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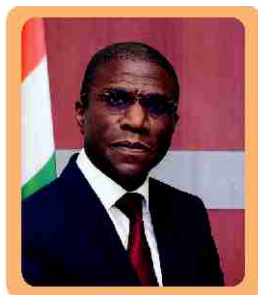
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Welcome Address from the Director General



It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of honour that I welcome you to Abidjan, on the occasion of the 16th annual Conference of our Association and the celebration of 62 years of the Public Treasury of Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire, land of hospitality, is happy to welcome you for these two days of reflection, exchange and festivities.

In a global context where digital transformation is an essential lever for performance, transparency and proximity with citizens, the International Association of Treasury Services (AIST) Symposium aims to be a privileged framework for analyzing the profound changes in our institutional and technological environment, around the theme: ***"What future for the Treasury's business processes in this era of digitalization?"***.

It will be a matter of sharing our experiences, innovations, and ambitions regarding the modernization of Treasury services, through, on the one hand, an inventory of the advances made in our respective administrations regarding the digitalization of business processes and, on the other hand, the identification of challenges to be addressed and opportunities to seize to make the services of the Public Treasury more agile, more secure and more results-oriented administrations.

Regarding the celebration of the 62 years of the Ivorian Public Treasury, it seemed important to us, through the theme ***"Contribution of the Public Treasury***



to the development of Côte d'Ivoire", to reflect on the strategic role of our administration in the financial landscape of our country after more than six (06) decades of existence.

The work will, to this end, focus on assessing the achievements of the Public Treasury since its creation and the challenges it will have to face in order to improve its contribution to the development of Côte d'Ivoire.

I remain convinced that the richness of our contributions and the quality of the exchanges, drawn from the diversity of our skills and experiences, will allow concrete avenues for action and cooperation to emerge.

I wish you fruitful works and a pleasant stay in Ivory Coast.

Akwaba in Abidjan, welcome home!

AHOUSI Arthur Augustin Pascal

Director General of the Treasury
and Public Accounting
from Côte d'Ivoire

President in office of the AIST



PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE

Côte d'Ivoire hosts, on September 15 and 16, 2025, the 16th AIST Symposium, around the theme: "What future for the Treasury's business processes in this era of digitalization? "

This conference will be held in Abidjan, the economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire. Participants from the twenty-nine (29) member countries will take part in these meetings at the Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire.

YOUR TRIP

1. Visa formalities

The visa-exempt nationalities

Are exempt from visa, the nationals of the following countries:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tunisia, Djibouti.

Apart from these, any other participant must be in possession of a passport and a biometric visa *to be obtained on the dedicated website* (snedai.com/e-visa or www.snedai.com) or from diplomatic missions.

The period of validity of the passport required to obtain a visa is at least six (6) months before its expiration date.

The online e-visa procedure

Payment for the *e-visa is made on the dedicated website* snedai.com/e-visa or www.snedai.com. The visa application must be made 48 hours (2 business days) before the departure date. However, we recommend that you formulate it 5 working days in advance to take into account unforeseen circumstances. For any



assistance regarding the visa application, we kindly ask you to write to us at the following email addresses: mcefp@tresor.gouv.ci or daniellegnanago@tresor.gouv.ci

The documents to be attached to the application are:

- the copy of the valid passport (at least 6 months);
- the copy of the plane ticket (round trip) if available eventually;
- the copy of the international vaccination booklet page with up-to-date vaccines (notably the yellow fever vaccine);
- the invitation letter from the AIST.

The classic visa procedure in an Embassy

Regarding the classic procedure in Embassy, you could go to the Ivorian diplomatic representation of your country of residence where all useful information will be made available to you. For any further information, please contact the following numbers (+225) 05 05 73 44 07 or (+225) 07 07 20 12 50 or send your concerns to the following email addresses: daniellegnanago@tresor.gouv.ci or mcefp@tresor.gouv.ci

List of documents to be presented at Abidjan Airport

- ***Documents common to all participants***
 - the passport valid for a minimum of 6 months;
 - the international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever.
- ***Documents specific to e-visa holders***
 - the original of the registration receipt for the visa fee;
 - the approved pre-enrolment document (favorable response from e-visa validation services of the Directorate of Territorial Surveillance (DST)).



2. Customs formalities

In order to facilitate customs formalities, participants are invited to affix the AIST logo on their luggage and bring the boarding pass.

For health-related concerns, the country has an extensive network of public and private health centres and hospital facilities with a technical platform meeting international standards and norms.

3. Climate and temperature

The symposium is held in Abidjan, the economic capital located in the south of the country. This part of the country is characterized by low temperatures, high humidity and abundant rainfall. It experiences four seasons. In September, in Abidjan, the average temperature is about 25°C.

Weather forecast table from September 14 to 21, 2025

(Weather source horizon)

Day	Date	Time	Temperature
Sunday	14	Cloudy	25°
Monday	15	Cloudy	25°
Tuesday	16	Partial rain	25°
Wednesday	17	Partial rain	25°
Thursday	18	Partial rain	25°
Friday	19	Partial rain	25°
Saturday	20	Partial rain	26°
Sunday	21	Partial rain	26°



4. Sanitary requirements for entry into Cote d'Ivoire

4.1 Preventive measures

International travelers must take all preventive measures against infectious diseases and make the appropriate vaccines (yellow fever, meningitis, cholera, typhoid, tetanus...)

4.2 The yellow fever vaccine

It is mandatory for travelers entering Cote d'Ivoire.

A check of the valid vaccination certificate will be carried out upon arrival in Côte d'Ivoire.

It is highly recommended to get a yellow fever vaccination in your country of origin, at least 10 days before travel. Failing this, the vaccine will be administered to you at Abidjan Airport upon your arrival by a team from the National Institute of Public Hygiene (*the cost of the vaccine is 7000 CFA francs or €10.67*).

4.3 Control of haemorrhagic fever

Travelers with a hemorrhagic fever will be supported by the services of the National Institute of Public Hygiene (INHP) until the end of the fever tests.

4.4 Travel insurance

It is strongly recommended to take out travel insurance.

5. Prevention against Malaria

It is advisable for any traveler coming from areas where malaria does not occur to consult a doctor in order to benefit from preventive treatment against malaria.



6. Some hygiene tips

- Good hand hygiene
- Mineral water consumption

7. Handling of medical emergencies during the conference

During the delegations' stay, a medical emergency assistance service will be available.

- From 08:00 to 7:00 pm on the main conference site at Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire;
- from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m., an on-duty team will remain reachable. Please contact urgently:
 - *Dr GUEYE Boubakar at (+225) 07 09 91 72 37*
 - *BONI Lucien, Specialist Nurse at (+225) 07 07 33 24 39*

8. Useful contacts for all your medical concerns

N°	Name and First Names	Function	Phone number (+225)	Mail
1	Paule FOLQUET	Chief Doctor	07 07 29 26 92	paulefolquet5@yahoo.fr
2	GUEYE Boubakar	Doctor Anesthetist-reanimator	07 09 91 72 37	boubaseg@gmail.com
3	MAIZAN Yao	Doctor Generalist	07 77 35 73 44	maizanfrancois@gmail.com
4	ALLOUFOU Eugene	Nurse Graduate of State	07 07 59 08 69	Alloufou2@yahoo.fr
5	BONI Lucien	Nurse Specialist in Anesthesia-reanimation	07 07 33 24 39	lucienboni@gmail.com
6	CISSÉ Amadou	Paramedic	07 57 60 66 15	



YOUR STAY

1. Reception of participants

A team will receive you upon your arrival at the Airport. For any other information, please contact the President of the Reception and Protocol Commission at (+225) 07 76 07 00 or his deputy at (+225) 07 07 33 82 88.

2. Arrangements for transport

2.1 From the Airport to your

hotel

Transportation from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport is provided by free from charges shuttles available for participants.

2.2 Travel to the city of Abidjan

For your travels, you have the possibility to borrow, at your expense, the following means:

- the public transport vehicles of accredited structures, such as Uber, Heetch, Yango (Downloadable on AppleStore or PlayStore);
- the boat-buses of the Société de Transport Abidjanaise (SOTRA) for lagoon transport.

3. Hosting site and venue of the conference

Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire is the hotel chosen by the Public Treasury of Côte d'Ivoire to receive its illustrious guests and to host the meeting.

The 5-star hotel, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire is located in the Cocody-Les Ambassades district, on Hassan Boulevard 2.



Phone number: (+225) 27 22 48 26 / hotel email address:
sofitel.abidjan@sofitel.com

Mr. Mohamed COULIBALY, Sales Manager, is the contact person at the hotel.

Cellular N° : (+225) 07 87 38 66 85 or email address: mohamed.coulibaly@sofitel.com

The hotel has an ATM. The payment cards accepted at the hotel are the Master Card and the Visa Card.

As regards accommodation and catering, please contact the person in charge of the Commission at (+225) 07 07 87 39 66.

4. Safety instructions

4.1 At the reception at Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY International Airport in Abidjan

Upon your arrival at Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY International Airport in Abidjan, we recommend you:

- to identify the members of the Reception Commission, recognizable from a dress code (black suit and or scarf, Public Treasury badge), who will assist you with the formalities;
- to ensure that you have collected all your luggage, before the departure from the Airport on board of the shuttles.

4.2 From the Airport to the hotel

We kindly ask you to follow the instructions of the police officers on board the shuttles.



4.3 Upon arrival at Sofitel Hotel Ivoire

it is compulsory to:

- make sure to have recovered all your luggage;
- scrupulously follow the instructions of the Protocol and Security of the hotel, for formalities and access to the rooms.

4.4 On the site of the workshops

Access to the workshop rooms is strictly reserved for participants.
To this effect, you have to:

- carry your identification badge during the entire duration of the works;
- respect the instructions of the security agents dedicated to monitoring the work sites;
- refer to the protocol or security agents if needed.

4.5 Mobility in the city of Abidjan

When traveling privately in the city, it is recommended that you have the number of a Public Treasury security officer.

4.6 Final provisions

- In case of difficulties, report to the nearest police officer or protocol;
- always check that the travel documents (passports, plane tickets) are in place;
- report the presence of suspicious people or packages;
- systematically share all security-related difficulties with the focal points.



The focal point contacts:

- Head of Security: (+225) 07 07 76 16 72 / (+225) 01 01 67 37 75
- Protocol Service: (+225) 07 07 76 07 00 / (+225) 07 07 33 82 88

5. Time zone

Time in Côte d'Ivoire corresponds to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

6. Local currency

The local currency is the CFA Franc.

The CFA Franc has a fixed parity with the Euro, which is 1Euro = 655, 957 FCFA

7. Some manual exchange places

- Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY International Airport in Abidjan;
- Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire ;
- The Banks.

8. Telephone code

For calls to Ivory Coast, the dialling code is +225 followed by the phone number.

9. Language

French is the official language.

10. List of some restaurants in Abidjan

Cocody

Le toit d'Abidjan----- (+225) 27 22 48 26 26

La Baie de Marcène ----- (+225) 07 49 45 49 46

Maquis du Val ----- (+225) 27 22 44 04 64 or (+225) 07 89 97 61 63

Space 331----- (+225) 27 22 44 03 41 or (+225) 07 58 58 81 63



Abidjan - Plateau

1. L'Ambassadeur au TIAMA ---- (+225) 27 20 31 30 44
2. La Croisette ---- (+225) 27 20 21 27 86 / (+225) 07 87 87 89 54
3. La Taverne Romaine ---- (+225) 27 20 21 89 51 / (+225) 07 07 93 80 68
4. Chez Georges ---- (+225) 27 20 32 19 84 / (+225) 05 06 94 06 94
5. Chez Marcène ---- (+225) 27 20 22 55 50
6. Le Banian ---- (+225) 27 20 32 09 76
7. Saakan ---- (+225) 27 20 32 13 58

Abidjan - Zone 4 (Biétry)

1. Jay's ---- (+225) 07 09 09 91 03
2. La Pagoda ---- (+225) 07 07 07 62 71
3. Le GrandLarge ---- (+225) 07 48 00 00 00
4. The pêcheur ---- (+225) 07 68 03 90 90
5. Le Mechoui ---- (+225) 07 07 98 06 84
6. Merly ---- (+225) 27 21 21 21 51

Some Clinics in Cocody

1. Clinique Medicale Danga ---- (+225) 27 22 48 23 23
2. Institut Coeur de Grace Cocody - Danga ---- (+225) 27 22 48 98 98
3. Pisam ---- (+225) 27 22 48 31 31

Some Pharmacies in Cocody

1. Pharmacie de l'Ivoire ---- (+225) 27 22 00 42 27
2. Pharmacie Saint Jean ---- (+225) 27 22 49 75 63
3. Pharmacie Boulevard de France ---- (+225) 27 22 44 74 08
4. Pharmacie Saint François de Danga ---- (+225) 27 22 48 54 08
5. Pharmacie du Lycée Technique (*) ---- (+225) 27 22 44 60 77

(*) pharmacy on duty from September 15 to 19, 2025.



13. Your tourist circuit

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in the tourist circuit of the AIST symposium and the celebration of 62 years of the Public Treasury, at the following email addresses:

ousmane.ouedraogo@tresor.gouv.ci or ouattara.alice@tresor.gouv.ci
or to the following contacts: (+225) 07 07 84 13 23 or (+225) 05 55 79 14 15

The proposed tourist circuit is as follows:

- ✓ Forest of the Banco;
- ✓ Lagoon tour;
- ✓ Boulay Beach Resort (BBR);
- ✓ Billionaires' Bay.

We kindly ask you to plan a casual outfit for the tourist visit.

14. Other information

- The working hours for public services are from 07:30 am to 12:30 and from 01:30 pm to 04:30 pm from Monday through Friday.

For the private sector, schedules vary according to the nature of the activity and the structure.

- The opening hours of banks are from 08:00 am to 03:00 pm
- The type of electric current used is 220V.
- The type of electrical outlets is the French plug.





PRESENTATION OF THE TREASURY

1- Public Treasury, an administration oriented towards Excellence and Integrity.

1.1 Our main missions

Public Administration of reference, the General Directorate of Treasury and Public Accounting is a key agent in the management of public finances. In this capacity, it mainly carries out the following missions:

- for the mobilization of public resources;
- for the regulation of public expenses;
- of state treasury regulation;
- of keeping the accounts;
- and regulation of the financial sector.

1.2 The vision of the Director General

The vision of the Director General, AHOUSI Arthur Augustin Pascal, is to

«Make the Public Treasury an excellent and honest administration at the service of the Citizen and Stakeholders.

1.3 Our values

- Dignity
- Honesty
- Civism
- Availability
- Responsibility
- Duty of reserve
- Impartiality and fairness
- Respect for hierarchy
- Respect for employees
- Quality of human relations



1.4 Some distinctions of the Public Treasury

👉 2022:

- Renewal of the Certificate to the ISO 9001 version 2015 standard
- 2nd Award CAIDP (Commission for Access to Information of Public Interest) for the Best Public Organization for Access to Information
- 2nd CAIDP Prize for the Best General Directorate for Access to Information
- BRVM Award for Best Bond Issuer of the Year

👉 2019: Obtaining of the ISO 9001 version 2015 certificate for all activities

👉 2018: Laureate of the Encouragement Award in the category Innovation and improvement of service quality, awarded by CAFRAD, in Morocco

👉 2016: Excellence Award, Most Modern Administration Award

👉 2014: Excellence Award, Best Public Administration Award

👉 2013: Excellence Award, Best Digital Administration Award

👉 2004: Quality Control Award

👉 2003: Ivorian Quality Approach Award

2. Public Treasury, 62 years at the service of development in Côte d'Ivoire

The Ivorian Public Treasury has contributed a lot to financing the country's development. During the first two (2) decades of independence (1960-1979), it contributed significantly to the financing of economic and social development plans. The financial crisis of the two (02) following decades (1981-2000) led him to participate in the management of structural adjustment programs.

During the decade of political and institutional crisis from 2002 to 2011, the Public Treasury demonstrated resilience by ensuring the financing of essential state spending.

Since the end of the crisis, the Public Treasury has participated in the preparation and implementation of National Development Plans (NDPs) from 2012 to 2015, from 2016 to 2020, and from 2021 to 2025.



AKWABA, WELCOME TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LAND OF HOSPITALITY

1. General Presentation of Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire is a country in West Africa with an area of 322,463 km². It has these boundaries: to the north Burkina Faso and Mali, to the south the Atlantic Ocean (Gulf of Guinea), to the east Ghana, and to the west Guinea and Liberia. The country has a hot and humid climate.



It positions itself as the hub of West Africa. Indeed, with sustained growth for years, Côte d'Ivoire is the second largest economy in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), after Nigeria. Within the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the country alone contributes 40% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Union.

Its political and administrative capital is Yamoussoukro. Abidjan, the large metropolis in the south of the country, is naturally the economic capital. In addition to these two cities, the other major cities of Côte d'Ivoire are Bouaké, San-Pédro, Daloa, Korhogo and Bondoukou.

The first President of Ivory Coast is Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY. The current President is HEM Alassane OUATTARA. The population is estimated in 2024 at 32,711,500 inhabitants. (1)

(1) Source: National Agency for Statistics



This country, navigating between tradition and modernity, will make you experience the pleasures of urbanity as well as a total change of scenery. Côte d'Ivoire is a generous land, between sea, river, lagoon and riverside. A paradise where the forest and the savannah are protected, with National Parks (8 in number, namely the Banco National Park, the Comoé National Park, the Marahoué National Park, the Taï National Park...) classified as UNESCO world heritage.

The country has four (4) major rivers which are the Cavally, the Sassandra, the Bandama and the Comoé.

Moreover, Côte d'Ivoire has a rich and varied gastronomy, with nice dishes such as attiéké, alloco, kédjenou, foutou...

2. Economic overview of Côte d'Ivoire

A brief economic and financial situation of Côte d'Ivoire over the last three (3) years can be read in five tables.

Real sector: despite its vulnerability to external shocks, the Ivorian economy has resilience characteristics. The average growth rate is over 6% in real terms, driven mainly by investment in infrastructure on the demand side and by investment in supply from the extractive industry, transport and telecommunications. To this is added the contribution of the agricultural sector where the country is the world's leading exporter of cocoa and cashew, and the leading African exporter of coffee.

Public finances: while public resources (tax revenues, non-tax revenues and donations) are steadily increasing, government spending is growing faster in connection with index advancements and staff recruitment (education and health) as well as a proactive investment policy, particularly in infrastructure. This results in a budget deficit of more than 3%. Public debt, which is below 55% of GDP, presents a moderate risk because it is far from the Community ceiling of 70%.



Monetary situation: the restrictive monetary policy within WAEMU is reflected in the continued tightening of bank credit and the monitoring of prudential ratios. Thus, the increase in the money supply takes place within the limits of inflation control which, although it is above the 3% Community ceiling, is still below the average for emerging countries (8%).

External accounts: although the trade balance is structurally in surplus, the current account balance shows a deficit of 8% of GDP due to the deterioration in the services balance. The capital and financial account downturns result in an overall balance of payments of 3% of GDP.

2025 outlook: the 2025 outlook is even more optimistic, in line with the more favorable evolution of the international environment and internal macroeconomic stability. The forecasts are as follows: economic growth rate (6.3%), budget deficit (3%), debt under control (55%), increase in the money supply within the limits of controlling inflation which must fall below 3% and projection of the surplus balance of the balance of payments of 2.4% of GDP.

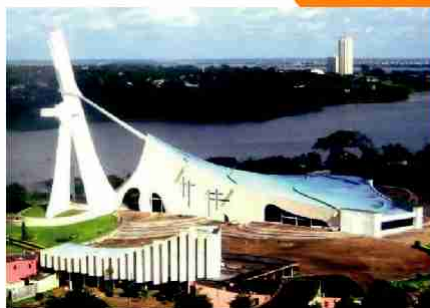


3. Some tourist sites



YAMOOUSSOUKRO: THE BASILICA OUR LADY OF PEACE

Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro and discover its history during a guided tour. With a private guide, explore the grounds of the Basilica while admiring the architecture and statues of one of the largest churches in the world. Your visit also offers a view of the presidential palace, the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Foundation for Peace and the crocodiles lake.



ABIDJAN: THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL DU PLATEAU

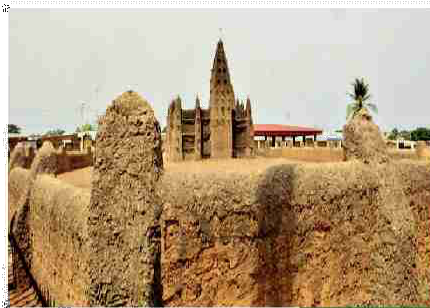
This large religious building built in 1985 was blessed by Pope John Paul II. Architectural work of great dimension, its beautiful cross always holds out its hands to the Ivorian capital on the lagoon side. The cathedral receives daily visits from Christians from here and elsewhere in pilgrimage.



ABIDJAN: THE MOHAMMED VI MOSQUE OF DJIBOUTI city

Located in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, the MOHAMED VI mosque is an architectural masterpiece donated by the King of Morocco. Inaugurated in April 2024, it can accommodate approximately 7,000 persons. Built in a traditional Moroccan style, it includes prayer rooms, a Koranic school, a library, a conference room and green spaces.

A strong symbol of Moroccan-Ivorian cooperation, this mosque is a place of spirituality, religious formation and the promotion of values of peace and tolerance.



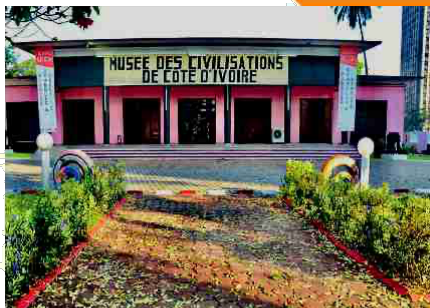
KONG: THE MOSQUES OF KONG

Listed as a UNESCO cultural heritage sites, due to their very good conservation and their historical, cultural and spiritual values, the 2 centuries-old mosques of Kong, in Sudanese style, are must-see tourist sites to visit in the Savannah District.



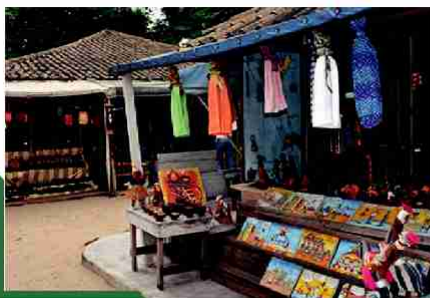
YAMOOUSSOUKRO: THE FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY FOUNDATION FOR THE SEARCH FOR PEACE

Created in 1973 under the name of Fondation Félix Houphouët-Boigny, it became in 1997 the Fondation Félix Houphouët-Boigny pour la Recherche de la Paix. It is the source of the International Congress on Peace in the minds of men in 1989 and the Yamoussoukro Declaration for Peace in 1997, both placed and organized under the auspices of UNESCO.



ABIDJAN: THE MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATIONS OF IVORY COAST

This museum is located in Abidjan, more precisely in the town of Plateau, in the corner formed by Boulevard Nangui Abrogoua and Avenue Carde. The Museum of Civilizations of Côte d'Ivoire was originally a craft center created by the colonial administration. It is with the aim of highlighting artisanal productions and preserving the best samples that Hubert Deschamps, then Governor, created this center in 1942.



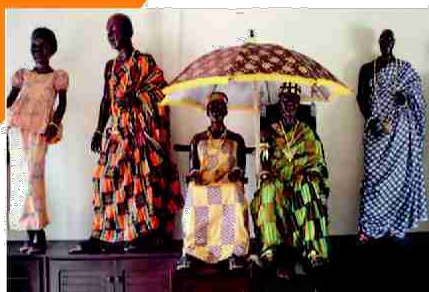
ABIDJAN: THE CRAFT CENTER OF THE CITY OF ABIDJAN

You will find in this center batiks, Korhogo paintings, loincloths, jewelry and paintings. These pieces come from Ghana, Mali or Nigeria. Each seller has their speciality. You will be able to observe some craftsmen at work.



GRAND-BASSAM: THE VILLAGE ARTISANAL OF GRAND-BASSAM

Spread along both sides of the city's entrance road from Abidjan by the old road, in the vicinity of the Rosier district, the artisanal village of Grand-Bassam welcomes the newcomer and welcomes him in its own way. From rattan armchairs to the most unusual art objects, including traditional outfits from here and elsewhere, we find everything there.



ASSINIE: THE ANIABA MUSEUM

Located in the village of Mafia, the "ANIABA" museum in Assinie is a pilgrimage site for those who want to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of the N'ZIMA. There are many relics of the past, as well as costumes, ornaments, traditional objects, as well as a guide who will have you discover the history of this peninsula.



BEACH: THE BEACH OF THE BEACH

Flagship of the Ivorian tourism industry, Assinie, a locality located about 80 km from Abidjan, in the region of South-Comoe, in the southeast of the country, is one of the must-see places to visit on Eburean land. The wonderful spectacle of its sunny banks, straddling the lagoon and the ocean, is a real call to discovery, relaxation and idleness.



ABIDJAN: THE NATIONAL PARK OF BANCO

Transformed into a National Park since 1953, the Banco is a forest massif of 3,474 hectares. It is the very first National Park in Côte d'Ivoire. It is, in the world, the second park after the Tijuca National Park of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. It supplies the city of Abidjan with drinking water and is the green lung of this city. It is a dense forest with trails where the leaves intertwine to give the impression of a tunnel. An incursion into this place will allow you to discover its wonders and its hidden side.



YAMOUSSOUKRO: THE LAKES TO THE CROCODILES

The crocodiles of Yamoussoukro populate the lakes surrounding the Presidential Palace. They are Nile crocodiles. These beasts can weigh up to one ton each and can measure up to six meters long. They can make jumps of several meters to seize the food that is given to them daily. The lake and its crocodiles are a renowned tourist attraction throughout West Africa.



SAN-PÉDRO: GRAND-BÈRÈBY AND HIS NATURAL POOLS

Grand-Bereby is a jewel of nature. We have the presence of enormous granite blocks shaped by erosion on the extent of the beaches. These blocks, at low tide, offer us natural pools with crystalline waters, the most famous of which is in Tabaoulé, a tourist site of Grand-Bereby, a must-see if you are in the region of Bas-Sassandra.



MAN: MAN'S STUNTS

The city of Man is a tourist hotspot in Cote d'Ivoire, thanks to its many tourist attractions including the famous natural waterfalls.



MAN: MOUNT NIMBA

It is an emblematic mountain of West Africa, combining spectacular mountain panoramas, unique ecological wealth and a vital water reservoir. Its high endemism in fauna and flora makes it an invaluable site. However, it remains weakened by human activities. The integral reserve, the result of protection since 1944, remains a strong symbol of transboundary conservation, but requires constant support to preserve its integrity.



MAN: THE "dent de Man"

The Dent de Man is a mountain located in the city of Man, in the Tonkpi region, in the north-west of Côte d'Ivoire. It consists of a set of twin rocks 900 meters high and they overlook the city.



MAN: THE "PONT DE LIANE"

The most famous of these bridges is located in Lieupleu, about 80 km from Man. It crosses the Cavally River, but there are about ten in the surroundings. Made of dried vines, they are said to have been built in one night according to local beliefs.



KOSSOU: THE KOSSOU DAM

The Kossou dam is a major hydroelectric power plant located on the Bandama River, near the city of Kossou, in the center of the country. Built between 1969 and 1972, it was the first large dam in Ivory Coast.

It created the lake of Kossou, the largest artificial lake in the country, covering more than 1,600 km². The dam is mainly used to produce electricity (hydroelectric power plant), regulate the waters of the river, and promote agriculture and fishing.



4. Cultural events in Ivory Coast

4.1 Some traditional and heritage festivals (2)

N°	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	PERIOD	PERIODICITY
01	FAKWUE OU FATCHWE IN COUNTRY ATCHAN	Warriors dance. culture of the southern Akan Atchans during the festivals of Generation, Traditional dances performed on the occasion of the festivities, of traditional weddings; funeral ceremonies and also at the reception of an authority. It takes place in the Atchans villages made up of three families.	Bidjan, Songon, Bingerville Abidjan	November	Every ten (10) years
02	FOKUE OR FAKWUE IN AKYE AREA	Warrior dance and cultural heritage of the southern Akans, namely the Akyé. This warrior dance constitutes a mode of transmission of power to new generations. it is performed during the rejoicing ceremonies but also funeral ceremonies.	Anyama, Ahoué, Brofodoumé Abidjan	March	All ten (10) or eleven (11) years
03	THE YAM FESTIVAL IN ABENGOUROU (AGNIA)	To discover and rediscover the cultural values of the Agni and promote unity through diversity, personal initiative and the sense of community.	Abengourou (Undeniable- Djuablin)	February	Annual
04	BEDIELOUO (THE YAM FESTIVAL OF D'ARRAH)	Bédiélouo, the yam festival at the Ahua of Arrah is a social practice with rituals. It is a celebration of rejoicing and recognition to the ancestors. A moment in which the king or the chief thanks and pays a big tribute to the ancestors for having protected the community in a constant way against possible misfortunes and difficulties of life. The eating of the new yam is a way to enter in communion with the spirits and the ancestors to perpetuate the tradition.	Arrah (Moronou)	December	Annual



N°	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	PERIOD	PERIODICITY
05	POPO CARNIVAL FROM BONOUA	The Popo Carnival magnifies the rich cultural heritage of the people Abouré- Ehivet of Bonoua, strengthens the mixing of the diversities that abound in Cote d'Ivoire and highlights the singularity of the cultural values of the people Abouré.	Bonoua (South-Comoé)	April - May	Annual
06	ABISSA OF GRAND-BASSAM	Position, promote and develop the Ivorian cultural potential on the international level. Dance traditional, cultural animation, popular rejoicing, social criticism, disguise, highlighting the symbols of each of the 7 families N'Zima, procession around musical instruments around from the podium, dance in front of the stands, observation of verbal messages and non-verbal, attentive listening of the critical songs.	Grand-Bassam (South-Comoé)	November	Annual
07	ABISSA ORIGINAL OF N'GUIEMA	Promote the culture of the people N'zima.	Aboisso (South-Comoé)	September	Annual
08	LÖW (SHADOW): PARTY OF GENERATION	The LÖW is a generational celebration, exclusively reserved for men, who prepare the teenagers to integrate the adulthood into the Odjoukrou circle . The date of celebration of the LOW is fixed by the EBEBU. It takes place every two (02) years old and lasts for a month. The young people accomplish this initiation between 20 and 23 years old. Celebration of the Feast of the Patriarchs	Dabou (all the villages of the Department from Dabou) (Great Bridges)	every two years	Two times a year
09	PARTY OF The EBEB	among the Adjoukrou people, the festival of the EBEB dedicates the renewal of functions of all age classes and is celebrated every 8 years in the majority of the adjoukrou villages.	Dabou (all the villages of the Department de Dabou) (Great Bridges)	December	Every 8 years



N°	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	PERIOD	PERIODICITY
10	N'ZOUÉ-BOWA (YAMS FESTIVAL)	<p>The N'zoué-bowa is a cultural event organized by the Amandjé tribe in the department of Prikro. It is the yam festival of this tribe. This ceremony gives the authorization to the Amandjé sons to eat the new yam, previously banned, and also allows them to renew their allegiance to the tribe leader. Moreover, it ensures the social cohesion of the Amandjé sons</p>	Prikro /Watti (Iffou)	August	Annual
11	THE DIPRI FESTIVAL	<p>The Dipri is a ceremony of purification and rebirth, a ceremony of renunciation and of starting again marked by a reconciliation with oneself and with the others. It is the reflection of a cycle that ends and another begins. It symbolizes the end of a year and the beginning of another one.</p>	Department of Sikensi (Agnéby- Tiassa)	March	Annual
12	THE GREAT PARTY OF YAMS: DJIDJAH	<p>It's the Great Festival of Yams in Abbey and Krobou regions ; it is both festive and spiritual. It's a celebration of purification that marks the end of a year and the beginning of another according to the Abbey calendar, which would match to the period from August to December in the Gregorian calendar. Everyone without exception is invited to this party.</p>	Krobou (Agnéby- Tiassa)	August - December	Annual
13	THE FESTIVAL OF MASKS (OUTPUT OF THE GLAS)	<p>the completion of the rituals of happiness of sacrificing masks. It takes place during the holidays or funerals.</p>	In all the region of the Cavally (Guiglo, Bolequin, Toulepleu and Taï) (Cavally)	During the festivals or the funeral	Annual
14	ZRAN-IY (DAY REENJOYMENT)	<p>It is a space for the valorization of art, of Gouro culture and values / Kweni.</p>	Region of the Marahoué and the localities Gouro density / Kweni Marahoué	August	Annual



N°	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	PERIOD	PERIODICITY
15	THE KROUBI	<p>The Kroubi is a dance of rejoicing that is practiced in the period of the month of the Muslim fast and pray moment. This dance takes place in several stages of which the first is called 'Kroubidéni', takes place on the night of the 14th on the 15th day of the month of fasting. The second called «Kroubiba» se takes place in the night of the 27th to the 28th day of the month of fasting. This step is continues between the 29th and 30th day of the month of fasting. The young virgin girls are dressed in different ways.</p>	Kong (Tchologo)	During the period of fasting, It is practiced each year	Annual
16	DO	<p>Festive event during which young people are demonstrating their bravery and their powers. Concretely, young people flagellate themselves mutually to show their forces of resistance.</p>	Séguéla (Worodougou)	Day of the tabaski	Annual
17	THE FESTIVAL OF YAMS	<p>Traditional festival that magnifies the yam for having saved the people, celebrated as well by the Brons as the Koulango.</p>	Royal court, provinces and villages (Gontougo)	September - November	Annual

(2) Source: Ministère de la Culture et de la Francophonie (Direction de la Promotion de l'Industrie de la Musique, des Festivals et des Arts du Spectacle)



4.2 Some popular masks



The Zaouli (or Zahouli), also called "Djela Lou Zaouli" ("Zaouli, Djela's daughter") refers to both a mask, a costume and a traditional dance profane of the Gouro people of Ivory Coast.

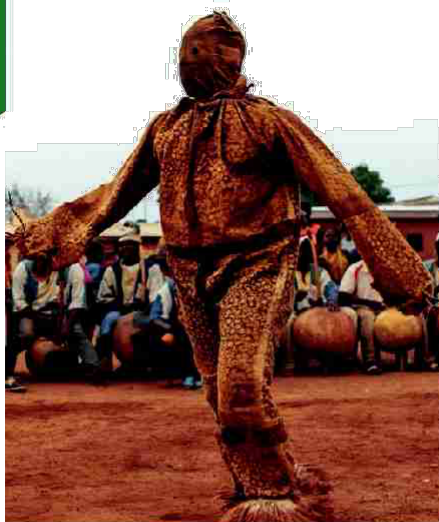
This dance is now adopted by a large number of other ethnic groups close to the Gouro people. This dance is the link between all the dances of the country based primarily on the dexterity and agility of the dancer.



THE ZAHOU LI

THE GOLI

The Goli mask is part of the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Wan people. Historically, the first to inhabit the region of Gbèkè (Bouaké), they practiced a dance whose symbol is none other than the Goli mask. According to the Wan, the Goli would imitate the dragon when he dances.



THE BOLOYE

The Boloye is a sacred dance of the Senufo, an ethnic group from northern Cote d'Ivoire. It is also called the "dance of the leopard-men" because the clothes worn by the dancer imitate the fur of these felines. This dance is performed to close the initiation rites.



THE WAMBÊLÊ

The Wambêlê is one of the great masks of the Senufo people. It is commonly referred to as 'wanioug'. It is a special and mysterious mask, composed of two opposite sides (double-sided) causing smoke to come out. The Wambêlê is also a protective mask.



THE COMING OUT OF THE TCHOLOGO

This outing refers to the end of the initiation period for the Poro rite among the Senufo, more precisely among the Niarafolo of Ferkessedougou, in Cote d'Ivoire. This ritual marks the return of initiates (the "Cheeles") to society after a period of isolation in the sacred forest. The release of the Tchologo is an important event, often accompanied by festivities and celebrations, and is an opportunity to talk about local development.



THE GLA

The sacred mask of the Guéré, the people of the mountainous west, Gla Williamba or Gnonkpo Gla, is the ancestor mask of the ethnic group, the one that gave birth to all the others. Of an imposing shape, he has protuberant eyes, an overloaded frame of glass bell and metal objects.



5- Sport performance of Côte d'Ivoire since its independence in 1960 (3)

• Football

Men's National Selections

Senior category: African Champions of Nations (CAN) in 1992, 2015 and 2023- Participation in the World Cup in 2006-2010 and 2014

Cadet or U 17 category: 1 African Cup of Nations (CAN Cadets) in 2013

Men's Clubs: 2 African Champion Club Cups in 1966 and 1998 (Abidjan Stadium and Asec Mimosas)- 2 African Cup Winners' Cups in 1992 and 1999 (Africa Sports in Abidjan)- 1 CAF Cup in 1993 (Stella Club in Abidjan)- 1 Super Club Cup in 1993 (Africa Sports of Abidjan)

• Basketball

Men's National Selections

2 African Cups of Nations (1981 and 1985)

5 participations in the World Cup

(3) Source: Ministry Delegate in Charge of Sports and the Living Environment (MDSCV)/ Federal Life and High-Level Sport Department



• Tae-kwondo

Men

Gold Medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Bronze Medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France

Ladies

Bronze Medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Bronze Medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan

• Athletics

Men

Silver Medal in the 400m at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, USA

Silver Medal in the 100m at the 2018 African Championships

Double champion of Africa (100m and 200m) in 2014 in Morocco

Ladies

African champion in the 200m in 2024 and finalist in this distance at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France

Finalist in the 100m at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France

African champion in the 100m and 200m in 2024

Quadruple world sprint runner-up (60m, 100m and 200m) in 2012 and 2014

World indoor champion in the 60 m in 2018 World vice champion in the 100 m and 200 m in 2017



from Africa cup of nations (CAN)
2023 Côte d'Ivoire Champion of the
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Côte d'Ivoire winning.







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