

Food Security: Challenges and Prospects for Africa

The Institut Royal des Études Stratégiques (IRES) has released the summary report of its "Journée de réflexion prospective sur la sécurité alimentaire: enjeux et perspectives pour l'Afrique." The report underscores the challenges of food security in Africa within the global geopolitical context. Strategic orientations are proposed to enhance African food security, ultimately bolstering the continent's food sovereignty.

# Morocco's Reputation in the World in 2023

The ninth edition of the survey, conducted by IRES in collaboration with "Reputation Lab," an international firm specializing in "Nation Branding," aims to assess Morocco's strengths and weaknesses in terms of external and internal reputation. The report indicates that Morocco continues to maintain a positive international image, consistently ranking among the top 35 nations with the best reputation among G7 countries + Russia.

# **Relations between Morocco and the Visegrad Group**

The study on relations between Morocco and the member countries of the Visegrad Group is now complete. It seeks to enhance understanding of this group in political and economic terms, assess cooperation between Morocco and the Visegrad Group, and explore prospects for developing triangular "Africa-Morocco-Visegrad" cooperation.

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Annual Survey Paper (ASP) 2023

The new IRES annual publication, the Annual Survey Paper (ASP) 2023, aims to present emerging trends for consideration by public and private decision-makers. It focuses on trends in each of the five pillars defining the IRES reading grid, highlighting their impact on Morocco's natural environment, population, various sectors of activity, and future.

### July and August 2023 Webographic Watch Bulletin

The July and August 2023 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique," available on the IRES website, provide summaries of forward-looking reports on themes such as trends 2030-2050 in the Mediterranean and the Southern Neighborhood, migration, and climate change, as well as the development of scientific research worldwide.

#### Réunions de travail

### Morocco's Reputation in the World in 2023 (additional information)

On July 10, 2023, IRES organized a seminar to present and discuss the preliminary results of the 9th edition of the survey on Morocco's reputation in the world. The meeting involved representatives from the public and private sectors, as well as communications experts. Discussions focused on the need to accelerate structural reforms, especially in human development and intangible capital, to establish a robust and sustainable "Morocco Brand."

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### Meeting of the Steering Committee for the "MED 2050" Foresight Exercise

IRES Director General Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, a member of the Steering Committee for Plan Bleu's MED 2050 foresight exercise, participated in the July 05, 2023 videoconference. The event focused on presenting and discussing scenarios for the Mediterranean by 2050 and exploring realistic paths for transitioning to sustainable development in the region.

# Visit by a High-Level Delegation from the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research

A delegation from the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research visited IRES on July 26, 2023, chaired by its Director General Dr. Sultan Mohamed Al-Nuaimi. Following discussions on strategic issues, it was decided to strengthen cooperation between the two think tanks and sign a new Memorandum of Understanding.

### Working Visit to IRES by a High-Level Israeli Delegation

His Excellency Mr Joseph ODED, Deputy Director General, Head of the Middle East and Peace Process Division at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, accompanied by His Excellency Mr David GOVRIN, Israeli Ambassador to Morocco, paid a working visit to IRES on August 28, 2023. Discussions focused on recent developments in the security situation in the MENA region and prospects for future bilateral and multilateral cooperation between Morocco and Israel.

#### Agenda

In September and October 2023, IRES Forum will feature seminars presenting the preliminary results of the study on Morocco's relations with the Visegrad Group and Morocco's relations with Nigeria.