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Update of the 2016 strategic report: Panorama of Morocco in the world: the international relations of the Kingdom

In the framework of its mission to study Morocco's external relations, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has published online the second edition of the 2016 strategic report. Compared to the first edition of the report, the new one focused on Africa mainly after the return of Morocco to the African Union, on the development of relations with China and India and on the prospects strengthening relations with the European Union in line with the June 2019 declaration on the Euro-Moroccan partnership for shared prosperity.

2019/2020 Strategic Report: Towards a new Moroccan development model

IRES completed the drafting of its annual strategic report in the French and English versions, entitled "Towards a new development model for Morocco". This report is a contribution to the reflection on this issue and this, in accordance with the Royal directives contained in the Speech of October 13, 2017, addressed to the members of both Houses of Parliament. In preparing the report, the IRES undertook a unique approach that takes into account global systemic issues and that meets the aspirations in terms of the well-being of the Moroccan population. The "Leapfrog" approach has been favored because it is the only one likely to significantly improve Morocco's international positioning.

Security governance in Africa

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) received the provisional report of the study on Security governance in Africa, in October 2019.

This study which is a continuation of the works undertaken by the Institute on the African continent, provides a map of the security threat and assesses the functioning of the bodies that are supposed to enforce and to maintain peace and security on continental scale. It also presents the progress made by Morocco in this area and its potential contribution to the process of reforming security governance in Africa.

Watch notes :

The new Indo-Pakistan crisis

The IRES has prepared two watch notes, one on the new Indo-Pakistan crisis that erupted following India's repeal on August 5 ,2019 of the constitutional autonomy of Jammu and Kashmir, a region claimed by Pakistan since its independence, the other on the geopolitics of Turkey, a country that tends to develop its visibility on the international scene, highlighting its progress on the economic level.

Strategic monitoring chart

IRES carried out, in October 2019, the 7th edition of its strategic monitoring chart, which gives Morocco's international position in the political, economic, social, cultural and environmental fields. This monitoring chart includes 190 strategic indicators, classified according to the Institute's ten domains of strategic intelligence (DVS).

The 7th edition of the strategic monitoring chart differs from the previous one by the integration of new strategic indicators, related, in particular, to children's rights, open data, the trade environment the digital inclusion and talent competitiveness.



Webographic Newsletter of the months: September and October 2019

The editions of September and October 2019 "Webographic Bulletin", published online in the institute website, introduce summaries of foresight reports dealing with the following themes: Electro nuclear by 2050, ocean and cryosphere, the impact of artificial intelligence on the economy, the partnership between Europe and Africa



Security governance in Africa and the reform of the African Peace and Security Architecture

A study day on security governance in Africa was organized on September 25, 2019. This study day took place in two sessions. The first one was devoted to the presentation and discussion of the preliminary results of the study, conducted by IRES, on security governance in Africa. The second was an opportunity to discuss the contours of the reform of the African Peace and Security Architecture and to understand the place and role of Morocco in this context.

The future of relations between Morocco and the United States



The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) organized a conference on the future of relations between Morocco and the United States, on October 29, 2019, as part of its strategic dialogue with foreign think tanks, namely Potomac Institute of Political Studies, American Enterprise Institute, Middle East Institute and Washington Institute.

During this meeting, which was attended by the Chargé d'affaires of the US Embassy in Rabat, senior officials representing the American think tanks above mentioned, national actors, diplomats and international relations experts, the discussions focused on the progress achieved towards the strategic partnership between the two countries in the political, economic, cultural and security fields and on the prospects for their extension to geographical areas of common interest, paying particular attention to Africa.

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Conference "Africa XXI"



The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) actively participated as a partner in the work of the "Africa XXI" conference, organized on October 10, 2019 at the European University of Lisbon, by the Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean (IPDAL).

This meeting was an ideal opportunity for IRES to expand its vision on the future of Africa. On this occasion, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES, highlighted the exceptional richness of African diversity and the main challenges facing Africa by 2050. He showed that Africa is on the move and that, to become autonomous, it needs a new vision of the world, a pan-African vision, in favour of a global and civilizational African project.



Visit to IRES of an Ivorian delegation

An Ivorian delegation chaired by Mr Séraphin Pierre FOTHIEHORO, Director of Strategic Intelligence within the National Office of Foresight and Strategic Intelligence, carried out from 23 to 25 September 2019, a working visit to the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES). This visit is intended to inquire about the experience of IRES in the perspective of the establishment of an Institutional Mechanism for Strategic Monitoring (MIVS) within the Ivorian Ministry of Planning and Development.

In addition to reporting the missions, the way of functioning and the activities of the IRES, the discussion focused on the architecture of the Institute's advanced strategic intelligence system, its link with the study programs and the various publications developed in this area.



VIP visits:

Mr. Saeed Muhair Alketbi, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates was received by the Director General of IRES on September 27, 2019. It was agreed to hold a scientific meeting at IRES to commemorate the Year of Tolerance in the United Arab Emirates.

For its part, Mrs. Michèle ALLIOT MARIE, former Minister of the United Kingdom, accompanied by Mr. Christian CAPPE paid a working visit to IRES, on October 15, 2019. This visit was devoted to discussion of international issues and the responses to be made in the framework of the Francophonie.



Visit of a delegation from the European Union to Morocco,

A delegation from the European Union to Morocco chaired by Her Excellency Claudia WIEDEY, Ambassador Head of the Delegation, visited IRES on October 1, 2019. During this meeting with the Director General of IRES, the focus was on international issues of interest to Morocco and the European Union, including climate change and mobility. A reflection has begun on the appropriate approach to implement the "Joint Political Declaration" adopted at the end of the 14th session of the Morocco-European Union Association Council.



Visit of a high-level German delegation

As part of the training on the geopolitics of the African continent, organized by the Federal Institute of Higher Security Studies (BAKS), a high-level German delegation, including personalities from the public sector, the business community, academics and academics members of civil society, accompanied by the First Secretary at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Rabat, visited IRES on October 21, 2019.

The questions raised by the German delegation concerned, in particular, the foundations of the Kingdom's foreign policy and, more particularly, its African policy, relations with Europe, migration, the fight against radicalization and the model of development of Morocco.

Agenda

November 2019

- Meeting "Employment and development: for public policies focused on employment", organized jointly with the College Studies and Strategic Development under the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology.
- Presentation and discussion of the book: *Les économies arabes en mouvement. Un nouveau modèle de développement pour la région MENA*, by its author Alexandre KATEB.