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2014 as a year of challenges, reorganizations, has allowed Audace Institut Afrique to expand its team and activities. Indeed, the institute has conducted a comprehensive research program on land ownership in rural area that will continue in the four years to come. The institute is at its first step in the field of research.

The **B2M** concept (multidisciplinary and multicultural brainstorming) was strengthened throughout all the activities to make the proposals more relevant and contextualized.

AIA has strengthened its international network with new partners from India, South Africa, Uganda, United States and England; this enables **AIA** to draw inspiration from foreign experiences relevant to African reality.

Provide training remain a very important part of the institute's activities. One of the important objectives of a think tank is to raise awareness, especially in a situation where the government does not support education.

We therefore organize our programs according to the four categories listed below: **Research, training, raise awareness and influence.**

In 2014, **AIA** has managed to maintain the trust of its donors and even widened the circle of donors, allowing it to assert its independence, a trait to emphasize since the African civil society is highly politicized.

After Burkina Faso in 2013, a new representation of the institute was created in Mali.





Africa and Liberty Seminars Mali 2014



Many challenges still lie ahead, but this year we were able to lay the foundations that give us confidence in the future.

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RESEARCH



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HOW TO REINVENT THE LAND OWNERSHIP REGIME IN COTE D'IVOIRE?



AIA introduced a research program on the theme the search for freedom: Private property in rural area.

The early stage of the multicultural and multidisciplinary program has allowed gathering ideas that will be use to make new proposals in order to improve the land safety bypassing the difficulty surrounding the legal framework that is out of step with the Ivorian context.

PARTNERS :

ATLAS Economic Research Foundation
Friedrich Naumann Foundation
Network For Free Society

The program was introduced through a competition of idea for the researchers only on the theme: « **How to reinvent the land ownership regime in Cote d'Ivoire?** »

25 researchers attended the program.

3 researchers were rewarded for their innovative and contextualized ideas.

PARTNERSHIP AIA - CIRES



AIA teamed -up with the Ivorian Center for Economic and Social Research for a win -win partnership.

The **CIRES** provides the institute with varied and contextualized research files that enable AIA to make better proposals and analysis.

AIA helps the **CIRES** promote its research works and trains its researchers on media training along with writing press articles. **20 CIRES researchers** were trained during the **3 days seminar** held on August.



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AFRICA AND LIBERTY SEMINARS



AIA with the support of the **ATLAS** Economic Research Foundation, the Smith Family Foundation along with its partner Libre Afrique organized for the sixth consecutive year in Abidjan and Bamako two seminars on the theme: «Africa and Liberty»

ABIDJAN:
25 students
20 researchers from CIRES

BAMAKO:
35 students

These seminars provided an opportunity to show how freedom can solve the problem of poverty. African populations in general and Ivorian in particular have been living in an increasing poverty since the independence. They all expect remedies from the government while the government cannot do everything. It could be possible for the populations to get out of poverty with dignity, if they were given more freedom.

The 20 Ivorian researchers have also been trained in writing press articles and received personalized media training.

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCE?

The economic freedom forum was held in Cote d'Ivoire on Thursday 9th October 2014, organized in partnership with the Friedrich Nauman Foundation and the support of **ATLAS** Economic Research Foundation, the Fraser Institute and the Pan-African company Aris-Intelligence.

For the fourth consecutive year, this meeting had been the opportunity to present the index of economic freedom in Cote d'Ivoire made by the researchers of the Fraser Institute (Canada) for Audace Institut Afrique. Brainstorming sessions were conducted around these figures to identify the major issues that Cote d'Ivoire will be facing in its way to become an emerging country.

Event: The presence of Fred McMahon Director of research at Fraser Institute (Canada).

Keys figures:

5.93/10 index of economic freedom in Cote d'Ivoire

134th /154 countries: world rankings of Cote d'Ivoire

150 people attended the forum

4 panels: mining sector; intellectual property; information and emergence; cocoa sector.

8 panelists with a good knowledge of the field

1500 people have read the report on the website of **AIA**





INFLUENCE



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FROM IDEAS TO ACTIONS: THE CREATION OF THE CCPF

In an attempt to solve a major intellectual property crime problem in Africa which has great impact on public health and the economic development, **AIA** has enabled the creation of an anti-counterfeiting, piracy and fraud coalition.

Create such a structure in the private sector is a new initiative in the fight against this scourge. Counterfeiters are very well organized in illegal global networks; there is a need for reaction, especially as officials at highest level are often involved.



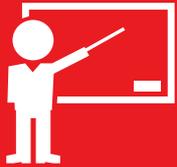
Highlight

- Join together major corporations of the private sector
- Work with the public sector to join efforts and influence public debate
- It enables grouped actions on the ground which protect companies from retaliation



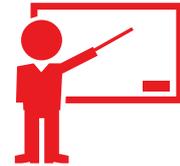
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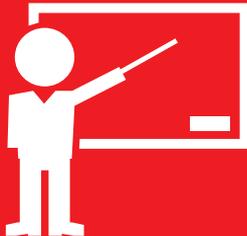
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DEBATE COMPETITION CONTEST



Students were trained by the institute throughout a year to media debate techniques, the institute also supported the creation and empowerment of 15 debate teams in Abidjan.

At the end of the training, a debate competition was organized in partnership with the German Foundation Friedrich Ebert.

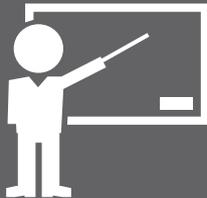
Objectives:

- Provide training for activists.
- Foster social cohesion and peace on campus.
- To learn to stand up for oneself with words and no violence

TOM PALMER IN ABIDJAN, ON MARCH 17TH AND 18TH

ON TOPIC «THE MORALITY OF CAPITALISM»

Tom G. Palmer is the executive vice president for international programs at Atlas Network and is responsible for establishing operating programs in 14 languages and managing programs for a worldwide network of think tanks. He is also a senior fellow at Cato Institute, one of the world's best think tanks. He was an H. B. Earhart Fellow at Hertford College, Oxford University, and a vice president of the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. The presence of this senior research fellow, who travels widely and dedicates his life to promote freedom, was a major event for both Audace Institut Afrique and Cote d'Ivoire.



With the support of **ATLAS** Economic Research Foundation

Keys figures:

3 conferences

400 students

1000 copies of «The Morality of Capitalism» were offered to Ivorian students. The meeting between the eminent senior research fellow, who travels widely and dedicates his life to promote freedom and the 400 students, helped restoring the thought on philosophical and economic fundamentals to advance not only on the path of progress, but also the deepest dignity in every human through freedom. Tom Palmer is restoring the deepest meaning of the word freedom by giving any moral and ethical substance of it through, the notion of responsibility.



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