

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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SOVEREIGN FINANCE · CAPITAL MARKETS · SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



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CHAPTER I

At the Crossroads of Finance and the State

Leslie Diby is a Financial Services Administrator and, since **September 2024**, Adviser to the Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire. Her career of more than ten years sits where three worlds meet: sovereign public finance, capital markets and strategic decision-making at the highest level of the State.

Her record spans the issuance of Eurobonds and regional securities, the creation of **Côte d'Ivoire's first sovereign ESG framework**, pioneering work in climate finance, and the implementation of the State's integrated debt and treasury management system. Each of these files turns on the same underlying question: how a State finances its ambitions, and how it accounts for them.

At the Office of the Prime Minister she now leads national strategies and coordinates high-level engagement with multilateral and bilateral partners. The role draws on everything that came before it – the discipline of the markets, the rigour of the Treasury, and a working knowledge of the institutions that finance development.

Trained in France, she began her career in asset management with **Swiss Life Asset Management** and **BNP Paribas**, before continuing it in Abidjan – first on the investor's side of the market, then on the side of the sovereign issuer, and finally at the centre of government.

10+ years

in sovereign finance, capital markets and strategy

Since 2024

Adviser to the Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire

1st

sovereign ESG framework of Côte d'Ivoire

CHAPTER II

The Discipline of the Markets

Her foundations were laid in France. A Bachelor's degree in Economics & Management at the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (2009–2012) was followed by a Master's in Finance (M1) and a Master's in Banking & Finance (M2) at [Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne](#), and completed by an MSc in Financial Markets & Investment at [SKEMA Business School](#) in Paris, on the Asset Management track. Every one of these degrees was awarded with honours.

Her first professional steps were taken inside the asset-management industry. At Swiss Life Asset Management in Paris, in 2015, she worked as a fund and structured products analyst: performance, NAV, volatility and investment policy, reporting on corporate actions, and the listing of structured products and funds. In 2017 she joined [Portzamparc Gestion, BNP Paribas](#), in Nantes, as assistant portfolio manager in fundamental management and stock picking — daily NAV validation, company valuation, research notes, and meetings with CFOs and investor relations teams.

In April 2018 she moved to [BOA Capital Securities](#) in Abidjan as discretionary portfolio manager. There she set up and ran the discretionary management strategy, managed client portfolios of XOF 300 million and above, developed a client profiling application and asset allocation models, and contributed to the firm's 2018–2022 roadmap and to its task force on process optimisation and commercial strategy.

4 degrees

all awarded with honours, in France

3 firms

Swiss Life AM · BNP Paribas · BOA
Capital Securities

XOF 300m+

client portfolios under
discretionary management



PARIS · NANTES · ABIDJAN

*From the discipline of asset management to
the architecture of sovereign finance.*

CHAPTER III

Financing the State

In 2020 she joined the **Directorate General of Financing** at Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Economy and Finance, within its Mobilisation Sub-Directorate. Until 2024 she worked at the core of the machinery through which the State raises its resources.

As public securities issuance officer she took part in **Eurobond issuances** and international bank loans, as well as securities issuance on the regional **WAEMU market**. She coordinated the regional market survey, drafted the market guide for international investors, and contributed to setting up the State's investor relations function and its sovereign debt website – the instruments through which an issuer explains itself to the markets.

In parallel she headed the implementation pool for the **integrated debt and treasury management system**. She drafted the design notes covering State revenue flows – tax, customs and treasury – as well as expenditure, debt management and co-financed projects, and carried out the configuration of the system for revenue, expenditure and debt.

This is foundational work: the architecture that allows a Treasury to see, in one place, what it collects, what it spends and what it owes. It gave her a view of public finance from the inside – from the transaction to the system that records it.

2020–2024

Directorate General of Financing,
Ministry of Economy and Finance

Eurobonds

and securities on the regional
WAEMU market

Treasury

integrated debt and treasury
management system

CHAPTER IV

A Sovereign Voice for Sustainable Finance

Her most distinctive contribution at the Ministry concerns sustainable finance. She created and ran the **Interministerial ESG Committee** – the first body of its kind in Côte d'Ivoire – and drafted the country's sovereign ESG Framework in **2021**, revising it in 2023, while managing the Second Party Opinions that give such frameworks their credibility with investors.

She authored the annual ESG expenditure and project selection reports for 2022, 2023 and 2024, produced the first impact report, and led the first audit of ESG financing. Together these documents turned a framework on paper into a practice that can be verified.

Climate finance followed, in partnership with the **Global Center on Adaptation** and **UNDP**. She coordinated the Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR) – the first assessment of the State's climate spending – designed the ESG and climate budget tagging system and the taxonomy of State activities, coordinated the State impact reporting framework with UNDP, and trained the members of the Interministerial ESG Committee.

She also served on the **Paris Agreement Article 6 Task Force**, working on the institutional and regulatory framework for the carbon market – extending the same logic of transparency and accountability from sovereign debt to the emerging market for carbon.

2021 • 2023

ESG Framework drafted and revised

2022–2024

annual ESG expenditure and project selection reports

Article 6

Paris Agreement Task Force – carbon market



2021

*Côte d'Ivoire's first sovereign ESG framework
— and the Interministerial ESG Committee
that carries it.*

CHAPTER V

At the Heart of Government

In **September 2024** she became Adviser to the Prime Minister, at the Office of the Prime Minister – the Primature – in Abidjan. She advises the Prime Minister on priority economic, industrial and social policies, and drafts and coordinates strategy notes, sector roadmaps and national strategies, among them the textile industry, the circular economy, national champions and digitalisation.

She leads the **National Champions Task Force**, which supports strategic Ivorian companies in their contribution to national growth and competitiveness. Her work on innovative and sustainable financing carries her earlier practice into new territory: the monetisation of digital flows such as A2P SMS and crypto-assets, alongside climate and ESG finance and multilateral and bilateral partnerships.

She coordinates official missions, audiences and high-level meetings with international partners – among them the **World Bank**, the **IMF**, the **African Development Bank**, Invest International and the United Arab Emirates – and takes part in financial negotiations and international forums in direct support of the Prime Minister.

Sept. 2024

Adviser to the Prime Minister, Abidjan

Task Force

National Champions – strategic Ivorian companies

WB · IMF · AfDB

among the partners engaged at high level

*Where sovereign finance, capital
markets and strategic decision-
making meet.*

REFERENCE

At a Glance

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- ◆ Public finance & State Treasury
- ◆ Debt management & international markets
- ◆ Institutional architecture & public policy
- ◆ Multilateral & bilateral partnerships
- ◆ Financing mobilisation & sovereign issuance
- ◆ Sovereign ESG frameworks & climate finance
- ◆ Integrated debt and treasury management systems
- ◆ Digital finance

EDUCATION

- ◆ MSc Financial Markets & Investment
SKEMA Business School, Paris · 2016–2017 · with honours
- ◆ Master's (M2) in Banking & Finance
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne · 2013–2014 · with honours
- ◆ Master's (M1) in Finance
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne · 2012–2013 · with honours
- ◆ Bachelor's in Economics & Management
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour · 2009–2012 · with honours

LANGUAGES

- ◆ French
Native
- ◆ English
Fluent — read, spoken, written
- ◆ Portuguese
Basic

CERTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Disaster Risk Financing & Index Insurance in Agriculture
World Bank Group
- ◆ Climate Public Expenditure Evaluation (CPEIR)
Global Center on Adaptation
- ◆ Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL)
UNCDF
- ◆ Integrating environment, climate and social issues into public budgeting
UNDP
- ◆ ESG & Impact Investing
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

TOOLS

- ◆ MS Office, VBA, SQL
Advanced
- ◆ R
Intermediate
- ◆ Bloomberg, Reuters, Morningstar
Financial data terminals



IN CLOSING

A Continuity of Purpose

Read as a whole, Leslie Diby's career follows a clear line: from the analysis of funds and portfolios, to the issuance of the State's own securities, to the frameworks that make sovereign finance accountable, and on to the office where national strategy is set.

It is a rare combination — the investor's reading of risk, the issuer's command of the instruments, and the policymaker's view of the whole. That is what she brings to the partners, institutions and companies with whom she works.

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