

The International University of Grand-Bassam



UIGB
Côte d'Ivoire
West Africa





Overview of Presentation

- The Need for UIGB
- Potential for Impact in West Africa
- An Overview of UIGB: Location, History, Mission, Operations, Degrees, Facilities

The Need for UIGB: World Bank Observations

“...developing countries are at a risk of being further marginalized in a highly competitive world economy because their (higher) education systems are not adequately prepared to capitalize on the creation and use of knowledge.”

Constructing Knowledge Societies, 2002

“...urgent action to expand the quantity and improve the quality of higher education in developing countries should be a top development priority.”

Peril and Promise: Higher Education in Developing Countries, 2000





The Need for UIGB: Results from a GSU Regional Marketing Study

- Data from 24 focus groups in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, & Nigeria in 2002
- Strong support for a “different kind of higher education opportunity”: emphasis on combination of theoretical, entrepreneurial & practical education; costs tailored to regional standard of living; admissions criteria fair & transparent
- Broad support for an American model of higher education

Potential for Impact in West Africa



**UIGB Students packing up donations
for an orphanage**

- Provision of qualified and skilled personnel capable of addressing key issues for regional development
- Training in problem resolution, intercultural cooperation
- Modeling excellence in university training in the region
- Offering a case study in transparency, accountability, and results-based budgeting



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33 km from Abidjan

Location

- Centrally located in the region
- Easily accessible by air, road
- Developed city & beach amenities nearby



Residence Hall



UIGB History

- Created by The Association for Education and Development (AED), an international organization formed in 2002 and recognized by the government of Côte d'Ivoire.
- Established within the framework of collaborative educational agreements which have existed since 1994 between the government of Côte d'Ivoire and the University System of Georgia in the United States.
- Former GSU Associate Provost served as interim UIGB Provost; GSU & UIGB staff jointly developing academic and operational plans; GSU providing guidance for US accreditation



UIGB History

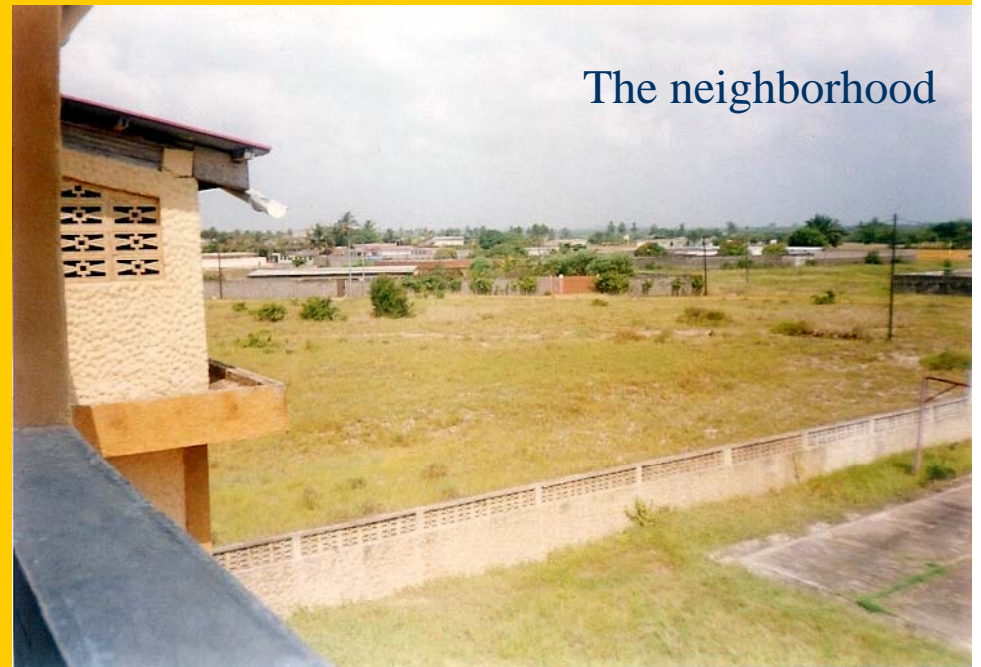
- Authorization to open received from the Ministry of Higher Education of the government of Côte d'Ivoire
- Inaugural Preparatory Year offered January-August 2005
- Inaugural undergraduate classes started January 2006
- Dr. Saliou Toure named first UIGB President, 2007
- Successful UIGB students have access to courses at GSU as exchange students





UIGB Mission

- To provide internationally recognized higher education through technology-enhanced English medium instruction in fields critical to regional development, international success and life-long learning.



Operations: Governing Principles

**Principles of Accreditation
from the Southern Association
of Colleges & Schools (USA),
which mandates quality in
terms of:**

- **Faculty credentials**
- **Student preparation**
- **Course content and instruction**
- **Budgetary adequacy and financial due-diligence**
- **Policy transparency**
- **Programmatic accountability**



Operations: Policy Infrastructure

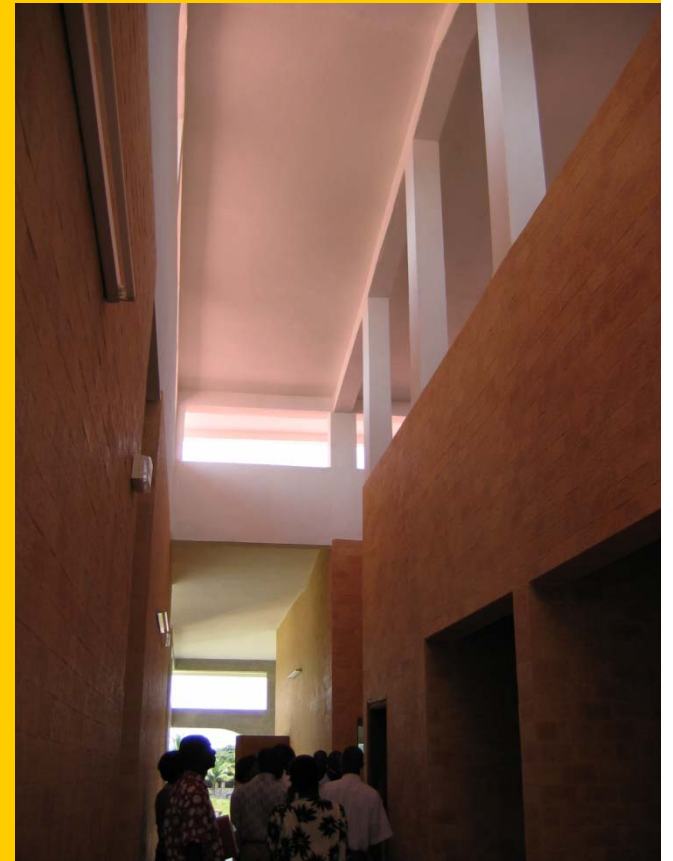
- Transparent budget process
- Results-based resource allocation
- Systematic academic and operations evaluation procedures
- Student Handbook completed
- Faculty Handbook under development
- Grading system normed across faculty



Initial Majors and Degrees

- B.A. Economics, Finance and Management
- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.A. International Relations and Strategic Studies

Preparatory Year available prior
to University entrance



- Residence Building
(70 single rooms)
- Classroom building
(for 150 students)
- Computer Center
- Food Service
- Guard Service

Facilities



Classroom Building



Residences



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