

Improved Land Management, a Key Factor for a Stable and Protective Social Economic Development

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SUMMARY

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Land is critical to the economic, social, and cultural development of inclusive and sustainable social-economic growth. Land administration and management are key in providing a stable basis for well-planned and organised social economic development that also contribute to protect the environment, and also the most vulnerable population.

The Ivory Coast has had difficulties in managing property titles for many years. Manual processing of requests, the complexity of the procedures and the overall structural inadequacy of the land administration chain have been leading to delays and errors, undermining the effectiveness of the administration and endangering the security of property rights for citizens.

The Ministry in charge of Construction and Urban Planning has taken concrete actions to address this problem and provide rapid responses to the urgency of the situation. In addition to reforms that will simplify the administrative procedures, the project to implement an Integrated Urban Land Management System for Greater Abidjan and Assinie aims to speed up the issue of administrative acts, secure urban property rights and improve Ivory Coast's "Doing Business" ranking in terms of key land-related indicators.

Over time, this project aims to reduce the current processing time for files by a factor of 10, to issue 60,000 'Arrêtés de Concession Definitive' (permanent land titles) and to increase direct and indirect revenue from the issue of titles. Other beneficial results of the project are expected to include a reduction in disputes between citizens, improved urban planning and a new impetus for the real estate market.

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In addition to the technical components such as base maps surveying, adjudication, data conversion, system development, change management is an essential cross cutting issue that includes communication activities within the main stakeholders, training sessions and public awareness. The objective is to modify in depth the working habits and the perception of public services to the users.

The project will end mid-2023.

It should be noted that the SIGFU project is being carried out at the same time as the street addressing project (PADA), also carried out by IGN FI in the Abidjan district, and is part of a coherent approach to the production, capitalization and use of cadastral data.

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