

Newsletter – October 2024



The President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Alassane Ouattara, on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the Presidential Palace in Plateau, during the Council of Ministers.

Today's headlines...

1. **Standard & Poor's upgrades Côte d'Ivoire's credit rating from BB- to BB with a stable outlook**
2. **IMF staff approve reviews of ECF/EFF and RSF programs for Côte d'Ivoire**
3. **Ivorian government establishes the institutional framework for the 2026-2030 National Development Plan (PND)**
4. **OFID grants EUR 54.8 million loan to Côte d'Ivoire for transport and energy sector transition projects**
5. **GCB Cocoa Singapore acquires 25% stake in Transcao-CI**

1. Standard & Poor's upgrades Côte d'Ivoire's credit rating from BB- to BB with a stable outlook

On October 18, 2024, rating agency Standard & Poor's upgraded Côte d'Ivoire's credit rating from BB- to BB with a stable outlook. This improvement places Côte d'Ivoire as the third best credit in Sub-Saharan Africa, after Botswana (BBB+) and Mauritius (BBB-), and on par with countries like Brazil. This decision confirms the positive outlook assigned just five months ago, in May 2024, highlighting significant economic and fiscal progress and the agency's confidence in the country's growth and deficit reduction prospects.

Standard & Poor's emphasized the resilience of Côte d'Ivoire's economy against external shocks, with an average growth rate of 5.6% between 2019 and 2024, supported by diversification in the agri-food and oil sectors. The agency also commended the fiscal consolidation and proactive public debt management. These elements reflect Côte d'Ivoire's commitment to maintaining strong long-term economic prospects, aligned with its 2021-2025 National Development Plan.

2. IMF staff approve reviews of ECF/EFF and RSF programs for Côte d'Ivoire

The IMF staff approved the 3rd review of the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) and the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), as well as the 2nd review of the Resilience and Sustainability Fund (RSF). The IMF confirmed Côte d'Ivoire's excellent program performance, with an agreement reached on all policy and reform measures in line with program objectives, particularly fiscal mobilization measures. Following the final approval by the Executive Board, around USD 825 million will be disbursed to Côte d'Ivoire. This decision follows the country's strong economic performance in 2024, with expected growth at 6.1% and a budget deficit reduction to 4% of GDP.

The RSF program focuses on climate reforms and increased public and private sector investments. Ivorian authorities have committed to strengthening tax revenues to reduce the deficit to 3% of GDP by 2025 while increasing climate policy spending. The IMF praised these commitments, which should support medium-term growth, and expressed confidence in reaching the 3% GDP deficit target by 2025.

3. Ivorian government establishes the institutional framework for the 2026-2030 National Development Plan (PND)

On September 30, 2024, the Ivorian government announced the creation of four entities dedicated to supervising and coordinating the work for the 2026-2030 National Development Plan (PND). This structure, under the Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Development, aims to organize efforts around the PND's strategic objectives, ensuring clear responsibility distribution. The announcement was made by government spokesperson Amadou Coulibaly following a Council of Ministers meeting.

The four entities include a strategic and orientation committee, a steering committee, a technical committee, and a technical secretariat. Each entity will play a specific role in planning and monitoring, ensuring optimal coordination to achieve the national development objectives for 2026-2030.

4. OFID grants EUR 54.8 million loan to Côte d'Ivoire for transport and energy sector transition projects

During the IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings held in Washington from October 21 to 26, 2024, Côte d'Ivoire secured a EUR 54.8 million program-based loan (PBL) from the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID). This funding is part of the first phase of the National

Economic Transformation and Inclusive Governance Program (PATEGI), aimed at supporting the green transition of the transport and energy sectors.

The OPEC Fund has previously financed 27 projects across various sectors, including agriculture, education, banking services, and energy. This new loan reinforces OFID's commitment to supporting the country's sustainable development initiatives.

5. GCB Cocoa Singapore acquires 25% stake in Transcao-CI

On October 8, GCB Cocoa Singapore (GCBCS), a subsidiary of the Malaysian group Guan Chong Berhad (GCB), signed a memorandum of understanding to acquire a 25% stake in Transcao-CI. This strategic partnership aims to increase the cocoa processing capacity of the Ivorian company, which operates two 50,000-tonne-per-year plants and has 30,000 tonnes of storage capacity. This collaboration will enhance Transcao-CI's technical, commercial, and financial performance, thereby strengthening its competitiveness in the cocoa market.

Founded in 2019, Transcao-CI is a publicly owned company, primarily held by the Coffee-Cocoa Council (CCC). This partnership aligns with Côte d'Ivoire's ongoing efforts to increase local processing of its agricultural products, particularly cocoa.

Issuance calendar on the West African Monetary Union financial market

State of issues on the WAMU market - October

| Instrument | Date | Amount raised (M CFAF) | Subscription rate (%) ¹ | Maturity | Coupon (%) ² | Rate (%) ³ |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| BAT | | 69,894 | | 3M | n.a. | 6.60% |
| BAT | | 6,421 | | 1Y | n.a. | 7.00% |
| OAT | 01/10/2024 | 5,100 | 101% | 3Y | 5.70% | 7.63% |
| OAT | | 24,864 | | 5Y | 5.90% | 7.58% |
| OAT | | 35,515 | | 7Y | 6.00% | 7.14% |
| BAT | | 16,955 | | 3M | n.a. | 6.60% |
| BAT | | 38,003 | | 6M | n.a. | 6.10% |
| OAT | 08/10/2024 | 184 | 105% | 3Y | 5.70% | 7.55% |
| OAT | | - | | 5Y | 5.90% | 0.00% |
| BAT | | 38,391 | | 1M | n.a. | 5.40% |
| BAT | | 14,600 | | 3M | n.a. | 6.59% |
| OAT | 22/10/2024 | 120 | 114% | 3Y | 5.70% | 7.45% |
| OAT | | 7,933 | | 5Y | 5.90% | 7.65% |
| OAT | | 15,956 | | 7Y | 6.00% | 6.74% |
| BAT | | 34,000 | | 1M | n.a. | 5.15% |
| BAT | | 23,760 | | 3M | n.a. | 5.30% |
| OAT | 29/10/2024 | 40 | 115% | 3Y | 5.70% | 7.46% |
| OAT | | 200 | | 7Y | 6.00% | 7.52% |
| TOTAL BAT 2024 | | 1,674,014 | | | | |
| TOTAL OAT 2024 | | 844,876 | | | | |
| TOTAL 2024 | | 2,518,890 | | | | |

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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