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## **White Paper on the Moroccan Sahara**

The Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has translated into Arabic, English and Spanish its white paper on the Moroccan Sahara, which follows the multilingual glossary dedicated to this issue. This book highlights, with a strong argument, the historical, political, legal and sociological realities.

## **The relations between Morocco and Visegrad**

The study on the relations between Morocco and the member countries of the Visegrad group, an alliance of four Central European countries, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, created in 1991, has been launched. It aims to improve knowledge of the Visegrad Group on the political and economic level as well as on the geopolitical positioning of each of its member countries, to make an inventory of cooperation between Morocco and this regional grouping and to explore the prospects for development of triangular cooperation "Africa - Morocco - Visegrad".

## **Relations between Morocco and Nigeria**

The Institute has begun the realization of the study on the relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It aims, on the one hand, to draw up a state of the political and economic situation of Nigeria and, on the other hand, to analyze the cooperation between Morocco and this country in various fields, by identifying the fields to be invested at the bilateral level and within the continental authorities.

### **Horizon Scanning**

IRES has continued its horizon scanning exercise of the emerging trends, having marked the year 2022, which are related to the pillars of its reading grid, namely: governance, human-centric, nature-centric, planetarization and exponentiality. The Institute's "Horizon Scanning Radar" platform was used to analyze and prioritize the trends according to their importance in terms of impact for Morocco.

### **IRES Intelligence Platform**

This Foresight intelligence platform has been put online. It aims to organize the Institute's publications, divided according to the IRES reading grid, to offer easy digital access. Priority has been given to the Institute's annual strategic reports.

### **Relations between Morocco and Portuguese-speaking African countries**

A report was prepared on the relations between Morocco and the Portuguese-speaking African countries, namely: Angola, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau and Equatorial Guinea. It analyzes the respective political and economic situations of these six countries, establishes an assessment of cooperation with Morocco and identifies areas for strengthening this cooperation. The report explores the possibilities of triangulation with Brazil and Portugal, other Portuguese-speaking nations.

### **March and April 2023 Webography bulletin**

The March and April 2023 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique", posted on the IRES website, present summaries of prospective 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, etc.

### **Tamaghrabit : identité et soft power**

A meeting devoted to the presentation and discussion of the book " Tamaghrabit...les déterminants de l'identité et les catalyseurs du soft power " by Dr. Abdellah BOUSSOUF was held on March 30, 2023. It was an opportunity to discuss the issue of Moroccan identity in a plural Morocco, characterized by the richness of its history, the diversity of its heritage and its values of coexistence and living together.

## **Tamaghribit ... Essai pour comprendre les certitudes locales**

The IRES organized, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, a meeting dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the book entitled " Tamaghribit...Essai pour comprendre les certitudes locales " by Professor Said BENNIS. This round table, which was attended by a panel of experts from various backgrounds, helped to identify the different contours of the concept "Tamaghribit", to highlight the changes that are experienced by the determinants of Moroccan identity and to make some proposals to promote "Tamaghribit" and make it a tool of soft power.

### **IRES. Coopération**

#### **Visit of a parliamentary delegation from the Czech Republic**

The Director General of IRES, Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE received, on March 21, 2023, a delegation from the Parliament of the Czech Republic, chaired by Mr. Jan Skopeček, Deputy Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of this Parliament and accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Ladislav Škeřík, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Kingdom of Morocco.

#### **Visit to IRES of H.E. Mr. Michael CUTTS, Ambassador of Australia to Morocco**

During this meeting, it was agreed, within the framework of the IRES Ambassadors' debate-cycle, to organize a conference animated by H.E. Mr. CUTTS on the future of the relations between Morocco and Australia and on the perspectives of development of the relations between Morocco and the Commonwealth countries.

### **Agenda**

For the months of May and June 2023, the IRES. Forum will be distinguished by the organization of :

- a seminar on the future of relations between Morocco and Australia and on the prospects for developing relations between Morocco and the Commonwealth countries,
- a foresight day on food security in Africa,
- a seminar on Morocco's relations with Portuguese-speaking countries (Africa, Latin America and Portugal).