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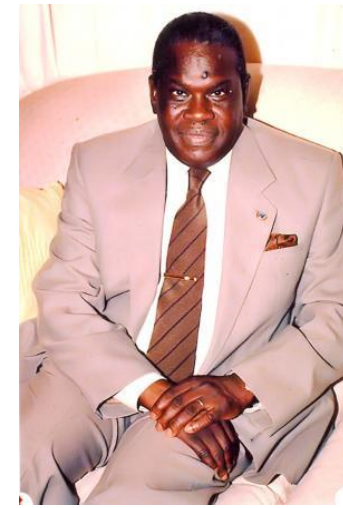
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22nd Anniversary of the Day of Commemoration of the late Alioune Blondin Beye

On Friday 26 June 2020, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the day of commemoration of the late Alioune Blondin Beye. In addition to hosting free of charge this event initiated by the Club Alioune Blondin Beye, the EMP-ABB has made its staff available to help organize and animate the activities.

This commemorative day was attended by, among others, the wives of the late Alioune Blondin Beye, Mrs. Beye Kadidiatou Camara and Mrs. Beye Kadidiatou Sall; Professor Ali Nouhoum Diallo, in charge of the function of President of the National Assembly for a period of 10 years; Ambassador Boubacar Gouro Diallo, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; close collaborators of the late Alioune Blondin Beye such as Professor Cheick Hamed Tidiane Dia and Professor Abdoulaye Diallo; the President of the Ginna Dogon Association, Mamadou Togo; the former and current President of the ABB Club and their members; the EMP-ABB staff on secondment and the Director General of the School, Brigadier General Mody Béréthé.



During the ceremony, the participants were able to share their memories and anecdotes about the late Alioune Blondin Beye, specifying the qualities that made him a source of inspiration in the field of diplomacy and the promotion of the culture of peace. Among the activities that enriched that day was the screening of the documentary film retracing his career, as well as the testimonies given by his two wives, Ms Beye Kadidiatou Camara and Ms Beye Kadidiatou Sall.

The EMP-ABB plans to create an official special day of commemoration for the late Alioune Blondin Beye. The date of his 'departure' could even become an official event of the AU and ECOWAS diplomatic corps and perhaps even a national one.



Signature of Conventions: FRANCE - UNDP - EMP-ABB

On Wednesday, 10 June, His Excellency Mr. Joël Meyer, Ambassador of France to Mali, and the Acting Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Alfredo Teixeira, signed an agreement for the implementation of the Support Project for the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School in Bamako. The signing ceremony was held in the presence of the Director General of EMP-ABB, Brigadier General Mody Béréthé.



On Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 10 am, a local examination committee met online to study and discuss the Support Project financed by France and implemented by UNDP for the benefit of the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako. With a total budget of 900 000€ (590 million FCFA), this project aims to strengthen the capacities of French-speaking African executives for an increased and efficient participation in UN peacekeeping and security activities, through the development of teaching and hosting capacities of the EMP-ABB by the end of the year 2020.

The project provides, inter alia, for the organization of technical and professional training for nearly 600 elements of the African defense and security forces in the areas of Peacekeeping Operations (PKOs); the development of new courses on leadership, terrorism and violent extremism, and the expansion and strengthening of the school's network of focal points; the completion of the renovation and construction of infrastructure (5 training rooms and 92 guest rooms) and the improvement of the school's computer (45 computers) and pedagogical (30 GPS) systems.

Mr Alfredo Teixeira stressed that " this project responds to the priorities of the EMP, which today has a recognized legitimacy in training in the field of peacekeeping. With nearly 28,000 African civilian, police and military officers already trained, the School is now an internationally recognized reference. That is why I would like to reaffirm here the commitment of UNDP and its partners to continue their support to the School. In that regard, I would like to thank France once again for its confidence in UNDP and the quality of our partnership".

H.E. Joël Meyer, Ambassador of France to Mali, recalled that "The EMP is undoubtedly one of the finest international schools with a regional vocation in terms of infrastructure and training. With this funding, France is proud to contribute both to the school's success and to the excellent training conditions for its trainees, whose level is well established. ».

On Thursday June 18th, 2020 at 2 p.m., the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB) signed with UNDP, the convention for the implementation of the Support Project, in the presence of the Director of the Center for Strategic Studies, General Touré, representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



New Training Course at EMP-ABB Leadership in Times of Crisis

From Monday, June 22 to Wednesday, June 24, 2020, a series of discussion sessions took place at the EMP-ABB as part of the design of a new training course: Leadership in Times of Crisis.

This working session was attended by Mr. Mamadou N'diaye, a JCI Senator and specialist in personal development and training module design; Colonel Aliou Bagayoko, Director of Instruction of EMP-ABB and his team; Colonel Alou Boï Diarra of the Air Force, Commander of the Mopti Air Region; Colonel Djibril Koné, Chief of Staff of the Sévaré Defense Zone; Major Ousmane Goïta, Head of the Studies and Training Division of the Directorate of Military Studies; Major Karim Berthé, Head of the Studies and Research Division of the Directorate of Military Studies; Lieutenant-Colonel Adama Guindo of the Civil Protection; as well as the Center for Analysis and Research of Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS) of EMP-ABB.

During this design and exchange phase, the project also benefited from the contributions of HEM Mike Elliott, Canadian Ambassador to Mali and the Director of the Strategic Studies Center of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Major General (2S) Mahamane Touré, former CEMGA and former Director of EMPABB. According to Mr. Mamadou N'diaye, "exercising leadership means being able to understand the problems and challenges of one's environment, to anticipate, inspire and guide one's target audiences towards a desired and healthy future for all. Isn't that what we need most right now? ». Colonel Alou Boï Diarra of the Air Force said that "the aim of this development workshop is to create a practical curriculum that will allow a visible improvement in the skills and attitudes necessary to exercise leadership in times of crisis, within the FAMA, but also in all spheres of the Nation. ». The Director of Instruction of the EMP-ABB reminds that in view of the security, political and economic situation "civilian, police and military cadres need strong leadership. ».

This new training course "Leadership in times of crisis", like all the activities developed and implemented by EMP-ABB, is in line with the current needs of Mali, as well as those of the entire Sahelo-Saharan region in the context of peacekeeping and peacebuilding. One of the particularities of this training course is that it is planned to open it to CEOs, directors and managers of companies in the private sector.



EMP-ABB's June 2020 Training Courses



From June 8 to 12, 2020, EMP-ABB conducted the "CIMIC" training course for the benefit of the FAMA funded by the Federal Republic of Germany. A total of 15 trainees, including 03 women, were trained. The objectives of the course were to explain the CIMIC course doctrine and associated concepts, detailing its principles and structures; and to describe the CIMIC course environment in the context of military operations, including the key partners.

The "RSS" course, given by the EMP-ABB from June 8 to 12, 2020 for the benefit of the FAMA, brought together 14 trainees, including 01 women. This training course financed by the Federal Republic of Germany was aimed at taking stock of the state of play of the security sector reform in the framework of the peace and reconciliation agreement in Mali, resulting from the Algiers process.

The "PC Bataillon" training course for staff officers of the Ecole Nationale de la Gendarmerie de Faladié took place from June 8 to 19, 2020, and was financed by the Federal Republic of Germany. A total of 18 trainees (including 01 women) from Guinea Conakry, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Mali benefited from this training. Its objective was to reinforce their skills in the field of battalion commanding techniques.

The session "Capacity-building for battalion-level staff officers" was held at the EMP-ABB from June 15 to 19, 2020. Funded by the Federal Republic of Germany, the course was attended by 15 participants, including 01 women, plus 03 mentors. The participants came from the Army, the Air Force and the National Guard. The aim of the course was to upgrade skills and harmonise procedures to enable FAMA tactical command posts to plan and conduct operations effectively together.

The training course "Human Rights and Gender in the Prevention and Fight against Violent Extremism and Terrorism", from June 15 to 19, 2020, provided by the EMP-ABB at the request of the military authorities of Mali for the benefit of its Defence and Security Forces, brought together 16 participants (including 4 women) and 10 supervisory staff. During these five days of training, trainees from the Air Force, the Army, the National Guard and the National Police were able to strengthen their operational effectiveness in preventing and combating violent extremism and terrorism, through a better consideration of human rights considerations and gender perspective in the theatre of operations. The course "Human Rights and Gender in the Prevention and Fight against Violent Extremism and Terrorism" was funded by the Federal Republic of Germany.





Commander El Mahdi Ag Alhassane
Chief of Operations Division
at the National Guard Headquarters
'RSS' trainee

This training course provided me with an insight into the institutional architecture directly in charge of reforming the security sector. The course was also an opportunity for us, the different security and defense forces, to have a space for exchange on this subject and to improve collaboration between the different corporations. Personally, the course allowed me to see at what level we are at in terms of reform, and to better understand the organizational structure behind it. The training obtained during this RSS course will enable us to contribute to a good understanding of the reform underway within our various security and defense forces.

It would be a positive step to further popularize this kind of training to improve understanding among our the different corporations.



Captain
Emmanuelle Youma Diagne
of the Air Force
'CIMIC' training trainee

I learned a lot from the training at the EMP-ABB. Before attending the 'CIMIC' course, I had no knowledge about civil-military coordination, let alone that there was an equivalency in our military armed forces, which is 'ACM' (civil-military action). I came out of the training with a lot of new tools, because it taught me that during operations, we must also carry out actions for civilians, including civilian assistance. This assistance can be direct or indirect depending on the mission. I learned a lot, including that a CIMIC officer must support the mission in order for it to be successful. Cooperation with the local communities is an important element in the success of some missions, hence the importance of knowing how to work with interpreters. Stress management is also a factor to consider. Stress is constantly present, hence the need to know how to manage it. The lessons learned during this 'CIMIC' course go even beyond military training and are applicable and useful in everyday life.

I think it is important that as many people as possible are able to attend this kind of trainings in order to become familiar with the issues and challenges before going into the field. We hope to continue to benefit from more trainings at EMP-ABB to strengthen our capacities in peacekeeping.



“Moodle” as new platform for e-Learning at the EMP-ABB

With a short article (Newsletter March 2020) we have already introduced “Moodle” as the new platform for distance learning at the EMP-ABB. “Moodle” is a worldwide best-known platform for universities and other educational organizations. 207 Million people working worldwide with “Moodle”. We will be part of this big family.

‘Moodle’ will not substitute the learning in classes, but it will give us the chance to do a pre-preparation for courses. Each of our participants should already know about the fundamental principles of the UN and their Missions. Therefore, we have a course “Connaissance Fondamentale”, which we would like to modify. These basic knowledges can be better educated online so that we have more space for the real important courses of Peacekeeping operations. This will help us to raise the effectiveness of our courses.

But there are more positive aspects by “Moodle”. We will register all courses (online and inhouse) on “Moodle”. Being registered on “EMP-ABB Moodle” you will benefit from all advantages: Professional exchange with your classmates, access to all relevant documents online (online-bibliotheca), discussion boards in the forums and keeping the “Anciens” (Alumni) connected to the school. Over the years the EMP-ABB family will grow and will build a huge professional virtual network.

‘Moodle’ will also help us to administer the courses and give us the chance for better Evaluation of courses and doing post-ex evaluation so that we can adjust our courses to the highest level of professionalism.

The Federal Republic of Germany is financing the start-up of “Moodle” and a working group has been built at the school to do all necessary work of technic and pedagogical aspects.

Our goal will be to offer the first “Moodle” online course before the end of 2020.



Interview with the Head of EMP-ABB's DCDI

My name is Klaus-Dieter Tietz. I'm 61 years old and I'm police officer for more than 40 years in the Federal state of Lower Saxony in Germany.

My German rank is "Polizeidirektor" and this is translated to "Colonel" here in Mali. I have been in several Missions abroad and doing Peacekeeping work. I have been to Bosnia and Hercegovina as well as in Sudan and in South Sudan and in Mali.

In Mali I was working for two years within MINUSMA and have been responsible for the Unit dealing with the support in the fight against organized crime and terrorism as well as Forensics (SOC SU).

Since 2019 I'm deployed to the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix (EMP-ABB) in Bamako in the capacity of being the "Director of Communication and Institutionally Development" (DCDI).

The first year of my work I was the only person in this directorate and that was a challenge. In principle I could only do strategic framework tasks and assist in development of programs and courses. At the same time, I was a bridge between the Federal Republic of Germany and the EMP-ABB. In 2019 this work was shared by two German officers, one military and one police, but since 2020 I was the only representant of Germany at the school.

The renovation of the computer equipment plays a very important role in the development of the school. No one would have imagined in 2019, that this German-funded project would be crucial in 2020 to deal with a crisis such as the one caused by coronavirus disease. This renovation of our server and software has enabled us to maintain our workflow despite the restrictions imposed by the crisis. This new technology has enabled us to telecommute, hold videoconferences and even keep in touch with our international colleagues that have been repatriated. It also helped us to continue our trainings and to connect international experts with our classes via videoconferencing.

***Since January 2020,
the School experienced a real boost
in the area of communication***

The DCDI was strengthened by two new members through a transparent and open selection process. A journalist, as communication expert and a "webmaster" for the technical part of the communication could be hired. The website www.empbamako.org is regularly updated and the School is now much more active on social media such as Twitter (@Emp_Bamako) and Facebook (EmpabbBamako).



Since February 2020 a "Newsletter" is distributed to recipients in the whole world, with a very positive feedback. This Newsletter will be distributed monthly and for example for the Corona-Crises there was a special edition to inform about all the measures taken to minimize the risk and to protect personnel and participants.

Now the EMP-ABB shows themselves openminded and very transparent to the whole population, supporters, Internationals and partners. Nothing is hidden and everybody can see what the EMP-ABB is doing in the "Peacekeeping" context.

Since June 2020 the team has a new 'player'. Madina was recruited to strengthen the ties to our partners and to build new relationships to other Nations and Organizations. At present the "Conseil d'Administration" consists out of ten supporting countries or Supranational Organizations. But the EMP-ABB is open for other partners to step in and assist in promoting the idea of 'Peacekeeping'.

In the last month, all important events have been covered by the media and several articles were published in Newspapers or broadcasted on TV. Just at the beginning of the Corona-Crises the EMP-ABB with other partners organized a Sensibilization Campaign. Our colleague and "rapper" called "Amkouelle" brought together various Malian Artists. The result has been videoclips in various languages and can still be seen on YouTube.com and our Facebook page. More than 300 thousand times the videos have been "clicked". They are still reachable: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ6ct7ofkPs&t=33s> or <https://www.facebook.com/EcoledMaintiendelaPaix/posts/149588416604887>

A new project for 2020/2021 is the implementation of a distance learning (e-learning) program called “Moodle”. More than 200 Million users worldwide are working with “Moodle”.



Beside the standard e-Learning courses “Moodle” will help us also in administering of courses and doing reliable statistics and evaluations. But not all things have been done so far. The by-law from 2018 also gives three further tasks. Here only the planning has started.

One very important task will be the implementation of a “Quality Management” following international norms. ISO 9000:2015 and ISO 9001:2015 to be started with. Its about the organization and functioning of the school. It describes processes and developments. Next level would be the certification as school itself by the ISO norm 29001:2018 (Educational organizations — Management systems for educational organizations). But without further qualified manpower (Quality-Manager) this task cannot be proceeded.

Documentation and archival storage are two further tasks to be done. Here is the investment for technics necessary and the training of personnel must be done. Following the principles of ISO norm 9001:2015 the whole circle of workflow must be guaranteed, so we cannot leave Documentation and archival storage beside.

My tour of duty as police officer comes to an end and I will leave Mali in July 2020. I would like to thank the Director General Mody BERETHE for his confidence in my work and his steadily support for the development of DCDI.

Thanks as well to all members of the EMP-ABB. I’m proud that I could be part of the EMP-ABB family and I got all the support and respect necessary to do my tasks. Finally, I would like to say thank you to my team. Without them the success would not have been possible. I’m sure they will go on and participate in the development of this school. To all donors, partners and friends I would like to say that your investment in the EMP-ABB is a well-done investment in Peace and Stability in the whole area of West-Africa. I hope this support will even grow up!



Thank you



EMP-ABB's June 2020 Training Classes





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**Stage CIMIC - FAMa - 2 - 20 DEU
du 08 au 12 Juin 2020**



**" l'Etat de la Reforme du secteur de Sécurité
au Mali dans le cadre de l'APR" DEU
du 08 au 12 Juin 2020**



**Stage "Renforcement des capacités
des Officiers d'Etat - major de PC GTIA"
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End of Mission Ceremony for the Director of the DCDI of EMP-ABB, Colonel Klaus-Dieter Tietz of the German Police Force

