



Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako

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Interview with the DG of the EMP-ABB Brigadier General Mody Béréthé

As an international center attached to the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB) had to be exemplary in the application of the government's instructions in the fight against COVID-19.

As a result, we took the necessary actions by implementing the EMP-ABB's anti-coronavirus apparatus, DAC2020. In addition to the sanitary measures, temperature control and application of social distancing, the school decided to interrupt the two training sessions that were in progress, DDR and CIMIC; and thanks to the support of Germany, took care of the international trainees and trainers by repatriating them to their families via special Air Force flights. To date, there is only one international trainee left, who is of course taken care of by the EMP-ABB. The school does not abandon any of its trainees or instructors.

The school has made strategic use of the situation created by this new environment by moving from training as its core activity to readjusting and adapting the implementation plan for the strategy decided in 2018. We see this period as an opportunity to reflect on the internal organization of the school; to update the documentation available here at **CARESS** and at the level of instruction, by bringing together all the resources and information available. The objective is to provide the right tools to deal with the current situation. In other words, this is not a closed period for the school, but rather a staff job,

In addition, the current situation generates a lot of demand for adapted and specific training courses. Even if for the moment the school no longer welcomes international trainees, we are able to provide training sessions for Malian officers, both on site and outside the school premises; and of course always in compliance with anti-coronavirus measures. **The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces** considered that the EMP-ABB can serve as a platform in terms of training and human resources to contribute to the huge training need. The same applies to the **Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs**, which relies on the EMP-ABB for training courses on the constitution and management of staff in times of crisis. Indeed, the school has courses on understanding the phenomena of terrorism; Human Factors in Counter-Terrorism (**HFCT**); the Civil and Military Action course; the TOSK course on Staff Management Techniques. In other words, the school is able to update these courses and deliver them to staff officers in order to respond to the current situation and positively impact collaboration and coordination with international partners such as the **G5 Sahel joint force, ECOWAS and the United Nations**.

The EMP-ABB through its anti-coronavirus apparatus - the **DAC2020** - applies all the measures to fight the global pandemic, and the school is more active than ever in producing and offering training formats adapted to the situation. In accordance with its mandate, as soon as conditions are favorable, the school will extend its activities to its international trainees and instructors. **All together, let's stop the coronavirus!**

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Training course: Human Factors in Counter-Terrorism - HFCT

From **March 02 to March 06, 2020**, the EMP-ABB delivered the course on "Human Factors counter-terrorism" (**HFCT**). This training course had only one female participant and was funded by Great Britain. It was attended by 23 trainees, including 2 from Niger and the rest from Mali.

The aim of the course was to enable participants to understand the psychological factors involved in terrorist operations. This EMP-ABB course on human factors in the fight against terrorism is on the list of training courses that FAMAs officers could benefit from by adapting it to current circumstances and needs.

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UN-CIMIC

On **Monday, March 09, 2020**, the EMP-ABB started the **UN-CIMIC** training session scheduled over a period of 2 weeks, but was suspended on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** in accordance with government instructions and the implementation of the EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus (DAC2020).

The training session was attended by 23 trainees, including 3 women; 2 international instructors and 1 MINUSMA staff member. A total of 8 countries were represented: Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Togo and Mali.



UN-CIMIC is designed to enable personnel in peace operations - military, police and civilian - already serving or to be deployed, to understand the importance of civil-military coordination; to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, conduct and report on civil-military actions.

Awareness Session on Constitutional Justice



On **Thursday, 27 February 2020**, the EMP-ABB hosted in its auditorium an awareness-raising session on constitutional justice entitled "Let's Talk About the Constitution". This session, funded by UNMISAM, was organized and conducted in partnership with the Constitutional Court of Mali. The sensitization was addressed to 200 young people designated by the Malian Ministry of Youth.



100 female personnel of the defense and security forces - APR

From **March 4 to March 11, 2020**, the EMP-ABB conducted a training and awareness-raising session on the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali (**APR**) resulting from the Algiers process and on security sector reform (**SSR**) and capacity building in SSR and DDR. This session, funded by **MINUSMA** and organized in partnership with the **Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs**, brought together 100 female personnel of the defense and security forces and a total of **143 participants**.

The main points covered in this training session included the key concepts and notions of Security Sector Reform; Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration and Integration; the key concepts and notions of **the Agreement; the mandate of MINUSMA and UN Security Council Resolution 1325 of 2000**. In addition to lessons and exercises, the training also included learning activities using role-playing to highlight one of the many contributions of qualified female personnel in post-conflict reconstruction and the importance of women's participation in peace support operations. Testimonials on gender-based violence in the workplace were also collected, which helped to create and maintain a pleasant and supportive learning environment.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration DDR



From **March 09 to March 17, 2020**, the EMP-ABB conducted a training session on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (**DDR**), funded by the Federal Republic of Germany. Following government instructions and measures related to COVID-19, the school decided to postpone the session, which was initially scheduled to end on the 20th of March 2020; and all the international trainees and instructors were able to be repatriated to their families. 24 trainees - including 10 women - from 8 different countries, Canada, Burkina-Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Mali and including 4 officials from MINUSMA and 1 from MINUSCA, were able to benefit from this training session. The objective of the DDR course is to build the capacity of the participants on the key elements of a DDR process and its norms.

In addition, based on recommendations issued from previous sessions, a new module on mine action, mine awareness and prevention of explosive ordnance and improvised devices (IEDs) and explosive remnants of war (ERGs) was included in the DDR course curriculum. Before the adjournment of the training session, a sports and tourist hike in the city of Bamako allowed the trainees to immerse themselves in the culture and certain local realities: the National Zoo of Mali, the observatory of Point G of Bamako, the Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers Balla Fasséké Kouyaté, the CAN square, the monument of the Obelisk and the one of Kwame Nkrumah. And the sports session on Thursday, March 12, 2020, on the SNJ sports field with football, handball and frisbee as activities.

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Stagiaire International du Cameroun : Ngoran Evaristus Junior



EMP-ABB's International Trainees, Instructors and Collaborators

To date, **only one EMP-ABB international trainee still remains in Mali**. All the other international trainees, instructors and collaborators that wanted it, have all been repatriated to their families.

Canadian police officers who were present for the establishment of the course on Community Police for Peacekeepers and UN Missions have been recalled. **The military officer from Switzerland and the police officer from Germany** were allowed to remain on Malian territory. All these international collaborators of the EMP-ABB continue to contribute to the good functioning of the school and the strengthening of its Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus, DAC2020.

The EMP-ABB warmly **thanks the helpfulness of the different embassies** of the international trainees and instructors supported by the EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus, DAC2020.

Specialist in Democracy at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa :

Mr. Ngoran Evaristus, our international participant in the CIMIC course from Cameroon is currently residing in Mali and his support was made possible thanks to funding from the Democratic Republic of Germany. Mr. Ngoran warmly thanks all the personnel of the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondine Beye (EMP-ABB): "Thank you for the support and accompaniment; I really feel at home. I can confirm that the spirit of pan-Africanism and mutual aid is real here at EMP-ABB. Many thanks to the DG and his whole staff for the great work. All my needs are taken care of by the school, including my mental well-being. I am in constant contact with the staff and my fellow interns who are also fantastic in regularly checking in on me; and thanks to the quality of the staff and leadership at EMP-ABB, I continue to work remotely like all my colleagues at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa.



I decided to study CIMIC at the EMP-ABB because it is one of the best peacekeeping training centres in the world. The need for coordination among peace workers is essential. Building and maintaining sustainable peace requires integrated work between civilian, military and police actors. This CIMIC course is very rich in teaching in this sense. I have learned a lot from this course. It is a great learning environment that stimulates a spirit of conviviality between participants and trainers. I think that there is no better place than the EMP-ABB to acquire this new knowledge that will allow me to achieve my career goals and fulfill my current professional obligations. I advise my African brothers and sisters to apply at the EMP-ABB which offers several other courses in addition to the CIMIC.

To conclude, I remain confident and positive and as soon as the measures related to the pandemic are lifted, I will be able to return to Cameroon. I thank the EMP-ABB for its solidarity and encourage the whole team **to keep on like this on the path of African solidarity!** ».



Summary of our Special Edition

Our International Trainees from Niger

On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, our international trainees from Niger were able to return to their country and after 2 weeks of confinement for observation, they were all able to rejoin their families. All of them were tested negative. They very warmly thank all the staff and the direction of the EMP-ABB for the quality of the welcoming and support.

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In our **Special Edition of March 2020 on COVID-19**, all the articles were devoted to the measures taken in response to the global pandemic and their impact on the school's activity and organization.

The main topics covered in that Special Edition were : the EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus, DAC2020; the support of the EMP-ABB's international trainees and instructors, the support of Germany for the unforeseen expenses generated by COVID-19; the working session with the Civil Protection; the process of adapting the EMP-ABB courses to the current situation; the launch of a citizen information and awareness campaign on COVID-19 in partnership with the National Platform for Disaster Risk Prevention and Management, the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection, the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Mali, the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC), the Federation of Artists of Mali (FEDAMA) and the communication agency DFA. For more details on these various articles and activities, please **visit our website www.empbamako.org or request to receive our Special Edition of March 2020 (N°Special-01).**

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The New Habits to Develop - DAC2020



GESTES À ADOPTER

Lave-toi très régulièrement les mains, toutes les heures avec de l'eau et du savon ou utilise une solution hydro-alcoolique.



Évite de serrer la main et de faire la bise.

Couvre-toi la bouche et le nez avec un mouchoir en cas d'éternuement.



Au besoin se couvrir le nez avec un masque

Utilise un mouchoir à usage unique, jette-le dans une poubelle fermée et lave-toi les mains



Maintiens une distance d'au moins un mètre avec les autres personnes qui toussent ou qui éternuent

Sans mouchoir, tousse ou étourne dans le pli du coude (pas dans tes mains)



Évite de toucher le visage, le nez, les yeux et la bouche. Ce sont des portes d'entrée pour les virus et nos mains leurs transports en commun.

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#Covid-19

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APPEL GRATUIT



- 1- Qu'est ce que le coronavirus, appelé Covid-19?**

Les coronavirus constituent une famille de virus, à l'origine, chez l'Homme, de maladies allant d'un simple rhume à des pathologies respiratoires graves. Un nouveau coronavirus à l'origine d'infections pulmonaires a été détecté en chine en fin décembre 2019
- 2- Quelles sont les zones à risque ?**

Les premiers cas ont été détectés dans la ville de Wuhan (chine). Avant tout voyage, s'informer des zones concernées.
- 3- Quels sont les modes de transmission ?**

Les infections pulmonaires à coronavirus se transmettent par voie aérienne (postillons, toux...) lors d'un contact étroit et rapproché avec une personne malade. Aucune transmission via des objets n'a été rapportée à ce jour.
- 4- Quand une personne est-elle contagieuse ?**

Une personne est contagieuse le plus souvent à l'apparition des symptômes.
- 5- Quels sont les premiers symptômes ?**

Fièvre, toux, difficulté à respirer survenant dans les 14 jours après le retour d'une zone à risque.
- 6- Comment peut-on se protéger ?**

Pour les personnes malades. Le port du masque chirurgical est recommandé afin d'éviter de propager la maladie par voie aérienne.

Pour les personnes non malades, le port de ce type de masque n'est pas recommandé et son efficacité n'est pas démontrée

Pour les professionnels de santé en contact étroit avec les malades, ils doivent utiliser des équipements de protection spécifiques.

Le lavage des mains est recommandé dans tous les cas.
- 7- Que doit faire une personne de retour d'une zone à risque ?**

Au retour d'une zone où circule le coronavirus

En cas de fièvre, de toux, de difficultés à respirer dans les 14 jours après le retour

Rester chez soi et contacter le numéro vert 36061 en signalant ce voyage

Ne pas aller chez le médecin ou aux urgences de l'hôpital et éviter tout contact avec son entourage.
- 8- Quels sont les traitements ?**

La prise en charge repose sur le traitement des symptômes mis en œuvre dans les établissements de santé identifiés.