

## 082 Abidjan (Ivory Coast)

3.3 million inhabitants according to the UN's *Urban Agglomerations 2003*.

### 1. Territorial Levels, Population and Area

Name	Population	% of total	Area, km <sup>2</sup>	Density, people/km <sup>2</sup>
Abidjan	*2.877.948	16,6%	422	6.819
District of Abidjan	**3.660.682	19,7%	2.120	1.726
Ivory Coast	***17.327.724	100%	322.460	53,7
	*18.545.968			57,5

\* Estimation by the *Institut Nationale de la Statistique de Cote d'Ivoire* for 2004.

\*\* According to the District of Abidjan in 2003.

\*\*\* Estimation by CIA World Fact book for July 2004.

## 2. Administrative Designation and Number of Municipalities

Name	Designation	Number of Municipalities
<b>Abidjan</b>	City of Abidjan <i>Ville d'Abidjân</i>	10 Municipalities ( <i>Comunes</i> ): Adjamé, Abobo, Attiécoubé, Cocody, Koumassi, Marcory, Plateau, Port-Bouët, Treichville and Yopougon
<b>District of Abidjan*</b>	District / Department of Abidjan <i>Departament d'Abidjân</i>	1 District 10 Municipalities ( <i>Comunes</i> ) 3 Sub-prefectures ( <i>sous-préfectures</i> ): Bingerville, Songon and Anyama
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	Republic of Ivory Coast <i>Republique de Cote d'Ivoire</i>	19 Regions: Agneby, Bafing, Bas-Sassandra, Denguele, Dix-Huit Montagnes, Fromager, Haut-Sassandra, Lacs, Lagunes, Marahoue, Moyen-Cavally, Moyen-Comoe, N'zi-Comoe, Savanes, Sud-Bandama, Sud-Comoe, Vallee du Bandama, Worodougou and Zanzan 2 Districts ( <i>Districts</i> ) 58 Departments ( <i>Departaments – préfecture</i> ) 224 Sub-prefectures ( <i>sous-préfectures</i> ) 8.282 villages

\* The administrative division and the area of the District of Abidjan matches with that of the Department of Abidjan.

## 3. Institutional framework and political powers

### Abidjan

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#### City of Abidjan, *Ville d'Abidj an*

No institution responding specifically to the City of Abidjan was identified.

### District of Abidjan

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#### General Aspects

The District of Abidjan, created in 2001 by Act No. 2001-478 of 9 August, coincides geographically with the Department of Abidjan. The District Administration is responsible for the following areas of authority: the environment, solid waste management, territorial planning, development promotion (economic, social and cultural), public security, international cooperation and carrying out whatsoever complementary activities needed to bring local policies into line with national ones.

#### Governor, *Gouverneur*

Has executive power in the District and is also its maximum institutional representative. The main responsibility is the execution of the deliberations of Council and the management of the administration of district services. The Governor also leads and coordinates the meetings of the District Board (*Bureau du District*) and calls and chairs the meetings of the Board itself and those of the District Council. Directly appointed by the President to serve a mandate of five years.

#### Council Board, *Bureau du Conseil*

The Board advises the Governor and is responsible for establishing the agenda at Council meetings, preparing the operating program and development actions of the District and preparing the budget and monitoring its execution. It is made up of five vice-governors, a secretary and an assistant secretary, all appointed by the Governor.

#### District Council, *Conseil du District*

The District Council has legislative power in the District and as the organ that represents the public, gives its opinion on all matters related to the District. The Council is consulted in the realisation of development projects of national interest, decided upon by the state in the territory of the District, and on the modification of their limits, as well as mergers or splits of the municipalities involved. The Council has 78 members, one-third of which are appointed by the Municipal Councils and the remaining elected by universal suffrage in single-member districts in a plurality system. All the members exercise their functions for a mandate of five years.

#### Municipalities, *Communes*

The Municipalities are the organs closest to the public. Each has a political structure formed of a Mayor and Municipal Council. The Mayor is responsible for establishing the agenda at Municipal Council meetings. The municipalities coordinate development actions in the district, in particular those relating to public participation; supervise the collection of taxes, rates and municipal laws, and determine the way municipal works will be executed. Both councilors and the mayor are elected by majority vote for five-year mandates. Their election is simultaneous to that of the members of the District Council.

### Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

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#### President of the Republic, *President de la Republic*

As the head of state, the President of the Republic has executive power and also exercises as the head of the armed forces. The task involves ensuring the execution of laws and judicial resolutions and the institutional responsibilities include appointing the

Prime Minister, district and regional governors, the presidents of the Economic and Social Council and the members of the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Council. The President has legislative initiative before the National Assembly.

**Prime Minister, *Premier ministre***

The head of the government, a function the PM combines with chairing the National Assembly.

National Assembly, *Assemblée Nationale*

The *Assemblée Nationale* is a unicameral assembly with legislative power for the country. It votes on laws and determines taxes. Also votes on defining declarations of war. Made up of 228 members elected by the public under a majority system in single-member districts for a five-year term.

## 4. Websites and documents

District d'Abidj an: <http://www.abidjan-da.ci>

Bureau National d'Estudes Techniques et de D veloppement: <http://www.bnetd.ci/>

Presidence de la Republique: <http://www.presidence.gov.ci>

Assemblee Nationale: <http://www.assembleenationaleci.com>

Institute Nationale des Statistiques: <http://www.ins.ci>

Associacion Internacional des Maires Francophones (AIMF):

<http://www.aimf.asso.fr/>

Partenariat pour le D veloppement Municipal (PDM):

<http://www.pdm-net.org/Newsite/french/index.htm>

### Documents:

CHESNEAU, Tony. "Les politiques de lutte contre les bidonvilles: illustrees par les exemples de M xico (Mexique) et Abidj an (Cote d'Ivoire)" November 2003.