

IVORY COAST

ACP Region:	West Africa
Population:	17 million
Official Language:	French
Capital:	Abidjan

National authority responsible for culture: Ministère de la Culture et de la Francophonie. <http://www.mcf-culture.ci/>. There are 6 central departments, 6 regional departments and about ten structures under trusteeship.

Principal public cultural bodies:

- Agence Ivoirienne de la Coopération Francophone
- National Library
- Bureau Ivoirien du Droit d’Auteur (BURIDA)
- Abobo Centre d’Action Culturelle
- Bouake Centre Culturel Jacques Aka
- Centre National de l’Action Culturelle
- Centre Technique des Arts Appliqués de Bingerville
- Fonds d’intervention pour l’action culturelle (FIAC)
- Institut National Supérieur des Arts et de l’Action Culturelle (INSAAC)
- Musée des Civilisations de Côte d’Ivoire
- Abidjan Palais de la Culture

Some professional organisations:

- Association des Editeurs Ivoiriens (ASSEDI)
- Association Ivoirienne des Compagnies de Danses Contemporaines (AICDC)
- Association Ivoirienne des Professionnels des Arts Visuels (AIPAV)
- Association des Producteurs de Spectacles de Côte d’Ivoire (APROCI)
- Fédération des Troupes et Compagnies de Danse de Côte d’Ivoire

Some events:

- Coco Bulles, Festival International du Dessin de Presse et de la Bande Dessinée
- Festival des Arts de la Rue de Grand Bassam (FAR)
- Festival International des Marionnettes pour Enfants (FIME)
- Festival International du Court Métrage d’Abidjan (FICA)
- Festival International de Mono Théâtre
- Festival International de Théâtre Sans Frontières (FITSAF)
- Marché des Arts du Spectacle Africain (MASA)
- Salon International du Livre d’Abidjan (SILA)
- Salon International de la Mode Africaine (SIMOA)

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: The 7th EDF provided funding for the completion or promotion of 6 films (total €825,000) and the organisation of the *Salon d’Arts Plastiques Grapholies* (‘Grapholies’ exhibition of plastic arts) in 1993 (€150,000). It also financed a support programme for cultural initiatives (€732,000). The 8th EDF funded a 2nd PSIC (€1.9 million). The 9th EDF DSP/NIP included cultural cooperation but, because of political instability, it could not be signed; the EC’s action was redirected to respond to the crisis.

Other programmes that may interest cultural participants: The response to the crisis included strengthening NGOs through support in micro-projects, but only in the field of human rights.

Regional cooperation: EC/West Africa Programme

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