



IRES.Think tank

Energy transition in the light of Morocco's new African strategy

This study was designed to delve into the energy options available to Morocco in the light of Its return to the African Union and Its potential ECOWAS membership. Taking into consideration the transformations occurring in the continent's energetic landscape, the study has identified the challenges regarding African energy geopolitics and made propositions to strengthen Morocco's positioning in Africa and serve Its strategic interests.

Security governance in Africa

This study, launched in August 2018, aims to track security risks in Africa and assess security sector governance within the African Union's structures. Recommendations will be made on a strategic level to improve this governance, targeting good practices and highlighting Morocco's prospective contribution to this process.

The reform of the African Union

Recently initiated, this study's objectives are to analyze the ongoing African Union reform, assess undertaken actions and weigh up the reform's chances of success, in order to make propositions regarding Morocco's participation to the process.

IRES Watch



Webographic watch bulletin for July and August 2018

The July and August 2018 issues of the "Webographic watch bulletin", available on the Institute's website, present summaries of prospective reports focusing on topics such as: Africa's development dynamics, migration crises and forced displacements, automation impact on work, conflict prevention and peace promotion...



Legal aspects of the Moroccan Sahara issue

Held on July 13th, the meeting was dedicated to the legal aspects of the Moroccan Sahara issue. Subsequent discussions focused on recent evolutions of the internal and international context as well as the contribution of the diplomacy to the defense of Morocco's legitimate interests.



Mission to South Korea

A delegation of the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES), chaired by Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General, visited South Korea at the invitation of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP).

As part of this mission, Mr. MOULINE gave, on June 26th 2018, two lectures in which took part H.E. Chafik Rachadi, Ambassador of Morocco in Korea. The first was held as part of the cooperation agreement linking IRES to KIEP and focused on economic cooperation between Morocco and South Korea. The second took place at ASAN Institute for Policy Studies and was dedicated to the emergence of Morocco and its openness to the world.

Mission to China (from June 29th to July 5th 2018)

This visit was initiated at the invitation of the Chinese Embassy in Rabat and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS).



Mr. MOULINE was received by Mr. Le Yucheng, China's Vice-minister of foreign affairs. The discussions focused mainly on China's reform and openness policy, Morocco's foreign policy, the current events in the MENA region as well as

Sino-Moroccan relationships. Mr. Yucheng paid tribute to the political, economic, social and environmental reforms undertaken by Morocco, allowing the Kingdom to become a model of stability in Its area.

At Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE held a lecture on

cooperation between Morocco and China in various fields as well as the prospects for strengthening bilateral relationship in the light of the strategic partnership signed in 2016. Mr. MOULINE also exposed the role that Morocco could play in the implementation of the New Silk Road Initiative within a “win-win” approach.

At the 7th meeting of the Sino-African think tanks Forum, the IRES took part as a guest of honor. Thus, Mr. MOULINE gave an opening session speech, in which he highlighted the privileged relationship that unite Morocco and China and their development prospects in the light of the New Silk Road Initiative. Furthermore, Mr. MOULINE’s address underlined the need to rethink Africa, to shed new lights on the continent and promote its voice on the international stage.

As part of this mission, Moroccan delegation had in-depth exchanges with executives and researchers of Chinese think tanks such as the Center for African Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Middle East Studies Institute of the Shanghai International Studies University and the Chinese Institute of International Studies.

The discussions examined Sino-Moroccan cooperation, Sino-African cooperation in anticipation of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) to be held in September 2018, events in the MENA region and the prospective of a worldwide partnership based on an inclusive development of all nations.

Work Meetings



Visit of a delegation from the Sultanate of Oman

Dr. M. Hamad Mohammad AL DHAWIANI, chairman of the National Records and Archives Authority of the Sultanate of Oman, along with a high level delegation, were received at the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, on June 26th 2018, for a work visit. The discussions focused mainly on the IRES’ missions and functioning, as well as its positioning and its contribution to strategic thinking at national and international level.

Working session at IRES with a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Social



A delegation from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, chaired by Mr. Zou ZHIBO, deputy director of the Institute of World Economics and politics, paid a working visit to the IRES on August 1, 2018. Mr. Zou ZHIBO was joined by Mr. Zhao HAI and Mr. Shen CHEN, researchers at the Institute.

After a general overview of the activities and missions of the two institutes, the discussions focused mainly on Sino-Moroccan relationships and the way to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various fields.

Agenda

September 2018

- Meeting dedicated to the security in the Strait of Gibraltar.