing in the medium and long term. Stressing the need of laying the foundations for a renewed partnership between the three components of this triangle for the benefit of the social well-being of their citizens, Mr. MOULINE explained how Morocco could contribute to the success of this renewed partnership

### **Participation of IRES in the work of the celebration of the Africa Day**



IRES actively participated in the celebration of the Africa Day, held at the National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco on May 25, 2018 on " Morocco-African Union: partnership confirmed for a solidarity and prosperous Africa".

In addition to leading the debate by IRES's associate researchers, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE gave a presentation in which he specified that Africa is on the move and, in order to become autonomous, it needs a new pan-African vision of the world, in favor of an African universal and civilizational project.

### **Réunions de travail**



### **Visit to IRES of Mr. Mohammed S. Alsulami, of the International Institute of Iranian Studies (RASANAH)**

Mr. Mohammed S. Alsulami, President of the International Institute of Iranian Studies (RASANAH) was received by Mr. Mouline, Director General of IRES, on May 10, 2018. The discussions focused on the possibilities for cooperation between the two institutions, particularly with regard to external threats to the security of the Arab world.