

« The outsider cannot come hide behind a termite mound and wish that his head be taller »:

**A local analysis of risks and opportunities for social
cohesion in the West of Côte d'Ivoire**

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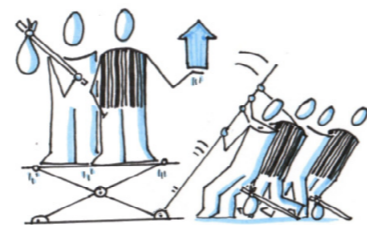
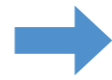
Key messages & recommendations

Tensions regarding the figure of 'the outsiders' and their success (Chapter 1)

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Beyond the question of land tenure, the perception of economic **inequality** and the figure of 'the outsider'

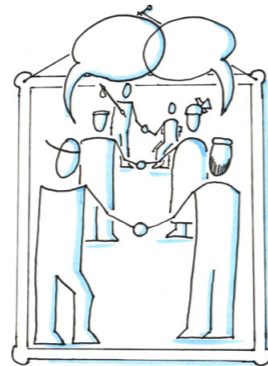
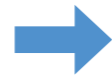
Design policies of participatory community development focused on mentality **change** and social **recognition**



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Multi-faceted intra-community cleavages: **inter-generational** and **gender-related** conflicts, as well as tension over the **priority upon arrival** in the locality

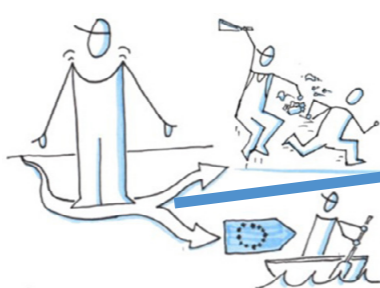
Create a framework of **intergenerational** and **gender-based** dialogue within the communities



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When **social despair** leads to **violence** and/or **migration**

Promote new **success models** at the **local level**, rooted in **context-based** aspirations and **realities**



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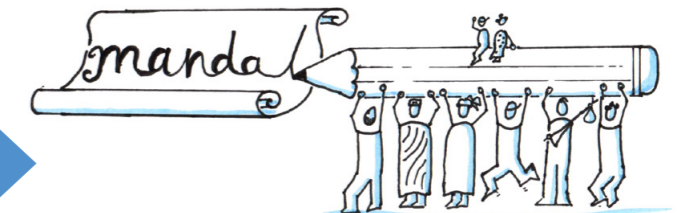
recommendations

Local chieftaincies face a crisis of legitimacy (Chapter 2)

Weakening of the **traditional authority** figure

Define in a consensual manner the **mandate** and **functions** of traditional **chieftaincies**

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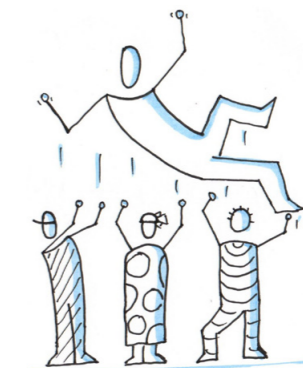


Infrastructures for peace in need for reinvention (Chapter 3)

Representativeness versus leadership: when those who claim to be representative lack legitimacy

Encourage the individual(s) capable of **constructive leadership to serve the public interest**

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Absence of a culture of civic engagement (solidarity) as an obstacle to development and community participation

Get involved! Cultivate a **sense of civic engagement** within communities

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