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## **Trusted Artificial Intelligence: a lever of change for Morocco's accelerated development**

The Institut Royal des Etudes Stratégiques (IRES) has finalized the report summarizing the proceedings of its "Artificial Intelligence Think Tank". The report outlines the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, as well as its various challenges, including ethical ones. It also made a number of strategic proposals designed to outline a national strategy for the deployment of inclusive, trusted, and beneficial Artificial Intelligence, in line with the Kingdom's needs and values.

## **What is Morocco's relationship with the enlarged BRICS Group?**

The interim report of this study on relations between Morocco and the enlarged BRICS Group highlighted the group's political, economic, social, and environmental prospects, as well as its potential impact on the evolution of the world order. It also provided an opportunity to analyze relations between Morocco and the enlarged BRICS group and to highlight the full range of possibilities for Morocco's alliances with this group.

## **Relations between Morocco and Nigeria**

This study, whose provisional report has just been drawn up, provides an overview of the political and economic situation in Nigeria. It highlights the dynamics of cooperation between Morocco and Nigeria in various fields and explores areas for investment at the bilateral level and within continental bodies.

### Emerging concepts: Attention Economy and Liminality

Continuing its new series entitled "Emerging Concepts," on March 5 and April 5, 2024, IRES published two new emerging concepts on its prospective intelligence platform - IIP: Attention Economy and Liminality.

### Annual Survey Paper 2024

IRES has launched work on the 2024 edition of its "Annual Survey Paper" series. The aim of this new IRES annual publication is to present public and private players and decision-makers with the main emerging trends to bear in mind when drawing up short and medium-term strategies or action plans. It targets trends in each of the five pillars that define the IRES reading grid and highlights their impact on Morocco, its natural environment, its population, its various sectors of activity, and its future.



### March and April 2023 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique"

The March and April 2024 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique," available online on the IRES website, present summaries of forward-looking reports on the following themes: the major risks of tomorrow, the outlook for commodities markets, adaptation to climate change, global and regional trends in armed conflicts, ...

## Work meeting



### Trusted Artificial Intelligence: a lever for change in favor of accelerated development in the Kingdom

On March 4, 2024, IRES, in conjunction with the "AI movement" Center at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, organized a day of forward thinking on the theme of "Trusted Artificial Intelligence: A Lever for Change in Favor of Accelerated Development in the Kingdom."

Bringing together a panel of international, African, and Moroccan experts in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, digital innovation, and cybersecurity, this meeting provided an ideal opportunity to highlight the foundations and contributions of Artificial Intelligence on a global scale, to identify the various challenges involved in its development, and to take stock of the situation in Africa and Morocco.



### **The first Arab Water Summit**

Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES, was the keynote speaker at the first Arab Water Summit on the theme of "Culture and Heritage," organized by the Rabat Faculty of Science in collaboration with the Water Embassy and the Miftah-Essaad Foundation for Morocco's intangible capital, on March 5, 2024.

Mr. MOULINE's talk focused on the water crisis worldwide, in the Arab world, and in Morocco. Proposals were put forward concerning the governance to be implemented to better preserve water capital in the Arab region.



### **Solidarity, identity and language in Morocco**

A seminar on "Solidarity, identity, and the language issue in Morocco" was held at IRES on March 19, 2024, as part of the Institute's study program on "The social bond in Morocco: what role for the State and all social players?"

The meeting was attended by representatives of national institutions working in this field.



### **The future of relations between Morocco and the United Arab Emirates**

On April 22, 2024, the Institute organized, in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez and the Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, an international colloquium at the University's headquarters, under the theme: "Between Morocco and the United Arab Emirates: Experiences and Visions in the Field of Development and Institutional Strengthening."

This event is in keeping with the exemplary bilateral relations that the Kingdom of Morocco and the United Arab Emirates have enjoyed for many years and the strong ties between the two countries, covering all fields and sectors and serving as an inspiring model for joint Arab action.

## IRES. Cooperation



### **High-level Omani delegation visits IRES**

A high-level Omani delegation, chaired by His Excellency Ambassador Ahmed Salim BAOMAR and comprising senior military officers affiliated with the National Defense College of the Sultanate of Oman, paid a working visit to IRES on March 6, 2024.

The purpose of the delegation's visit was to learn about IRES's experience in setting up a Center for Strategic Thinking in the security field within the Omani Ministry of Defense.



### **Courtesy visit to IRES by H.E.M. Christophe LECOURTIER, French Ambassador to Rabat**

His Excellency Mr. Christophe LECOURTIER, Ambassador of France in Rabat, paid a courtesy visit to IRES on March 13, 2024.



### **Visit to IRES by Gérard MESTRALLET, Special Envoy of French President Emmanuel Macron**

On March 20, 2024, the Director General of IRES received the Special Envoy of French President Emmanuel MACRON, Mr. Gérard MESTRALLET, at the Institute's headquarters.

Discussions focused on energy issues in the Euro-Mediterranean region and Africa, Morocco's renewable energy strategy and the "Morocco Offer" for the development of the hydrogen industry.



### **Courtesy visit to the IRES by H.E.M. Miklos TROMLER, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary in Rabat**

His Excellency Miklos TROMLER, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary in Rabat, was received on March 21, 2024, by the Director-General of IRES.

This courtesy visit was an opportunity to exchange views on a number of subjects, including Morocco's medium- and long-term development, and the strengthening of relations between the Kingdom and the Republic of Hungary.



### **Working visit to IRES by a Hungarian delegation**

A Hungarian delegation from Budapest's Corvinus University paid a working visit to IRES on May 3, 2024.

After a presentation of the vocation, missions, mode of operation and activities of the IRES, discussions focused in particular on Morocco's African policy and the Royal Atlantic Initiative.

### **Agenda**

For the months of May and June 2024, IRES's Forum activity will be distinguished by the organization of seminars presenting the preliminary results of studies on the future of Morocco's relations, respectively, with the Iberian countries, with Nigeria, and with the enlarged BRICS.

Like other national institutions, IRES will be taking part in the 29th edition of the Salon International de l'Edition et du Livre (SIEL), to be held from May 10 to 19, 2024, at the OLM Souissi-Rabat. To mark the occasion, IRES has planned a rich cultural program around topical themes.:

- L'Océan : enjeu mondial et solution planétaire.
- L'avenir de l'eau au Maroc.
- L'évolution du lien social au Maroc depuis 2011 à aujourd'hui.
- La présentation du livre blanc sur le Sahara marocain (en arabe, en français et en espagnol).
- Le positionnement international du Royaume : situation actuelle et vision prospective.
- L'Industrie du futur X.0 : enjeux et perspectives pour le Maroc.