

Côte d’Ivoire

National Higher Education Equity Policy

Governance

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research is responsible for defining national policies in higher education.

Higher Education Policy Documents

What are the current official documents defining the national higher education strategy / policies?

- National Development Plan. (2016-2010)
- Education and Training Sector Plan 2016-2025 (*Plan Sectoriel Education / Formation*)
- Higher Education Law: new law is under preparation, to be approved by December 2018

Equity in Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives do the policy documents identify?

- The government seeks to expand access to higher education and reduce gender imbalance in enrollment.

Which equity target groups are identified in the policy documents?

- Low-income students
- Gender groups

Does the country have concrete targets for the participation of specific equity groups?

- No defined targets.

Côte d’Ivoire does not have a standalone policy document dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Are there specific anti-discrimination provisions?

- No

Monetary Policy Instruments

- No tuition fees in public institutions
- Needs-based grants for low-income students to help them cover their living expenditures
- Scholarships are available to qualified students enrolled in private technical colleges to cover the tuition fees.

Non-Monetary Policy Instruments

- Institutions set up in remote areas: the government is planning to build five new universities and a few two-year technical colleges in remote regions to improve geographical coverage.

Financial Resources

What financial resources does the country devote to equity promotion measures?

- Not available

Quality Assurance

The quality assurance criteria do not take equity elements into consideration.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Who is responsible for monitoring the impact of equity promotion measures?
- What instruments, methods and data are in place to carry out the monitoring and evaluation activities?

Dedicated Equity Promotion Agency

Côte d'Ivoire does not have an agency dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Sources

Ministry of Education and Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (2016). *Plan Sectoriel Education / Formation 2016-2025*