

## Newsletter – September 2024



*The Minister of Finance and Budget, Adama Coulibaly and the French Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, Jean Christophe Belliard, on the signing, on Wednesday, 11 September 2024 in Abidjan Plateau, of an assignment agreement on the 3rd Debt Reduction-Development Contract (C2D) for a total amount of 11.3 billion CFA.*

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## **1. Government announces XOF 15,339 bn budget for 2025**

**The Council of Ministers adopted a draft Budget Law containing the State Budget for 2025, setting the projected expenditure at XOF 15,339.2 bn, compared to XOF 13,720.7 bn in 2024, an increase of 11.8 %.**

In 2025, fiscal policy will aim at accelerating domestic economic momentum, with growth projected at 6.3% and inflation contained at 3.7 %. It also provides for a public deficit reduction to 3% of GDP, corresponding to the WAEMU Community threshold, with a focus on continuing efforts to increase domestic revenue mobilization, continued control of operating expenditure, investments in growth generating sectors and expenditure promoting the reduction of poverty and social disparities.

## **2. The Direction Générale des Financements organized a round table with around 15 international export credit agencies (ECAs)**

**On September 19<sup>th</sup> 2024, Côte d'Ivoire organised a virtual round table with export credit agencies (ECA), under the direction of the Direction Générale des Financements (DGF).** Led by the Deputy General Director for Financing, the Director of Mobilisation of Private and Market Finance and the Director of Programming of Public Investments, the round table brought together 31 participants from 14 institutions, including European, Asian and American export credit agencies. The meeting discussed the national economic development strategy of the Republic as well as export financing opportunities.

This event is part of the DGF's Investor Relations programme, with the **aim of maintaining regular communication with international investors and partners outside the scope of financial transactions.**

## **3. Côte d'Ivoire signed several agreements with China in the context of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), including a grant of €23.5M**

**At the Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), held in Beijing from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Côte d'Ivoire signed 14 agreements covering various sectors such as agriculture, energy and digital. These agreements include a grant of \$23.5M for strategic projects, such as the construction of agricultural machinery and electric motorcycles production units, as well as the Songon thermal power plant.**

**The agreements signed at FOCAC also demonstrated the common will of the two nations to strengthen their existing economic partnership, marked by a trade volume of \$5.27 bn in 2023.** By focusing on buoyant sectors and promoting investment diversification, Côte d'Ivoire and China are firmly committed to developing a model of sustainable cooperation based on technology transfer and industrial transformation.

## **4. MCC grants \$300M to Côte d'Ivoire to strengthen its contribution to the regional electricity market**

On September 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the US Bilateral Development Fund, **approved a regional agreement for the electricity sector, including \$300M in support to Côte d'Ivoire, supplemented by a \$22.5M contribution from the Ivorian government.**

**This contract, which will modernise the electricity network in Côte d'Ivoire, aims more broadly to improve access to electricity in Côte d'Ivoire, to increase the country's capacity to sell its production on the regional electricity market and to strengthen energy security in West Africa as a whole.** Through its strategic position, Côte d'Ivoire plays a vital role as a

provider of energy to several neighbouring countries. This new initiative will help strengthen its status as a key regional energy exporter.

#### **5. The government signs a €17.2M financing agreement with the AFD for the 3rd C2D**

**On September 11<sup>th</sup> 2024, a €17.2M financing agreement was signed between the Ivorian Minister of Finance and Budget, the French Ambassador, and the Director of AFD. This financing is part of the third Debt and Development Agreement (C2D), for a total amount of €1.14 bn, signed in October 2021.**

**This funding will mainly be used for the rehabilitation of Jacques Aka Cultural Centre in Bouaké (70% of the funds) and will contribute to the economic development of Cultural and Creative Industries (ICC) such as cinema, audiovisual, music, fashion or design.**

#### **6. Coton and Cashew Council signs three agreements for investments in the cashew sector**

**On September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024, at a forum on investment in the cashew sector in Côte d'Ivoire, the Coton and Cashew Council (CCA) signed three investment agreements totalling \$28.7M. These commitments were made by three international companies: Toro Commodities (United Kingdom), a consortium composed of Zantye Agro Industries (India) and Münzer (Austria), as well as Agricas Global (United Arab Emirates).**

**These funds, which are intended to support local cashew processing, will contribute to the Ivorian government's goal of increasing the transformation rate from 21% in 2023 to 50% by 2030.**

#### **7. BNI provides XOF 172 bn targeting players in the coffee cocoa sector**

**On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the National Investment Bank announced its renewed commitment to the coffee and cocoa sector by opening a package of XOF 172 bn to support commercial and export companies. During the 6th edition of the Networking Coffee Cocoa, Youssouf Fadiga, Director General of the BNI, highlighted that this initiative aims to promote the value chain of this sector crucial for the Ivorian economy. In particular, a programme called 'Cacao Prestige' has been set up to offer XOF 7.5 bn to agricultural cooperatives involved in sourcing.**

**BNI has already financed nearly 98,700 tons of cocoa, equivalent to XOF 149 bn, since the beginning of the 2023-2024 season. The director encouraged stakeholders to trust BNI and indicated that funding could increase during the campaign.**

#### **8. African Development Bank grants €30M to Bridge Bank for financing Ivorian SMEs**

**On September 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, the African Development Bank (AfDB) approved €30M for Bridge Bank Group Côte d'Ivoire (BBG CI). The financing is structured in three components: A subordinated loan to strengthen the bank's capital (Tier 2), a commercial transaction guarantee to support SME imports and exports, and a portfolio guarantee for female headed enterprises.**

**In addition, BBG CI will receive €300k in technical support under the Positive Action for Women in Africa initiative (AFAWA), aimed at providing more targeted support to women entrepreneurs.**

## Issuance calendar on the West African Monetary Union financial market

### State of issues on the WAMU – September

Instrument	Date	Amount raised (M CFAF)	Subscription rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	Maturity	Coupon (%) <sup>2</sup>	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
BAT		93,000		3M	n.a.	2.48%
BAT		2,996		12M	n.a.	7.20%
OAT	03/09/2024	12,376	119%	3Y	5.70%	7.42%
OAT		1,181		5Y	5.90%	7.64%
BAT		36,917		3M	n.a.	6.60%
BAT		27,539		1Y	n.a.	7.25%
OAT	10/09/2024	15,224	116%	3Y	5.70%	7.62%
OAT		4,000		5Y	5.90%	7.64%
OAT		2,285		7Y	6.00%	6.18%
BAT		13,000		1M	n.a.	6.03%
BAT		6,000		3M	n.a.	6.61%
BAT	17/09/2024	6,000	100%	6M	n.a.	7.04%
BAT		28,924		1Y	n.a.	7.24%
OAT		9,000		3Y	5.70%	7.64%
BAT		33,682		3M	n.a.	6.60%
BAT		510		1Y	n.a.	7.30%
OAT	24/09/2024	33,000	117%	3Y	5.70%	7.65%
OAT		43,577		5Y	5.90%	7.42%
OAT		23,730		7Y	6.00%	6.61%
OAT		14,000		10Y	6.25%	7.41%
<b>TOTAL BAT 2024</b>		<b>1,431,990</b>				
<b>TOTAL OAT 2024</b>		<b>754,964</b>				
<b>TOTAL 2024</b>		<b>2,186,954</b>				

1. Subscription rate = amount submitted / amount targeted 2. The BATs are issued through multiple rates auctions and present pre-counted interests, unlike OATs which bear post-counted interests 3. Weighted average yield  
Source : UMOA – Titres

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