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Activity report

Who are We?

Independent and non-political, Audace Institut Afrique (AIA) is a multicultural and multidisciplinary think tank that aims to promote responsible freedom for a balanced development at the service of Africans.

Our mission

AIA is involved in the production of innovative ideas related to crucial subjects deemed to be complex. It helps to solve problems and hindrances in order to better understand them through a process of clarification with a bottom-up approach based on local actors.

AIA then acts by implementing its proposals in the field to refine and contextualize them to usefully feed public policies. It is about linking ideas and reality with the common good as a compass. To do so, AIA does not hesitate to combine traditional and modern practices to reconcile legality and legitimacy by incorporating the specificities of African culture without dismissing the best approaches that have worked well elsewhere. For the past 6 years, the institute has been working specifically on the issue of rural land tenure and has implemented innovative solutions for securing rural land rights.

Our vision

Responsible freedom for a shared prosperity



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THE RURAL LAND TENURE
From security to prosperity

A multifaceted approach to rural land

Acteur Communau'Terre

7 pilot villages completed in various cultural areas - 7 villages that have become autonomous in their land management

A field visit of the Rural land Agency (AFOR) and donors

A workshop about women and access to land

A workshop on human rights and rural land

A workshop on rural land contractualization

Prize winner for the best program at the Africa Liberty Forum of the ATLAS Network foundation

3 stages of the program included in the AFOR's land security methodology

What is Acteur Communau'Terre?

The Acteur Communau'TERRE program, undertaken in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, started in March 2016 for a period of six years, help to implement the proposals from the study "How to reinvent the rural land system in Côte d'Ivoire?" performed in 2014 and 2015 with the support of its partner the ATLAS Economic Research Foundation. This program was carried out in 7 pilot villages. It aims to clarify land rights in order to improve land governance in villages. It has two main components: :

1 –A Community land register

The project team is helping the villagers to realize community land registers themselves in order to clarify the primary and secondary rights of customary rights holders and farmers. It is concretely a village map made from local traditional knowledge of the land boundaries.

2 – The training of Village Committees for Rural Land Management (CVGFR) in action

In order to improve local governance, a part of the program aims to improve the abilities of the CGVFR, which is a key structure within the village related to the administration.

Firstly, it is a question of creating them where they are not yet, or to review their composition if they are not working well. Then help them organize themselves through internal rules. Finally, train them to:

- Use the GPS independently;
- Manage and update the community land register;
- Archive data;
- Promote clear contractualization which gives rural land contracts high credibility.

Acteur Communau'Terre

Friedrich Naumann
STIFTUNG **FÜR DIE FREIHEIT**



ACTEUR COMMUNAU'TERRE Une idée, une méthode

Pour une nouvelle approche du foncier rural



All the methodology of Acteur Communau'Terre explained and available on the Audace Institut Afrique website.

With the support of Friedrich Naumann Stiftung and the ATLAS Network Foundation



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A co-construction of the methodology

How to make the methodology more efficient?

- A team of experienced, open and creative sociologists;
- An inclusive methodology allowing all stakeholders to express themselves with special treatment for those who are marginalized ;
- An ability to quickly adjust the methodology and implement the new solutions identified in the discussion with the stakeholders.



How to improve the methodology

Reflection on the toolbox of the village committees for rural land management

Authorities from the 5 pilot villages gathered to seek solutions to improve the methodology of Acteur Communau'Terre and to strengthen the impact of CVGFR:

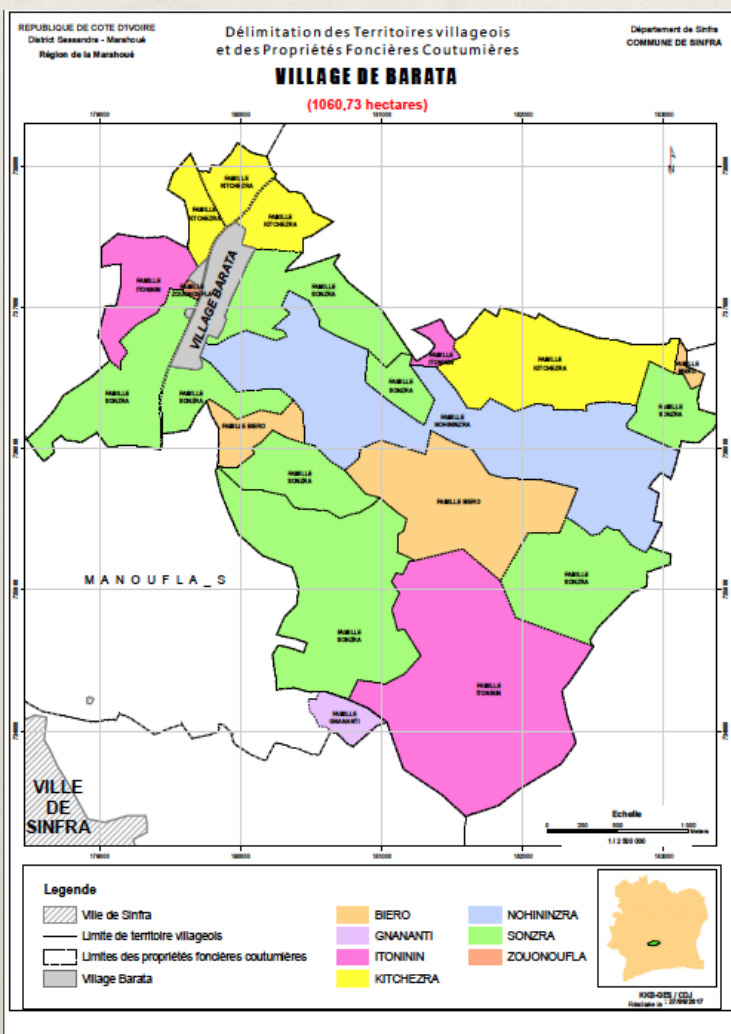
Financial autonomy; contracts model; archiving management, etc.

Sustainable solutions are built with the players themselves.



2 full days of brainstorming in Abidjan

Acteur Communau'Terre in a few figures



- **34 152 hectares** delimited and mapped
- **83%** of the villagers think that conflicts will be wiped out.
- **99%** now feel safer
- **89%** are more interested in investing in their land.
- **90 %** of the villagers are convinced that there will be no more inheritance problems within the families.
- **89%** of people are very proud to have successfully clarified all the land rights in their village.

Assessment of Acteur Communau'Terre

Field visit of the ATLAS Network Foundation

Administrative and financial authorities in Abidjan, to the heart of the pilot villages, Tarun Vats of the ATLAS Network Foundation has carried out verifications and evaluated the impact of the program.



Assessment Acteur Communau'Terre

Visit of ATLAS Network Foundation



The village of Barata

Acteur Communau'Terre winner of the 1st Prize at the Africa Freedom Forum in Kenya



Mehmet N'Diaye, membre du Comité d'orientation stratégique de l'institut

Workshop on women's access to land

A multidisciplinary panel focused on the search for operational solutions



Beyond the field work, thematic workshops are organized to find solutions through the sharing of ideas. Methodological advice for field actions and sharing of experiences have helped to draw up a real roadmap promoting women's access to land.

Workshop on rural land and human rights

Training and awareness on the Voluntary Guidelines



In partnership with the German Institute for Human Rights, the National Commission for Human Rights in Côte d'Ivoire, the FAO and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Civil Society acting in the context of rural land and rights of human beings has been trained and made aware of voluntary guidelines as an interesting tool that can help to settle the land issue while respecting human rights.

Workshop on contractualisation of rural lands

Contracts as tools for social cohesion and integration



In the chain of thematic workshops on rural land, a session was devoted to the contractualization. Indeed, contracts represent the whole unit of land security. The workshop allowed to analyze the subject mainly in terms of law.

TRAINING

From knowledge to critical mind

HAUT-PARLEUR



Haut-parleur is a multidisciplinary training in public speaking geared towards a group of 25 young Ivorians to invite them to express their ideas, assert their values and develop self-confidence.

Young people from all walks of life:

- To break down social determinisms;
- break with the logic of inward-looking attitudes and release the talents of a stigmatized youth;
- promote the employability of participants and offer to Ivorian companies a pool of young people with new profiles to consolidate the internal and external communication of their Organizations



Speech

Debate

Slam

Tales

Legends

Drama

Poetry

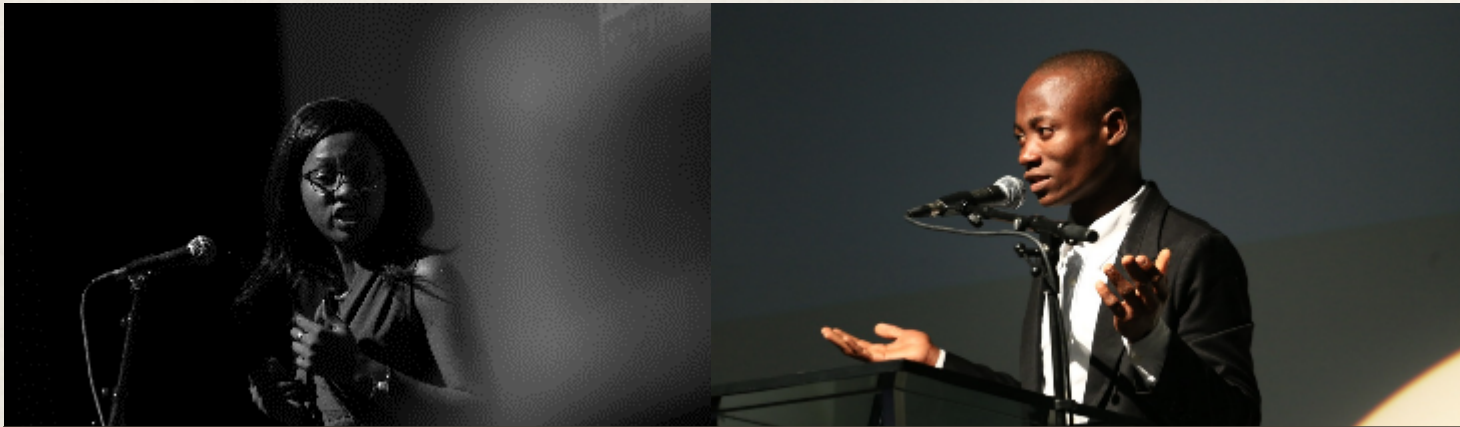
Argument

Diction



TO DRAW UPON THE AFRICAN ORALITY ROOTS!





COMPETITION OF THE BEST CONVICTION SPEECH



An adventure made possible with the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy in Côte d'Ivoire (SCAC), the French Cultural Center in Abidjan, the Saint Paul Cultural Center in Abidjan.

Training to nurture the democratic debate



Innovative workshop inspired by the Liberty Fund seminars 'concept.

25 activists work for 3 days on current problems, looking for solutions through the writings of classic authors. Very interactive and productive workshop to elevate the analysis.

political discourse training for political parties in order to boost democracy

As part of the partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 24 members from all political were introduced to political discourse. In the context of democratic exercise, it is the privileged link of communication between the political sphere, supposed to carry social programs, and the populations.

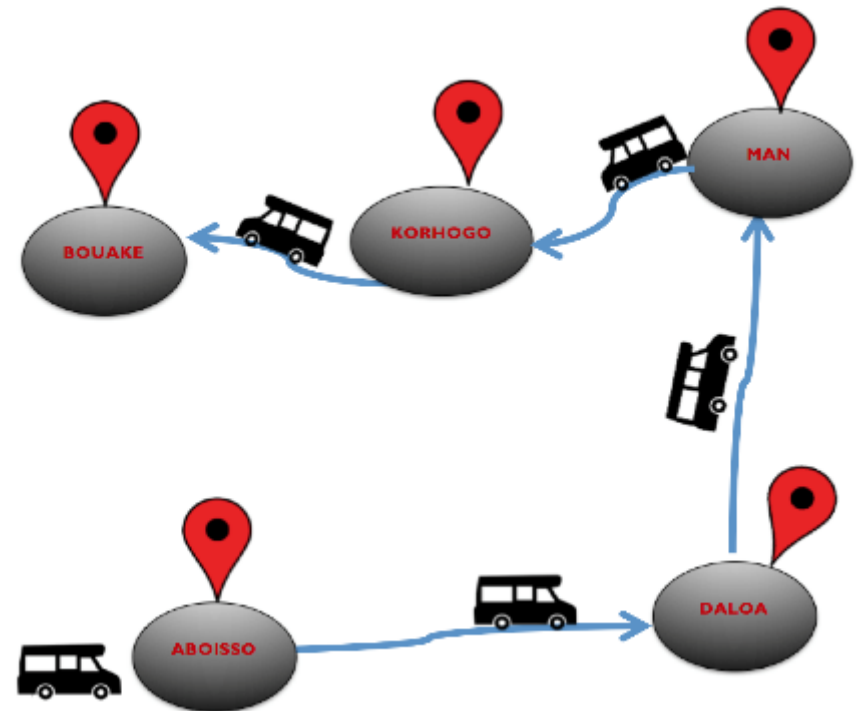


Citizen actors caravan

Meeting young people in rural areas



- 5 affected
- 514 cholars trained
 - 190 women
 - 324 men
- 5 conferences
- 5 workshops
- 25 citizen solutions offered
- 2 radio broadcasts
- 97% of positive opinions



A funding of Network For Free Society

Citizen actors caravan



Meetings based on an innovative methodology that leads participants to propose solutions using a bottom-up approach to respond to government failures.

Testimonies

« I have never heard such a message; I never imagined how the population and especially young people could be involved in change. This training is a revolution for us»

Metica, Man

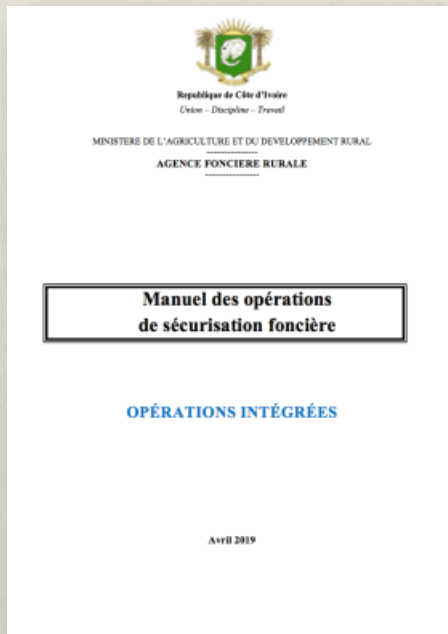
« This training allowed me to realize all the harm that can be done to one country by disengaging from all fruitful actions. I decided to put my youth and my vigor at the service of the development of my community » Rita, Daloa

INFLUENCE
Disseminate our ideas further

Field visit with the administration and donors

A delegation from the Rural Land Agency (AFOR), the World Bank and the French Development Agency, visited the village of Barata in Sinfra to see the impact of Acteur Communau'Terre program.

The experience of Acteur Communau'Terre has allowed to feed several stages of the AFOR's operating manual, which include: the creation of a village land register; the creation of new job in the villages (surveyors using GPS in autonomy and archivists) and the stage of social dialogue around a brief map of the village to proceed to unravelling of land rights in the village.



Promotion of usage contracts for planters

The conference of Berlin was an opportunity for Gisèle Dutheil, the Chief Executive of AIA, to promote contractualization for cocoa planters. Indeed, while we focus on land titles, usage contracts are neglected in the overall reflection on land security.

A written contract secures the planter who is more willing to invest in capital and efforts in this environment of land security. The planter clearly knows his place in the village and his rights are recognized by all. It is the base of social cohesion.

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Rural land and new technologies at the ALPC

Abidjan, 25-29 November 2019

The Acteur Communautaire program is presented at the conference on land policies in Africa.



2019 CONFERENCE ON LAND POLICY IN AFRICA

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP
GROUPE DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT

United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

Economic freedom forum in Cote d'Ivoire

The economic freedom forum is carried out in Cote d'Ivoire in partnership with the **ATLAS Network foundation, the Friedrich Naumann foundation and the Fraser Institute** around a hundred targeted participants..

This forum has helped to analyze the economic freedom index in Cote d'Ivoire in order to identify the weaknesses and the real challenges to be met to improve the business environment. The goal is to get out of the myth of the economic freedom dangers that is disseminated. Economic freedom is often used as the scapegoat to hide the failure of governments. Based this, the right solutions are rejected.



This forum was marked by the presence of **Tarun Vats**, associate director of training at the ATLAS Network foundation (United States), **Fred McMahon** Director of the Fraser Institute (Canada), **Dr. Joachim A. Holden**, West Africa Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany).).

Economic Freedom forum of Cote d'Ivoire

Index de la liberté économique 2018



Côte d'Ivoire

Classement mondial : 132

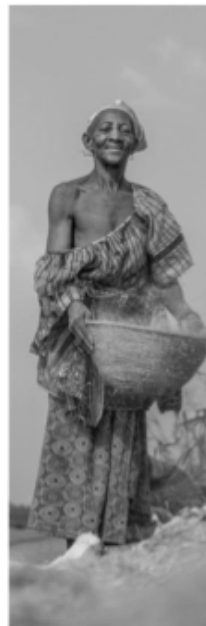


Malgré de nombreux efforts réalisés par le Côte d'Ivoire au cours des dernière années, entre autres la création du Tribunal de commerce, la Cour d'appel de commerce, la facilitation de la création d'entreprises, la création de l'Agence Foncière Rural (AFOR), le soutien à la mise en œuvre de la Zone de Libre-Echange Continentale Africaine (ZLECAF), la Côte d'Ivoire figure toujours au 132 rang sur 162 économies évaluées. L'un des piliers de ce faible classement est la corruption. Le pays est encore classé au 103e rang de l'indice de perception de la corruption de Transparency International (sur 180 pays). Alors que la corruption est un véritable cancer pour la société, l'impact de la liberté économique sur la réduction de ce fléau est avéré.

Le manque de liberté économique est la matière première de la corruption. Si vous êtes économiquement libre et si vous avez la capacité de faire vos propres choix économiques ; si personne n'entrave vos activités ; si vos formalités administratives sont simples (pour ouvrir une entreprise, obtenir une décision de justice équitable, trouver un bon emploi sans devoir verser de pot-de-vin, etc) ; alors, vous serez faiblement soumis aux exigences de « donner des enveloppes » pour débloquer un dossier, obtenir un simple papier. La corruption sera ainsi drastiquement réduite.

L'ingérence persistante du gouvernement dans l'économie alimente également la corruption. Les acteurs économiques sont soumis à des paiements multiples et informels soit pour obtenir les faveurs du gouvernement, soit pour en éviter des pénalités. Les marchés sont protégés pour des amis du pouvoir. On parle alors de capitalisme de copinage. Si le gouvernement libère l'économie et se met à l'écart, il n'y aura ni faveurs à acheter, ni de pots-de-vin à payer pour éviter d'éventuelles sanctions et la corruption en sera réduite d'autant.

En améliorant la liberté économique, la Côte d'Ivoire aura la capacité d'élaborer des politiques économiques qui mèneront à une prospérité partagée et préserveront la liberté, la démocratie et la paix.



The full report is available on the AIA website



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Media visibility to support change

Libre Afrique is a site for publishing analyzes aiming at promoting the importance of freedom, a remedy against poverty in Africa. The Libre Afrique program supported by the ATLAS Network foundation is associated with the network of the Global Initiative for Individual Rights, Peace and Prosperity, which brings together Russian-speaking, Arabic-speaking, Persephone, Kurdish, Azerbaijani, Sino phone, Portuguese-speaking, Malaysian and English-speaking websites.

In 2018

153 Published articles

1586 republications

In 2019

165 Published articles

1644 republications



<http://www.libreafrique.org>

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
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With the National Chambers for Kings and Traditional Chiefs of Cote d'Ivoire: a strong and multi-thematic partnership for 4 years



Actions in the context of Alerte Foncier


AIA participates in the development and programs of the civil society platform dedicated to rural land tenure





ÉTUDE

LES DROITS FONCIERS COUTUMIERS NON FORMALISÉS PEUVENT-ILS FAIRE L'OBJET D'UNE TRANSACTION FORMALISÉE PAR UN CONTRAT ?



Une étude réalisée par :

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Côte d'Ivoire, décembre 2019

Research study on the contractualization of customary lands not yet certified.

This study was carried out as part of the development of the activities of ALERTE-Foncier, which receives financial support from the European Union and the CCFD-terre Solidaire through a project led by the CCFD-Terre Solidaire, INADES- Formation and Audace Institut Afrique (AIA). In this project entitled "Alerte-Foncier Platform: For inclusive and sustainable governance of rural land in Côte d'Ivoire" FED / 2018/159508/4, AIA carried out this study on customary rights. This broad subject is approached here in the context of official contractualization on land for which customary rights have not yet been formalized.

The study has helped to answer clearly that it is legal to carry out usage contracts on land not yet registered by the government.

Actions in the context of Alerte Foncier

Rural land conflict observation unit - Alerte Foncier



His Majesty Désiré AMON TANOË, Chairman of CNRCT

Creation of a unit to observe rural land conflicts through 139 focal points of the National Chamber of Kings and Traditional Chiefs (CNRCT) through the 31 regions and 108 departments of the country

This national network with the chiefdom enables to provide contextualized and updated information linked to rural land conflicts to better understand the problems with the opinion of traditional chiefs who are the actors closest to the populations.

This partnership shows the CNRCT's interest in social cohesion in the country.

Some key points on the management of AIA

- ❑ **82%** of the budget is devoted to activities and **18%** to the running
- ❑ A fully digitalized accounting
- ❑ The establishment of a new Procedural Manual





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