

AfDB BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SEMINAR

INFORMATION NOTE

Abidjan,
Côte d'Ivoire

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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP

Date	4 – 5 April, 2019
Venue	AfDB Headquarters • Auditorium Babacar N'Diaye
Hosted by	Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Department (FIRM)

Background

The African Development Bank (the Bank) is organizing a Business Opportunity Seminar (BOS) from April 4 to 5, 2019, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

BOSs are one-stop forum for consultants, contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers from the Bank Group's member countries looking to provide goods and services to the Bank Group projects in Africa. BOSs help in strengthening the relationship between the Bank, its shareholders and the private sector. Participants will be introduced to the Bank's priority sectors, referred to as the High 5s, namely: *Light up & Power Africa (energy)*, *Feed Africa (agriculture)*, *Integrate Africa (transport infrastructure)*, *Industrialize Africa (private sector development)* and *Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa (water and sanitation, and human development)*.



Objectives

The BOS is intended for participants to:

- » Learn about the Bank Group's strategic direction, operational priorities, project pipeline and ongoing sovereign and non-sovereign operations;
- » Network with other consulting firms and equipment suppliers in non-regional and regional member countries of the Bank Group;
- » Hear about the Bank Group's financial products and instruments;
- » Learn the qualification criteria for Bank-financed contracts; and
- » Meet with Bank Group's sector and regional specialists;
- » Discover business opportunities in Africa.

Expected Outputs

The BOS is expected to increase the pool of competent providers of goods and services for the Bank's projects, contributing to the efficient implementation and ultimate success of Bank Group's development initiatives.



Program

The two-day event will consist of plenary sessions as well as one-on-one sessions to allow for more in-depth discussions on the various sectors, geographic distribution of ongoing and upcoming projects etc.

The program will be built around the following topics:

1. Presentation by the Strategy and Operational Policy Department (SNSP)

- › Overview of the Bank Group vision, and strategy including emerging initiatives, policies and general operational activities highlighting the current lending program.

2. Presentation by the Regional Integration Coordination Office (RDRI)

- › Overview of how the African Development Bank Group supports economic, social and business development, as well as regional integration in the West Africa Region.

3. Presentations by the various Operational Departments conducting non-sovereign and sovereign operations

- › Outlining the non-sovereign and sovereign business opportunities, highlighting the opportunity for vendors, suppliers, manufacturers and technical consultants to contribute to the economic transformation in Africa.

4. Presentations by the procurement departments: Fiduciary and Inspection (SNFI) and General Services and Procurement (CHGS)

- › Overview of the Bank's procurement rules and procedures on procurement under Bank Group financed projects, as well as institutional contracts.

5. Panel discussion with private sector companies reflecting on their experience working with the African Development Bank

- › Overview of their experiences in obtaining financing and be in the implementation of projects with the Bank.

One-on-one meetings

The one on-one meetings will be held on Friday, 5 April from 14h00 to 18h00. This time will be entirely devoted to in-depth business development exchanges between Bank technical experts and interested BOS participants.

If you require one-on-one meetings, please fill out the attached profile as soon as possible.

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This will help us to effectively plan for bilateral meetings and networking opportunities; and offer a program best suited to the needs and objectives of the participants.

Participants must send us their requests for one-on-one meetings and indicate their area(s) of interest at least two weeks prior to the event.

Target participants

- › Consultants and consulting firms
- › Civil works contractors
- › Manufacturers
- › Suppliers
- › Commercial attachés of embassies



Practical Information

Business Opportunity Seminar venue

The venue of the BOS is the AfDB **main Headquarters Building**. The exact address is Avenue Joseph Anoma

01 BP 1387 Abidjan 01
Côte d'Ivoire
Tel. (+225) 20 26 10 20



The Bank's other building is the **CCIA Building**. Some B2B may be scheduled in this building. The exact address is Immeuble du Centre de commerce International d'Abidjan (CCIA).

Avenue Jean-Paul II
01 BP 1387 Abidjan 01
Côte d'Ivoire
Tel. (+225) 20 26 39 00



Registration

Participants are invited to register using the website, no later than **20 March 2019**.

If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact us at BOS@afdb.org

General Visa Information

Visitors entering Côte d'Ivoire require a visa, except for nationals of ECOWAS member countries, and countries that have signed special agreements with Côte d'Ivoire. A valid passport is required for entry into Côte d'Ivoire. The validity of passports must be for at least six months from the date of entry into Côte d'Ivoire.

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for an entry visa to Côte d'Ivoire. If a letter of invitation is required to facilitate the obtaining of such a visa, please indicate this to the BOS Coordination team as soon as possible. Then kindly send us a copy of your passport and a reservation of your travel ticket. The processing time of an application for an entry visa to Côte d'Ivoire is at least 5 working days. You can also

apply for e-visa. Procedure for obtaining such visa is explained below.

E-Visa: get a visa at the airport

Procedure:

Pre-enrollment

This consists of providing personal information and uploading the relevant documents onto the e-visa portal at <https://snedai.com/e-visa/>. These documents are:

- The identity page of your valid passport
- Flight reservation / booking
- An invitation letter or evidence of confirmed accommodation

Please only use the website provided. While other websites exist for visa on arrival, these may be unofficial operatives.

Payment

The payment for the e-visa can be made with VISA or MASTERCARD. Please keep evidence of payment or your receipt.

Response from Ivorian Authorities

The applicant will receive a response from DST (The Directorate for Territorial Surveillance) in 48 hours (approved or rejected).

Registration at the Airport

The applicant / visitor embarks with the document "Pre-enrollment Approved" which is presented on arrival at the airport to the "Airport Visa" space located directly to the left when walking into the arrivals hall from the flight. Also bring along proof of payment. The visa should be printed and delivered immediately by the airport immigration officials.

E-visa enrollment is available 24hours / 24hours and 7days out of 7days.

For additional information you may contact airport e-visa services: (+225) 54 36 29 15, available 24hours / 24hours.

Useful information on e-visa:

- **Duration:** 3 months (multiple entries)
- **Fees:** EUR 73 (including bank charges)
- Enrollment (fingerprinting and photo) is required for each visa application, even if the applicant has already obtained several visas.
- The biometric visa requires the presence of the applicant. Fingerprinting is required for all.
- The applicant must print the payment receipt and approval of the DST.
- The online application of E-visa does not entitle the visa. Your request can be accepted or rejected by the Authority and there is no refund.

For online application, click on the link:

<https://snedai.com/e-visa/>

More information on visa processing can be obtained at the following links:

<https://www.afdb.org/en/annual-meetings-2015/your-stay/the-republic-of-cote-d%E2%80%99ivoire/countries-exempt-from-visa-formalities-in-cote-d%E2%80%99ivoire/>

https://www.embassypages.com/cotedivoire_fr

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.ci/affaires.php?page=an&lib=2>

Vaccinations

Côte d'Ivoire requires travelers entering the country to present a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever. Participants who do not have this certificate will be vaccinated on site at the health station of the Felix Houphouet Boigny International Airport. The cost of vaccination is approximately EUR 11.

Taxis in town

There are two types: the orange taxis, which travel throughout the city, and "woroworo", passenger cars, which are yellow and green or blue or orange, depending on the commune, and limited to particular neighborhoods. It is recommended that you limit yourself to orange taxis.

If need be, taxi companies can be directly reached at the following links:

Ivoire Taxi <http://www.fctr.ci/> - (+225) 89 01 89 89

TaxiJet <http://www.taxijetci.com/> - (+225) 22 00 78 00

We strongly recommend you to use a shuttle service of the hotel, if available. Taxi fare from the airport to most locations in Abidjan in a taxi begin at around CFA 6.000 (i.e. EUR 10)

Buses and ferries

The "Société des transports abidjanais" (SOTRA) is the company that manages public urban transportation in Abidjan, mainly through its lines of buses and ferries. The SOTRA buses serve the ten communes of Abidjan. There are air-conditioned buses that it rents out to tourists or private groups. There are also two (2) other private companies for ferries: Aqualine and STL.

Arrival and Transportation

The international airport is Felix Houphouet Boigny Airport located in the commune of Port Bouet. Many airlines have direct flights to and from Côte d'Ivoire. Scheduled flights to Abidjan from Europe include Air France; Royal Air Maroc; Tap Portugal, South African Airways; Corsair; Emirates; Brussels Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Tunis Air etc. Scheduled flights to Abidjan from the United States include Ethiopian Airlines.

Additional information can be obtained at the following links:

<http://www.aeria-ci.com/>

<http://www.aeroport-abidjan.com/>

It should be noted that participants have to arrange their own travel from their respective countries and local transportation to the hotel of their choice from the airport. Taxis are available at the airport.

SOTRA: <http://www.sotra.ci> - (+225) 21 75 71 00

Aqualine: <http://aqualines.ci/> - (+225) 20 22 27 34

STL: <https://snedai.com/presentation-stl/> - (+225) 22 51 08 08

Renting a vehicle

Several car rental companies, whose services include trips to and from the airport, are listed on the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Tourism official website:

<https://www.cotedivoiretourisme.ci/index.php/voitures>

Hertz Côte d'Ivoire: <https://www.cotedivoiretourisme.ci/index.php/voitures/505-hertz>

Europcar Côte d'Ivoire: <https://www.cotedivoiretourisme.ci/index.php/voitures/504-europcar>

Sixt Côte d'Ivoire: <https://www.cotedivoiretourisme.ci/index.php/voitures/507-sixt>



Accommodation

We encourage participants to make their reservations in one of the following hotels, where the Bank enjoys a standard discount rate. In order to insure room availability at negotiated rates, it is highly recommended to make reservations as early as possible.

Hotel TIAMA

Boulevard de la République, Abidjan Plateau, 04 BP 643 Abidjan 04

Tel: (+225) 20 31 33 33 - **E-Mail:** reservation.tiama@gmail.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 168 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 1.1 km

<http://www.hotel.tiama.ci/en/>

Hotel IBIS PLATEAU

7, boulevard Roume, 04, Abidjan 1185, Côte d'Ivoire

Tel: (+225) 20 30 16 00 - **E-Mail:** H1146-SM@accor.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 96 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 1.1 km

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-0732-ibis-abidjan-plateau/index.shtml>

IVOTEL

Avenue Terrasson de Fougères, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Tel: (+225) 20 25 66 66 - **E-Mail:** commercial@ivotel.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 99 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 900 m

<http://www.ivotel.com/>

Hotel NOVOTEL

10 Avenue du General de Gaulle Plateau 01 BP 3718

Tel: (+225) 20 31 80 20 **E-Mail :** H0481@accor.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 160 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 800 m

<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-0481-novotel-abidjan/index.shtml>

Hotel SEEN

Avenue Lamblin, Rue Colomb Plateau Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire

Tel: (+225) 20 02 02 02 - **E-Mail:** anna.tagba@seenhotels.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 124 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 200 m

<http://www.seenhotels.com/fr/nos-hotels/seen-hotel-abidjan-plateau/#hotel>

Hotel PULLMAN

Boulevard Lagunaire, Plateau - Rue Abdoulaye Fadiga 01 BP 2185 Abidjan 01. Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire.

Tel: (+225) 20 30 20 20 - **E-Mail:** h1146-f02@accor.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 170 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 650 m

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1146-pullman-abidjan-opening-1-october-2018/index.shtml>

Hotel SOFITEL IVOIRE

Boulevard Hassan II, Cocody 08 BP 01 Abidjan 08- Côte d'Ivoire

Tel: (+225) 22 48 26 26 - **E-Mail:** H1146-SM@accor.com

Tariff: approx. Eur 185 per night

Distance from AfDB Headquarters: 6 km

<http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-8844-sofitel-abidjan-hotel-ivoire/index.shtml>



Useful Information

Facilities

- The Bank's facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities and assistance will be provided if needed.

Security

- For security reasons, the presentation of a valid picture identification will be required to access the Bank (i.e. passport or national ID card).

Wi-Fi

- Wi-Fi will be available throughout the meeting venue. The login credentials will be provided to participants at the time of arrival at the venue.

Travel and other costs

- While attendance to the event is free, AfDB does not cover the daily subsistence for the participants. However, coffee breaks will be offered to all participants at the venue of the event.
- Participants will be responsible for all travel-related costs linked to their participation in the BOS. This includes airfare, dinners, hotel accommodation, daily subsistence, ground transport and visas, if required.
- Participants are expected to make their own arrangement for lunch. You can order lunch pack via these restaurants below. Order and pay at least 2 days before the event.

1*) adj.hamza@yahoo.fr – Ms Adjil HAMZA – Tel. (+225) 58 00 00 00
RESTAURANT DLYS

2*) infos@restaurantbanian.ci – Ms Murielle PECAUT ou Mr Ahmed BOUDA – Tel. (+225) 57 10 38 48
RESTAURANT BANIAN

3*) rudolf.sedivec@chris.ci – Mr Rudolf SEDIVEC – Tel. (+225) 22 41 63 81
TRAITEUR BY CHRI'S

4*) etsgina.th@gmail.com – Ms Gina CAPE – Tel. (+225) 07 65 34 84
RESTAURANT ABOUSSOUAN



Other Useful Information

Country	Côte d'Ivoire	Time Zone	GMT (UTC+0)
Economic Capital	Abidjan	Dialing Code	+225
Political Capital	Yamoussoukro	Official language	French
Religion	Secular	Currency	CFA Francs
Country Population	22.6 million	Coordinates	5°20'28'N 4°1'41'W
Abidjan Population	5 million		

CURRENCY AND BANKING

Côte d'Ivoire currency is the francs CFA (F CFA).

1 Euro European (EUR)= **656.957** francs CFA BCEAO (XOF)

There are numerous banks and ATM available in all major facilities.

The banks are generally open from 8.00 am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Credit and Debit cards are widely accepted in the major supermarkets and hotels.

ELECTRICITY

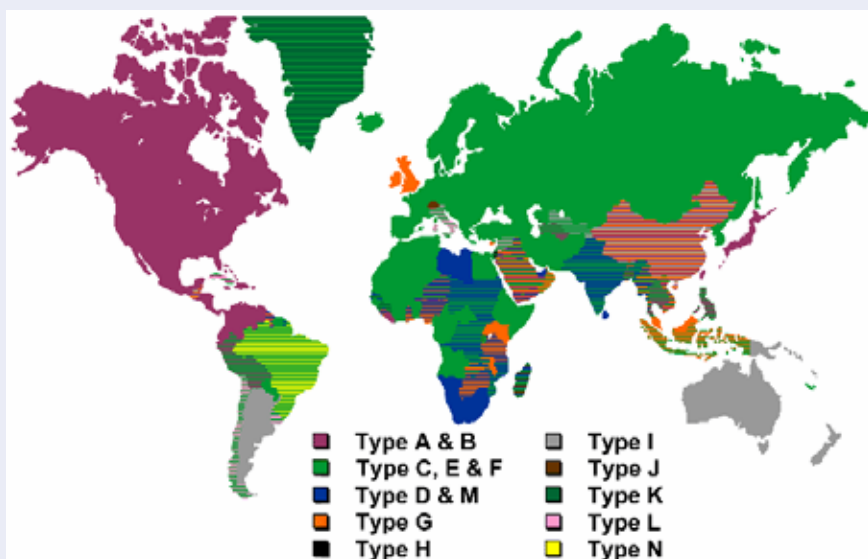
In Côte d'Ivoire the power plugs and sockets are of type C and E. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



Type C: also known as the standard “Euro” plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.



Type E: This socket also works with plug C. Plug F will work if it has an additional pinhole



CLIMATE

Abidjan is located in the sub-equatorial zone characterized by slight fluctuations in weather conditions, high humidity and heavy rains. The temperature ranges between 26 and 40 °C, while the humidity level varies between 80 and 90%

Seasons	Period
A long dry season	December-April
A long rainy season	May-July
A short dry season	August-September
A short rainy season	October-November

For further information, contact Société d'Exploitation et de Développement Aéroportuaire Aéronautique et Météorologique (SODEXAM)

Tel.: (+ 225) 21 27 71 63. More information on www.sodexam.com

COMMUNICATION

There are several companies operating in the country, namely ORANGE, www.orange.ci MTN www.mtn.ci, MOOV www.moov.com.

These companies offer GSM mobile phone services through prepaid cards. It is recommended to purchase these at the airport. A copy of your identity card or passport is required documentation for subscription of services.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**PLATEAU:****Musée des civilisations (Museum of Civilisations)**

Ethnographic, archaeological and iconographic collections on display date from the colonial period.

Open Tuesday to Friday, from 9AM to 6PM and all day on Saturdays. **Tel.** (+225) 20 22 20 56

La Rotonde des arts contemporains

Art gallery, exhibition venue, foundation and cultural center. Open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday from 10AM to 2PM. **Tel.** (+225) 08 48 88 30

COCODY:**Musée Municipal d'Art Contemporain (Museum of Contemporary art)**

Open since 1993; displays about one hundred pieces and works by renowned artists.

Case des arts

Forum for cultural exchange targeting adolescents and adults. Since its establishment in 2008, it has been providing dance, language, theater and visual art classes, and more.

Tel. (+225) 22 44 51 99

BIETRY:**Galerie Amani**

According to «Petit Futé», one of the most beautiful galleries of Abidjan. You will find unique paintings, sculptures and other designs and decorations.

Open Monday to Saturday from 9 AM to 7 PM.

Centre artisanal de la ville d'Abidjan (CAVA)

An indoor space where many artists in cubicles offer a wide range of craftwork and objects for sale.

GRAND-BASSAM:**Musée des Costumes**

Grand-Bassam, an old town that used to be the capital of Côte d'Ivoire, is the location of the national museum of costumes. The center has been set up to conserve, highlight and promote research on Ivorian traditional costumes, which are seen as a tool for communication in imparting traditional values.



NATIONAL PARK

National Parks

The country has many national parks and nearly 300 nature reserves which offer a wide variety of wildlife and landscapes from the South to the North. Since 1996, Côte d'Ivoire's flora and fauna are protected by law.

Parc National du Banco

The Banco National Forest lies on the outskirts of Abidjan and covers 7,500 acres of tropical rain forest. The park also includes a picnic area, restaurant and an arboretum. It is situated on the north-western side of the plateau area of Abidjan. **For the guided tour:** Contact Mr. Sigui Tel (+225) 40 01 18 49.

SHOPPING

Shopping Centres	Highlights	Address
Marché de Treichville	African crafts	Avenue Victor Biaka Boda - Treichville, Abidjan
Hypermarché Sococé	Supermarket, clothing, toys	Boulevard Latrille - Il Plateaux, Abidjan
Carrefour/Playce	Supermarket, food court, clothing, accessories, homewares	Boulevard VGE - Marcory, Abidjan
Cap Nord and Cap Sud	Supermarket, food court, clothing, accessories, homewares	Boulevard de France - Riviera, Abidjan
Ciss St Moise	Fashion design	Avenue 21 rue 23 - Treichville, Abidjan Tel: (+225) 21 24 67 72
Gilles Touré	Fashion design	Boulevard Latrille - Il Plateaux, Abidjan Tel: (+225) 22 41 01 85
Pathe'o	Fashion design	Avenue. 19, rue 22 barrée - Treichville, Abidjan Tel: (+225) 21 24 00 96, (+225) 22 41 52 63
Nanawax Boutique	Fashion design	Boulevard des Martyr, Il Plateaux, Abidjan, Tel: (+225) 22 52 30 69
Nota Bene création	Fashion design	Rue du Canal - Zone 4 C - Marcory Abidjan Tel: (+225) 58 78 74 48
Comptoir des Artisans	Artisan products; chocolate	15, Rue du Lycée Technique - Cocody, Abidjan, Tel: (+225) 78 22 22 08



RESTAURANTS

Being located in a cosmopolitan city, Abidjan restaurants serve cuisine from all corners of the world, including Chinese, French, Senegalese, Italian, Lebanese, Indian and more. Below are some restaurants & “maquis” (eateries that serve local African food)

Restaurant	Food	Address
Banian	European and African	Boulevard de Marseilles, Bietry - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 35 28 59 / Email: info@restaurant-banian.net Website: http://www.restaurant-banian.net
Monparnasse	French and Italian	Rue Pierre et Marie Curie Zone 4 - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 34 35 01
Chez Georges	French	Rue du Commerce - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 20 3 2 19 84 / www.restaurantchezgeorges.com
Aboussouan	African	Avenue 13, Rue 05 Treichville - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 24 13 09 / (+225) 21 24 53 12
La Croisette	French	Rue Botreau-Roussel, Le Plateau, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire - Tel: (+225) 20 21 27 86
Chez Richard	French and European	Rue Clement Ader, Marcory Zone 4 C - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 89 31 63 66
Salads & Subs	Sandwich	Rue du Commerce Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 20 32 03 09 - http://www.salads-subs-abidjan.com
Che Cafe	European	Rue du 7 Decembre, Marcory Zone 4C - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 07 98 49 60
Norima	Mexican, Asian, American	Rue Claire Fontaine, Deux Plateaux Vallons - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 22 51 03 14 - http://www.norimarestaurant.com
Pizza & Pasta	Italian	25 Avenue Chardy, Plateau - Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire - Tel: (+225) 79 79 60 60 Rue du Dr Blanchard, Marcory Zone 4 - Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire -Tel: (+225) 08 88 62 88
L'Ambassadeur	All specialties	Boulevard de la République, Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 31 32 02 - http://www.abidjanresto.net/TIAMA.html
Le Grand Large	Seafood	149 Boulevard de Marseille Zone 4 - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 24 21 13
Le Churrasco	Brazilian	Avenue Chardy, Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 06 46 67 48 / (+225) 09 99 77 16
La Taverne Romaine	Italian	Boulevard Lagunaire, Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 20 21 89 51
Tuan	Vietnamese	Boulevard du General de Gaulle, Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 20 21 63 80
Di Sorrento	Italian	Zone 4, Boulevard de Marseille, Bietry - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 35 57 75
Delhi Darbar	Indian	Avenue Marchand, Plateau - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 20 22 47 42
Ancien combattant	African	Boulevard de Marseille, Bietry - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 07 01 18 54
Chez Alice	Ivorian	Rue de la Balance, Marcory GFCI around INJS (Institut National de la Jeunesse et des Sports)
Maquis du Val	African	Val Doyen, Rue serpente A50, Cocody - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 22 44 04 64 / (+225) 22 48 50 94 / (+225) 07 08 96 33 Email: maquisduval@aviso.ci
Espace 331	African	Rue 12, Cocody - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 22 44 03 41
Abidjan café	Toutes spécialités	Angle rue Lecoer et avenue Terrasson de Fougères, Plateau, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 87 46 79 47
Le Kaiten	Corean	Rue du docteur Blanchard, Zone 4C Marcory - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 25 44 61 / 08 31 70 60
Saakan	All specialties	Avenue Chardy Plateau, Abidjan Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 08 90 43 04 45
Le Mondial	All specialties	Boulevard Botreau Roussel, Plateau, Abidjan Côte d'Ivoire
Oishi Sushi	Japonnais	13, boulevard Achalme, Marcory résidentiel - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 26 26 69
Burger King	Fast food	17 Avenue Delafosse, Plateau, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Tel: (+225) 21 75 79 00

You will find more restaurants listed on the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Tourism official website:

<https://www.cotedivoiretourisme.ci/index.php/restaurants?limitstart=0>

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