# Acteur Communau'TERRE

An innovative rural land program in Cote d'Ivoire







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### Who and What?

### What?

Communau'TERRE Acteur program started in 2016 and that will last for 6 years thanks to a funding Friedrich from the Naumann Foundation. This program aims to implement the proposals of a multicultural and multidisciplinary study of 2 years "How to reinvent the rural land system in Côte d'Ivoire?" a Study conducted with the support of the ATLAS Foundation for economic research.

The Friedrich Naumann Fondation for Freedom (FNF) is an independent nongovernmental and nonprofit organization committed to the promotion of liberal policy.

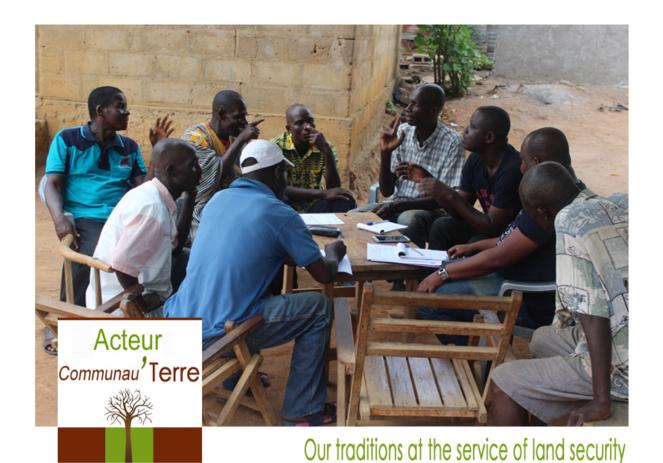
It focuses on the principles of liberalism and its message of tolerance and acceptance of diversity to promote human diversity as the final condition for a society where citizens can live freely and peacefully.

Being active in more than 60 countries all over the world, in Africa, the Friedrich Naumann supports several projects in partnership with partner organizations (political and civil society). Actually, it acts as a support for education, advising, training and political discussion.

**Audace Institut Afrique (AIA)** is an independent Ivorian think tank, apolitical, non-profit established in 2009.

**Mission**: Through its publications, its seminars, its conferences, its researches, its will to collect multicultural and multidisciplinary innovative ideas, AIA stimulates political debate by making contextualized proposals of reforms based on free market and the expansion of economic freedom, private property, the rule of law and individual freedoms. AIA also works to strengthen civil society through discussion meetings and a training program for students.

**Vision**: A responsible freedom for a shared prosperity.



What is the problem?

- ► Only 4% of rural lands are registered in Cote d'Ivoire
- ► Cote d'Ivoire is classified among fragile states
- ▶ The law governing the registration of lands is inaccessible to the people: the cost is equivalent to 1 year of income for an average household in rural areas and the administrative procedures are long and complicated
- ▶ Access to private property is therefore impossible, and only for rich people while 46% of the Ivorian population lives on less than \$ 2 a day.
- ▶ The situation in villages: Social cohesion is disturbed by many disputes and conflicts over land issues Without papers to secure lands, the arbitrary rules (the law of the strongest) Insecurity grows as well as poverty.
- Finding: The state is unable to secure rural lands and leaders even take advantage of the situation to massively grab lands (political grabbing).

To get out of this maze, it is necessary to change the paradigm:

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## **Our solutions**

## Bottom-up solutions are needed





The Acteur Communau'TERRE program helps villagers clarify their rights and secure their lands. This is a pilot program in four Ivorian villages located on different cultural areas.

Securing our lands to make us autonomous

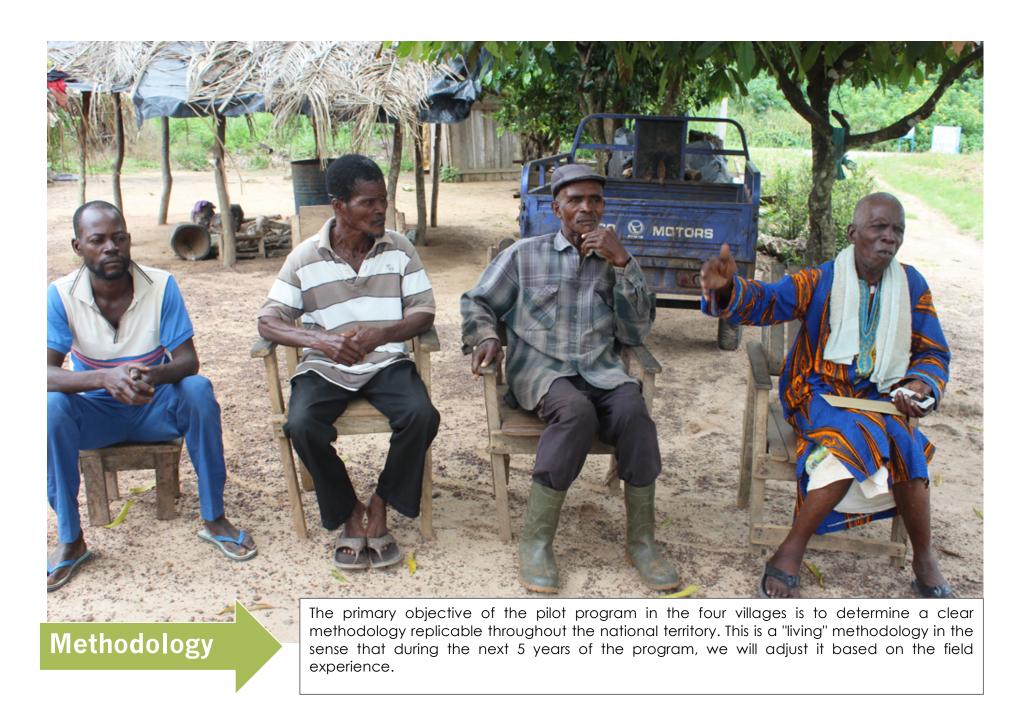
#### Organization of a credible land governance in villages

Establishment of Village Committees of Rural Land Management:

In order to determine the correct composition of a committee able to win the trust of the villagers but also of the administration, we are developing a methodology based on the results of qualitative sociological surveys and on the experimental economics.

Governance









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