

# Audace Institut Afrique

Une vision **libérale** du progrès

ACTIVITY REPORT **2016**



## WHO ARE WE ?

### Our mission :

Through its publications, its seminars ,its conferences ,its researches , its will to collect multicultural and multidisciplinary innovative ideas , AIA stimulates political debate by making contextualized proposals of reforms based on free market and the expansion of economic freedom, private property, the rule of law and individual freedoms. AIA also works to strengthen civil society through discussion meetings and a training program for students.

### Our vision :

“ A responsible freedom for a shared prosperity ,,



## EDITORIAL

2016, was a great year for the team of Audace Institut Afrique. Indeed, after spending seven years for the promotion of freedom through ideas, debates, research programs and trainings, we have obtained a funding opportunity for the implementation of a part of recommendations about our study called “how to reinvent rural land system in Côte d’Ivoire” in four Ivorian villages.



Gisèle Dutheuil, CEO of Audace Institut Afrique

Our vision for the future of Africa is based on a bottom up development. The implementation of a program based on a bottom up model is then, an interesting challenge, especially in a country where the land is more than a market good. The study of rural land helps to discover the very culture of Ivorian people.

The project, called Acteur Communau’TERRE, that will last six years, will help us to contextualize and adjust our proposals which aim at securing the lands property rights not only for land owners but also for users. Combining security, legislation, habits and customs observance, is an exciting challenge for our whole multicultural and multidisciplinary team.

In addition, the various trainings have helped us to raise new hopes and new freedom activists who have already been successfully integrated into the media through regular publications. The seeds of freedom continue to increase. This is an asset for Africa which is shown as a continent for the future. The emergence which is much expected, could not be possible without the rise of the freedom that only could help to alleviate corruption which keep the continent at the bottom. Freedom is not only a world but also a virtuous way to a shared prosperity.

## AN INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

“**How to reinvent rural land in Ivory Coast ?**” a multicultural and multi-disciplinary tow-year study led by Audace Institut Afrique, an Ivorian independent and non-political think tank. This study has been carried out with the support of the **Atlas Economic Research Foundation** and **Friedrich Naumann Stiftung**.

### Reinventing Land Security

According to the most optimistic figures, 4% of the lands are currently registered in Ivory Coast. At this rate, it will take more than a century to cover the whole territory. Let's say that the land certificate which costs on average one year of the income of a regular Ivorian is at the expense of the applicant. However, the government cannot afford to deliver free certificates. This context obliges us to reconsider land security. We should, indeed, secure the remaining 96% of the land while waiting for the registration.

**The development of clear contract solving in land exchanges is a good way for security.** In order to cut down on risks, and therefore to encourage investment and social cohesion, reduce conflicts, it is suitable to create a frame that generates a maximum of clearness and credibility to contracts. The geographic space, the name of the parties, the family referent, the contract duration, the type of contract, the crops and activities that are possible on the land, the right price, should be well defined by the parties with a translation if necessary, to clarify the commitment.

A clear contract enables an investor to make planning according to the type of his contracts. These contracts can be adapted to their own context in compliance with the local realities which differ from

one religion to another.

In order to equip the contract solving with a sufficient credibility, some basic reforms are necessary.



multicultural and multidisciplinary study

## Reinventing the modality of governance

Neither government alone nor people alone can register rural lands. A complementarity between the two is necessary. **Communities have a good knowledge of their lands and that is an indisputable wealth that should be absolutely given more potential and be explored.** In order to achieve this, a relocation of the land governance is necessary. In this way, village committees of rural land management (CVGFR) have a great responsibility. The clearness of contracts indeed, relies on them. The role of the (CVGFR) should include:

- The creation of community land register, village maps showing geographic spaces and the relationships between the dwellers on the land (customary rights holders, users, etc.)
- The registration, for family's land, and any other person concerned by the land
- The assistance of the parties during the conclusion of contracts.
- The archiving of the village land information.

In order to be efficient, the committee should be made up of the key actors of rural land in villages and their organization should be more structured. This can only be possible by the impulse of the government that should insure the implementation, the control and the training of committees. It is worth it. **Relocating the governance will enable to improve land security, a breeding ground for investment.** So agriculture, food security, conflict reduction and social cohesion depend on it.

The relocation of the land governance is a mean to reconcile tradition and modernism in a context of globalization. It is a modern policy that allows Ivory Coast to flaunt its specificity by becoming a more attractive world. Because we cannot make any breakthrough without intellectual and cultural knowledge

This new frame of governance, a righteous circle between the government and communities is a favorable environment for lands formalization. This will help the government in the implementation of the rural land act of 1998.

## AN INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

### Reinventing land wealth

As a Feeding mother land but also very commercial, that is possible. Thanks to a clear contract solving, even before registration, lands have a great value in their customary space and the income from the land can absolutely be individualized. Every user takes advantage of the fruits produced by his work. The risk of investing in rural land is drastically reduced, because when an agreement is clear and socially recognized, the risks of contestations also decrease and the social cohesion is reinforced. The environment becomes favorable for loan, for the implementation and the creation of wealth.

# Acteur Communau' Terre

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## FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

An experiment is carried out in 4 villages of Côte d'Ivoire by Audace Institut Afrique, with support from **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** to improve local land governance.

The project **Acteur Communau'TERRE**, for a period of six years enable to implement the proposals of the study from 2014 to 2015 "How to reinvent rural land in Côte d'Ivoire?"

The projects consists of three phases:

- To help villagers in achieving computerised and secured community land registers, to clarify the rights of customary low owners and users (primary law and secondary lay)
- Improve village land management committees capabilities (composition and organisation)
- Training of village committees and supervisors to:
  - Manage the community land register
  - Promote a clear and secure contracts solving that could give credibility to villagers 'contracts

The project combine tradition with the most advanced technologies to simplify the use from villagers. It aims at making villages independent.

This new governance enable a favourable environment for the rural land Act of 98 in Côte d'Ivoire. The information related to land and their owners help to improve social cohesion, reduce and solve easily litigation and conflicts.



Improving local governance



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# TRAINING

## Democratic dialogue

In partnership with the **Friedrich Ebert Foundation**, a practical training in democratic dialogue was done. This training aim at developing a culture of democratic dialogue as a sustainable way to solve every political or other problem that they might face.

- Practical Training to the demonstrative dialogue (participants 30 high representatives of the Ivorian main political parties.
- Training in public speaking
- Training about the skills of a debate
- Training in the media training

The training duration: three days



# TRAINING

## For creating peace ambassadors

### Seminar “Afrique et Liberté” 2016 in Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mali, Benin, Senegal, Maroc.

A set of annual sub-theme called “Liberty as a remedy for violent extremism”

Funding: **Atlas economic research foundation and the Smith family foundation**

Partner: **Libre Afrique.**

30 people per country have participated to this residential seminar. A major subject in the rise of terrorism in Africa's context.

Everywhere in Africa, the “violent extremism's flag is waved without embarrassment. All the African countries are concerned in differently way by this scourge and tens of thousands are already died in addition to economic damage. Almost, our everyday actuality is characterised by the grief and the desolation because of the multiplicity and the barbarism character of the violent terrorist actions.

The participation of youth to this terrorist actions bring our attention on this trend. Let's notice that if these young are an enrolment field for this group of terrorists, there are at the same time their victims. Henceforth, it's now important to understand factors that make them be radical and the reasons for their engagement in these violent actions. This is an overarching objective of this seminar which had a deep reflection on the roots of the violent extremism in order to identify the right way to prevent this scourge.

Without overlooking individual responsibility of each young, we must realise that terrorists are “made not born”, by the reaction to a hostile environment. Violent extremist groups can only succeed and publish their toxic ideologies in a context of frustration, of political and economic exclusion and of political, economic and social crisis. In other words, the violent extremism can only expand in an ideological, political, or economic repression environment. Economic and political freedom rehabilitation with all their responsibilities is the best antidote to the violent extremism.

We are sure that young people are a hope not a danger. This seminar aimed at encouraging these young to simply endorse the peace, diversity and mutual respect causes to take part to the fight against violent extremism instead of support it. It was about a real plea for a free and responsible youth. Unfortunately, young people are treated as passive targets of campaigns against violent extremism. Rather, this seminar aimed at involving them to create a fighting actions and make them to use freely their own strategies.



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## FREEDOM IN ACTION

### United we stand, divided we fall !

Audace institut Afrique, in partnership with **INADES formation**, have implemented a platform call “**Alerte Foncier**”. This platform rallies civil society organisations and specialists working on the rural land issue.

- A leveraging tool to inspire new public policies
- Be united for a strong plea

### Free prices for a shared prosperity

In partnership with the national agricultural union for progress in Côte d'Ivoire (SYNAPCI), we are pleading for the liberalisation of the cocoa price. In the the world largest producer of cocoa country, the price fixing by the government does not encourage farmers to produce quality cocoa beans.

### Meet the freedom network

Donatien ADOU, a member of the scientific committee has meet the large network of the friends of liberty during the liberty forum organised by Atlas economic research foundation. The forum was held in Miami In 2016.





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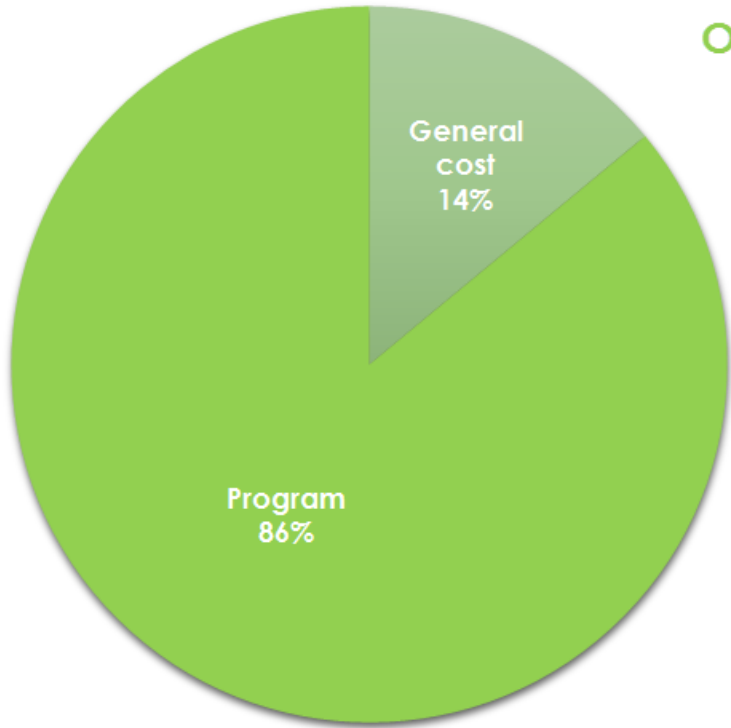
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