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## **The third edition of the national survey on the social bond**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has launched the third edition of the national survey on the social bond. This survey follows those conducted by the Institute in 2011 and 2016 as part of its study program "Social bond in Morocco: what role for the state and the main social actors?"

This survey, which aims to draw up an updated radiography of Moroccan society, covers, among other things, themes relating to the intensity of social ties in Morocco, the foundations of collective life, the identity dimension, the foundations and obstacles to harmonious living together, social networks, as well as the state of interpersonal and institutional trust.

As part of this project, the Institute organized, from November 30 to December 2, 2022, workshops dedicated to the training of the team of 40 interviewers and supervisors, responsible for the administration of the survey in the field with a sample of 6,000 individuals aged 18 years and over, representative of the Moroccan population.

## **Study "Industry X.0: challenges and opportunities for Morocco**

The first draft deliverable of this study has been completed. Its main objective is to examine the conceptual contours of the industry of the future, in particular Industry X.0, and to analyze successful foreign experiences in transitioning to this industry, with a view to deducing useful lessons for Morocco.

## **The future of relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America**

The final report of this study highlighted the determinants and priority areas of U.S. foreign policy, established an assessment of relations between Morocco and the United States, and proposed levers for developing multidimensional cooperation between the two partners and extending it to areas of common interest, including Africa.

## **Horizon Scanning**

As part of its horizon scanning exercise (2035), IRES has prepared a "Survey Paper" highlighting more than 150 transformations, which have been identified and addressed during the year 2022. This document aims to inform on the current emergences and future changes.

## **November and December 2022 Webographic Watch Bulletin**

The November and December 2022 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique", available online on the IRES website, present summaries of foresight reports on the following themes: trends 2030-2050 in the Mediterranean and the southern neighborhood, migration and climate change, the development of scientific research in the world, ...

## **Réunions de travail**

### **Industry X.0: maturity of the Moroccan industrial sector and levers of change**

This seminar, which was attended by representatives of the public sector, the private sector, professional federations, as well as national and foreign experts in the field of the industry of the future, aimed to provide a cross-section of the concept of industry X.0 and to assess the ability of the national industrial sector to match this type of industry.

### **The digital future: between promises and uncertainties**

This meeting, which is part of the strategic dialogue initiated, in 2018, between IRES and Chinese think tanks and operators, in particular Huawei Technologies, was devoted to the identification of technological issues and new uses of digital, the examination of digital disruptions in the current and future geopolitical dynamics, the highlighting of the causal link between the climate emergency and the development of digital and "oligopolization" of digital services.

### **Multipolarity in the 21st century**

A round table devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled "Multipolarity in the 21st century" by its author Mr. Innerio SEMINATORE, President and Founder of the European Institute of International Relations in Brussels, was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022. It was an opportunity to discuss the multipolar world system, focusing on the place of Africa and Morocco, taking into account the new data of the international environment and the issues at stake at all levels. The debate also highlighted the importance of appropriate global governance and inclusive multilateralism.

### **15th edition of the international symposium on public finance**

The Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE participated, as a key witness, in the 15th edition of the International Symposium on Public Finance, on the theme "What model of governance of public finance in a world of multi-crisis", co-organized by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Morocco and the Association for the International Foundation of Public Finance, on 16 and 17 December 2022.

His paper attempted to draw lessons for public finance from two decades of international crises, most of which have become systemic crises. Proposals were formulated to improve the governance of public finances, emphasizing, in particular, the overcoming of the short-term approach towards a medium and long-term vision, the sustainability of public debt, the acceleration of digital transformation and the adaptation of public policy evaluation to a national and international context where uncertainty is a major characteristic.

### **The third edition of the international meeting "Africa XXI"**

IRES participated, as a partner, in the work of the third edition of the international meeting "Africa XXI", held, on November 22, 2022 in Lisbon, by the Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean (IPDAL).

The speech of Mr. Mouline highlighted the major challenges facing the African continent and their impact on food security. It focused on the short, medium and long term impacts of the war in Ukraine on Africa and, in particular, on the worsening of food insecurity on the continent. The actions undertaken by Morocco to strengthen food security were presented.

### **ICESCO Think tank Summit**

The Director General of IRES took an active part in the work of the "ICESCO Think tank Summit", organized on November 10, 2022, by the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This meeting was dedicated to sharing the experience of think tanks of the member states of this organization in the field of foresight.

### **VISITS TO IRES BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS**

#### **Visit of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

A high level delegation, chaired by His Excellency Mr. Fariz RZAYEV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, was welcomed by the Director General of IRES on December 27, 2022. The exchanges focused on the possibilities of cooperation between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Azerbaijan as well as on the partnership between the think tanks of the two countries.

**Courtesy visit to IRES of His Excellency Mr. Nazim Adil OGLU SAMADOV, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Rabat**

His Excellency Mr. Nazim Adil OGLU SAMADOV, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Rabat paid, on December 21, 2022, a courtesy visit to IRES during which Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General presented the Institute, its missions and its study programs.

**Agenda**

For the months of January and February 2023, within the framework of the IRES. Forum the Institute will organize:

- a day of foresight reflection, dedicated to the "social determinants of health",
- a seminar to present the preliminary results of the Morocco-US relations study
- a seminar on Morocco's relations with Portuguese-speaking countries (Africa, Latin America and Portugal),