

Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako

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The Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin BEYE, through "The Debates of the CARESS" hosted a meeting on August 28, 2020 on the theme: "the actions and contributions of ECOWAS to the resolution of crises in Mali". This meeting was attended by the High Representative of the African Union, HEM Pierre Bouyoya; the Permanent Representative of ECOWAS, HEM Hamady Boly; the Ambassador of Ghana, HEM General Francis Adu Amanfoh; the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mrs. Sarah Bukar-Godwin; many young leaders and influencers of the Malian Civil Society, as well as the auditors of the Master in Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict State Reconstruction.

Exchange meeting between ECOWAS and the Malian Civil Society

The **Director General of the EMP-ABB**, Brigadier General Mody Béréthé took this opportunity to recall the spirit that founded "The Debates of CARESS", which sets up a framework for dialogue and exchanges between different socio-political actors in Mali on current political, social, cultural and economic issues, in a convivial family atmosphere, and without taboos. He also recalled the links that exist between the Alioune Blondin Peacekeeping School and ECOWAS, the EMP-ABB being one of the three ECOWAS centers of excellence in charge of the training of executives who will contribute to the development of the West African Standby Force, within the framework of the African Union Peace and Security Architecture (APSTA).

With regard to the direct and active involvement of ECOWAS in the resolution of the crisis in Mali, he felt that the EMP-ABB has an important role to play by serving as an entry point and meeting point between national actors and the international community for which ECOWAS serves as the lead organization. This contribution is also ensured by the various services provided by CARESS, through its training and research activities, one of the flagship products of which was produced on the pastoralist / farmer conflict in partnership with NDC and KAIPTC under the leadership of ECOWAS.

He wished to express his special thanks to the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) whose representative in Mali, Mr. Ibrahim Maiga moderated the meeting.



Responding to the various concerns of participants, **Ambassador Boly, Permanent Representative of ECOWAS in Mali**, recalled that ECOWAS, created in 1975, is one of the most dynamic organizations in Africa. It was created to fight against the balkanization of Africa and to promote the good integration of peoples. To this end, the economic aspects of integration as well as peace and security issues are highlighted in its various policies. Referring to the various conflict management mechanisms of the sub-regional institution, he gave clarifications on the different positions taken by the organization on the current crisis in Mali, explaining the difficulties raised with regard to the different constitutional contexts as well as the measures planned for crisis management within the member states. He stressed that despite the declared measures calling for the establishment of an embargo, many initiatives have been taken to ease the situation, particularly through interventions to allow the passage of food and basic necessities.

As for the representative of the African Union in Mali, Ambassador Bouyoya, who spoke extensively on the Malian crisis, he indicated that the principle of subsidiarity was respected because **the competence of ECOWAS was recognized**. He believes that only Malians should decide on the continuation of the political process which calls for the establishment of a transition. He reiterated the AU's readiness to continue to support the sub-regional effort and to share with Malians the lessons learned in many other countries of the continent, in a spirit of African solution to African problems.

The ambassador of Ghana, HEM General Francis Adu Amanfoh, called for **the establishment of a government of national unity and the organization of credible elections**. The Chargé d'affaires of Nigeria, Mrs. Sarah Bukar-Godwin, concurred, highlighting the commitment of her country within ECOWAS for a resolution of the crisis in various ways, particularly in support of the mediator, the former president of her country, Goodluck Jonathan.



The young leaders and influencers of the Malian Civil Society participating in the exchange meeting wished that the following messages be relayed by the panelists:

- ECOWAS should be closer to the people and that it should no longer be perceived as an organization that defends the authorities in place, to the detriment of their populations;
- that the issue of extending presidential terms of office in the subregion be given the same attention and response as an unconstitutional change in power, as a conflict prevention measure;
- ECOWAS should effectively take into account issues of good governance in Member States;
- **the contribution of ECOWAS to the discussions under way in Mali** so that:
 - the content of the transition should be known first before setting the term;
 - the criteria to be met for a government to be considered as a government of national unity be specified in advance;
 - the Malian conception of governance is well defined so that the guidelines are put in place to avoid a return to the previous situation;
 - a new generation of politicians should emerge in Mali.

Our training courses of August

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GPS

Gender, Peace and Security
(GPS)

Dates and Location

From August 3rd to 14th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries

17 trainees from Mali,
including 10 women (integrated
training course)

Objective

Acquisition of theoretical and
practical knowledge to gain a
better understanding of women's
involvement in the process of
conflict prevention, negotiation
and management.



CIMIC

Civil-Military Coordination
of the United Nations
(CIMIC)

Dates and Location

From August 3rd to 7th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

France

Beneficiaries

18 FAMa trainees,
including 03 women

Objective

To emphasize the importance of civil-
military coordination and to acquire the
knowledge and skills necessary to plan
and conduct activities, as well as to
prepare UN-CIMIC activity reports.



Leadership

Leadership
in Times of Crisis

Dates and Location

From August 5th to 7th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

France

Beneficiaries

16 FAMa trainees

Objective

Acquisition of basic leadership
skills for disaster risk
management.



CONNFOND in Gambia

Basic Knowledge
(CONNFOND)

Dates and Location

From August 3rd to 14th, 2020
GAFTS (Bakau, Gambia)

Funding

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries

30 trainees from the armed
forces of Gambia,
including 01 women

Objective

Acquire fundamental knowledge
related to peacekeeping
operations (PKOs).

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RSS

Security Sector Reform
(RSS)

Dates and Location

From August 10th to 14th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
France

Beneficiaries
19 FAMa trainees,
including 01 woman

Objective

To take stock of the state of security sector reform within the framework of the Algiers Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.



PC BAT in Ivory Coast

PC Battalion
(PC BAT)

Dates and Location

From August 10th to 21st, 2020
EFA (Zambakro, Ivory Coast)

Funding
France

Beneficiaries
60 officer trainees
of the EFA staff,
including 05 women

Objective

Acquisition of the knowledge and skills required by Battalion Staff Officers engaged in a UN or African Union peace support operation.



UNPOL

United Nations Police
(UNPOL)

Dates and Location

August 17th to 28th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Federal Republic of Germany

Beneficiaries
15 trainees from DGPN,
including 01 woman

Objective

Strengthening the knowledge of police and gendarmerie officers in the pre-deployment of United Nations police.



GRC

Risk Management
of Disaster (GRC)

Dates and Location

August 17th to 28th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries
17 trainees from Mali,
including 03 women
(integrated training course)

Objective

To familiarize participants with the concepts and mechanisms of disaster risk planning and operational management.

Our partnerships in August

The month of August was very rich for **the EMP-ABB in partnership activities**. The School recorded the visits of the Ambassador of Japan to Mali, His Excellency Daisuki Kuroki; the Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali, Mr. Giancarlo de Picciotto; the Executive Director of the Institute of Human and Social Sciences of Mali, Dr. Giancarlo de Picciotto; and the President of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Mali, Dr. Giancarlo de Picciotto. Baba Coulibaly; the National Director of the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Mr. Benoit Couturier; the Director of Promediation, Mr. Eric Blanchot; and the Acting Director of the Malian Army Museum, Lieutenant Colonel Kadiatou Mam. The assurance given by the Japanese Ambassador on the continuation of his country's assistance despite the political crisis was particularly supported by a morning visit and presentation of the School to the First Secretary and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Mali, Mr. Koji Fukuraha who has just taken office.

The various exchanges with the partners made it possible **to explore avenues for future collaboration** in the field of research and training for the benefit of executives in Mali and the Sahel region.



Arrival: Colonel Alex Neukomm permanent instructor at EMP-ABB



Enhancement of the EMP-ABB staff with the presence of Colonel Alex Neukomm as permanent instructor.

At the beginning of August 2020, **Swiss Colonel Alex Neukomm joined the EMP-ABB as a permanent instructor.** Since his distinguished military career began as a soldier in 1989, Colonel Neukomm has held numerous positions at all levels of infantry and logistics. Among his many peacekeeping postings abroad, he served three times on the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission for the Korean Armistice and twice with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East.

The presence of Colonel Alex Neukomm is part of the partnership between the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako and Switzerland via the Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali (DDC). Thus, in his capacity as a permanent instructor at the school, he participates in the supervision and training by sharing his experience and expertise with police, military and civilian trainees on issues related to peacekeeping.

The Peacekeeping School is very pleased to have Colonel Alex Neukomm among its team of trainers and welcomes him to the great family of the EMP-ABB in Bamako.

Departure: Commander Cheick Hamala Bayala permanent instructor at EMP-ABB



Appointment to the position of Second in Command of the Military Prytanée of Kati, Commander Cheick Hamala Bayala, permanent instructor at the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako.

From March 2018 to August 2020, the EMP-ABB was privileged to have Commander Bayala as one of its permanent instructors. **His expertise and experience were put at the service of more than 650 national and international trainees.** Whether as an instructor or training director, he has trained many peace stakeholders, both within and outside the school. An example of rigor, self-sacrifice and meticulousness in his human relations and in the handling of projects; the EMP-ABB is honored but not surprised by this appointment.

Thanks to the high standards and self-discipline of its instructors, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako manages to maintain its level as an ECOWAS center of excellence. Our thanks to Commander Cheick Hamala Bayala for his services rendered in the promotion of the culture of peace and the training of its actors. The entire EMP-ABB family wishes you all the best in your new position and hopes that we will continue to benefit from your expertise for the capacity building of our future trainees!



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