

FELIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY UNIVERSITY, ABIDJAN CÔTE D'IVOIRE (IVORY COAST)

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““Navigating LiderAfrica: Calls Procedures and Tools for your University””

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B PRESENTATION:

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INTRODUCTION

The Félix Houphouët-Boigny University (UFHB) is the largest university in Côte d'Ivoire in terms of surface area and administrative and teaching staff. UFHB is Côte d'Ivoire's main teaching and research centre. Located in Abidjan, the country's economic capital, the UFHB grew out of the three university centres attached to the National University of Côte d'Ivoire (1971), whose origins date back to the creation of the Abidjan Higher Education Centre in 1958 and which was elevated to university status by presidential decree on 9 January 1964. The Félix Houphouët-Boigny University, which is multidisciplinary in nature, consists of 13 training and research units (UFR); 2 autonomous research centres; 1 School of continuing education; 14 research institutes and centres, 31 laboratories and 4 doctoral schools. In terms of staff, the figures for the Félix Houphouët-Boigny University are as follows: 3,311 people, of which 2,510 are professors and 801 administrative and technical staff (PAT), and 56,776 students in 2022-2023. These figures make it the most important ecosystem in the education and training sector in Côte d'Ivoire.

1. REMINDER OF THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO THE VPPRE

The Vice-Presidency for Planning, Programming and External Relations (VPPRE) coordinates the following services :

- *The Planning and Programming Service ;*
- *Inter-University Cooperation and External Relations Service*
- *The Internship and Professional Insertion Service*

1.1. The Planning and Programming Service

- Developing, managing and maintaining teaching and research databases ;
- Implement the contractual policy between the State and the University ;
- Drawing up and updating the University's master plan, in collaboration with the services concerned ;
- Coordinating, in collaboration with the services concerned, the University's three-year public investment programme and budgetary programming ;
- Coordinate, in collaboration with the services concerned, the negotiation of multiannual contracts between the State and the University.

1.2. Cooperation Service

1.2.1. Cooperation missions (In charge of:

- Preparing and managing the budget for international conferences and missions in Côte d'Ivoire and abroad.;
- Preparing and organizing conferences and missions in Côte d'Ivoire and abroad ;
- Drawing up and verifying the validity of agreements and conventions signed with partner institutions and universities;
- Implementing and enforcing the terms of agreements and conventions;

1.2. Cooperation Service

1.2.2. The missions of the International Relations Office /BI in charge of:

- Listing and centralising all international programme agreements and offers (Africa Zone, Europe Zone, America Zone, Asia and Oceania Zone, Erasmus+ and non-Erasmus+ programmes, Volunteering, etc.) ;
- Disseminating the scholarship offers of international programmes (Africa Zone, Europe Zone, America Zone, Europe Zone, Erasmus+ and non-Erasmus+ programmes, etc.) ;
- Managing outgoing and incoming mobilities;
- Seeking, promoting and strengthening university partnerships ;

The Internship and Professional Insertion Service is in charge of:

- Developing relations with the business world
- seek and develop internships in companies;
- Facilitating the professional integration of graduates ;
- Creating an observatory for professional insertion
- overseeing and managing relations with companies.

OUR VISION AND POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

The shared vision of the FHB University is that of a high-performing, innovative, civic university that is open to the outside world. Openness to the outside world is essential, because no university can live in isolation. A university must open up to the outside world to make itself known, share its expertise, improve its image and promote a competitive educational and research offer.

This openness to the outside world is reflected in the signing of agreements, the monitoring and evaluation of the different agreements, the implementation of international projects and the outgoing and incoming Mobilities. Hence, the very important role of Spanish Universities and Institutions in the framework of mobilities.

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2022 : 44 outgoing mobility to Spain (Erasmus programme for teachers and administrative and service staff).

2. SPAIN'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE UFHB

- ▶ **2.1. La Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional y de Desarrollo/The Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID)**
 - - 02 Visits by an AECID delegation to the UFHB authorities in 2023 and 2024 ;
 - - Signing of a memorandum for the arrival of lecturer at UFHB in 2023?
 - - Training of Ivorian teachers in Spain in 2023;
 - - Donation and transfer of 7,000 books from the Spanish Embassy Library to the UFHB Central Library in March 2024.

▶ **2.2. El Instituto Cervantes /The Cervantes Institute**

- - Strengthening the teaching skills of Spanish teachers in higher and secondary education in Côte d'Ivoire (2015, 2017, 2022, 2023);
- - The UFHB has set up an Aula Cervantes whose role is to train, reinforce and promote the Spanish language for the actors of the educational system and other people who do not usually speak Spanish. The activities of the Aula will start in 2024.

2.2. The University of Cadiz and its role

- ▶ **2.2.1. In the creation of the International Relations Office of the UFHB**
 - Visits (March 2022, July 2022, June 2023) of 3 UFHB delegations to the International Relations Office of the UCA to learn about the Cadiz model.-

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▶ 2.2.2. In the LIDERAFRICA Project

- Incorporation of the UFHB in the international consortium with the University of Cadiz, the University of Huelva, the University of La Laguna, the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Casa África (international week in July 2024).

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▶ 2.2.2. In the International Volunteer Programme

- Mobility of 04 students from UFHB to UCA (July 2022), 02 students (July 2023) and 02 students (July 2024).

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▶ 2.2.3. In the Erasmus+ Programme

- Mobility of 35 UFHB students to UCA (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) ;
- Mobility of 18 UFHB teachers to UCA (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024) ;
- Mobility of 19 UFHB Administrative and Service Staff to UCA (2022, 2023, 2024) ;

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- ▶ **2.2.4. In the training of the Technical, Administrative and Service Staff of the UFHB**
 - Jobshadowing (July 2022) of 06 P.A.S of UFHB (project creation, Edificio Olivillo)

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2.2.5. Through its activities at the UFHB

- Staff week (04 April to 08 April 2022) jointly organised by UCA and UFHB in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire);
- Participation of the UCA in the International Exhibition "Study in Spain" held in Abidjan (Ivory Coast);
- 37 mobilities of P.A.S and teachers from UCA to UFHB (2022, 2023);
- 02 movilidades de estudiantes de la UCA hacia la UFHB (2023, International Volunteer Program).
- 02 mobilities of UCA students to UFHB (2024, International Volunteer Program).

2.3. Alcalá de Henares, Burgos, Granada, Sevilla and Valladolid Universities

- There are mobilities of Spanish teachers and students of the Spanish Department of the UFHB to these universities that usually do not exceed the number of 02 per year;
- Participation of the UFHB in the capacity building project "Girls and STEM" in the framework of the international consortium led by the University of Burgos. The project is under evaluation by the European Union since March 2024.

CONCLUSION

Mobility, especially through contact with Spain, is a real tool for internationalisation in Côte d'Ivoire, and specifically at the Félix Houphouët-Boigny University, through the aforementioned results. Through common, specific and shared themes, the LIDERAFRICA Programme will favour the training of university staff and reinforce both the capacities and the visibility and influence of the UFHB, the first university institution in Ivory Coast. Beyond the UFHB, this consortium will allow us to face new challenges by positively impacting our African societies open to the European world.

EL EDIFICIO DE LA PRESIDENCIA DE LA UFHB



Staff Week de mayo de 2024 e la UCA: La delegación de la UFHB con el Presidente, Profesor BALLO ZIE, La VicePpresidenta, Profesora VERONIQUE YOBOUE, El Director de Asuntos Financieros, Dr. COULIBALY MAMADOU, La Directora de Gabinete del Presidente, Dr. MARIAMA DIABY, El Jefe de la Oficina de Relaciones Internacionales, Dr. DJOKO LUIS STEPHANE KOUADIO con los diferentes representantes de las Universidades socias de la UCA, el 06 de mayo de 2024,



Dos becarias de la UFHB en el marco del Programa de Voluntariado Internacional julio de 2024 en la UCA/ Two UFHB scholarship holders in the framework of the International Volunteering Programme July 2024 at the UCA



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La delegación de la UFHB el 25 de julio de 2022 con el Vicerrector de la UCA (centro) y el Director de la Secretaría de Proyectos y Redes (extrema derecha) /The UFHB delegation on 25 July 2022 with the UCA Vice-Rector (centre) and the Director of the Projects and Networks Secretariat (far right).



08 de julio de 2024: Probando la gastronomía típica de Andalucía en la Plaza del Mentidero / Tasting the typical gastronomy of Andalusia in the Mentidero Square

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