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Memorandum Presentation: Master's degree in Peacekeeping and post-conflict state building

From October 19 to 21, 2020, were held the presentations of the **first graduating class of the master's degree in "Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict State Reconstruction"** of the *Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (CARESS)* of the of the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB).

Find all the information in the special edition of the EMP-NEWS " Master's Degree in Peacekeeping " N°1020-S02 of October 2020.



**Reflection workshop
Political transition in Mali:
Electoral Challenges
and Crisis Resolution**



On Thursday October 15, 2020, in collaboration with the ECOWAS Permanent Representation, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako co-organized and hosted a workshop on "Political Transition in Mali: Electoral Challenges and Crisis Resolution".

Placed under the **chairmanship of the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Dr. Lieutenant-Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga** ; the meeting was attended by the technical and financial partners who are engaged in Mali's post-crisis process, state structures, diplomatic representations accredited in Mali, electoral experts, representatives of civil society, as well as trainees of the EMP-ABB's "Support to the Electoral Process" training course and auditors of the Master's degree in Peacekeeping. These include the following institutions, organizations and representations:



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- Prime Minister's Office ;
- Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization ;
- Independent National Electoral Commission;
- General Delegation for Elections ;
- National Early Warning Center;
- ECOWAS ;
- MISAHEL ;
- MINUSMA ;
- UNDP ;
- Delegation of the European Union ;
- Embassy of Germany ;
- Embassy of Algeria ;
- Embassy of Denmark;
- Embassy of Spain;
- Embassy of the United States;
- Embassy of France;
- Swiss Cooperation ;
- USAID ;
- Carter Center ;
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) ;
- National Democratic Institute (NDI) ;
- Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB)



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The objective of this workshop was to provide a venue for reflection and exchange on the issues and challenges related to the upcoming electoral process in the context of Mali's current political transition training. It was particularly focused on :

- Repositioning the electoral question at the center of reflection in the context of Mali's political transition and proactively encouraging the actions necessary for good strategic planification;
- Sharing experiences, lessons learned and good practices from Mali and elsewhere to support reflection on the options considered;
- Laying the foundations for supporting transition stakeholders in electoral matters.



Seminar against terrorism and violent extremism in Liptako-Gourma



From Monday, October 26 to Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the EMP-ABB hosted a three (03) day seminar on "Conflict Transformation Initiatives and the Fight against Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Experiences and Good Practices of Women and Youth in the Liptako-Gourma".

The seminar had two (02) main objectives:

- To facilitate a better knowledge and valorization of the experiences and good practices of women and youth in conflict transformation and the fight against terrorism and violent extremism in Liptako-Gourma ;
- To offer a space for sharing experiences from the different local initiatives undertaken by women and youth in Liptako-Gourma in the search for stability.

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The opening ceremony, presided over by the Minister of Women, Child and Family Promotion, Mrs. **Bintou Founè Samaké**, was attended by the Minister of Religious Affairs and Worship, Dr. Mahamadou Koné, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Amadou Diarra Yalcouyé; the High Representative of the African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHÉL), HEM Pierre Buyoya; the Ambassador of Japan to Mali, HEM Daisuke Kuroki and the Director General of EMP-ABB, Brigadier General Mody Béréthé.



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This initiative of the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB), **funded by Japan**, has also benefited from the contributions of officials and representatives of civil society from the three (03) border countries covered by the Liptako-Gourma region (Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali) such as the Ministry of Youth and the Promotion of Youth Entrepreneurship in Burkina Faso; the Ministry of Women, National Solidarity, Family and Humanitarian Action of Burkina Faso; and the Ministry of Youth Entrepreneurship of Niger.

A total of five (05) panels punctuated the exchanges throughout the seminar:

- 1- Overview of the socio-economic and security context in Liptako-Gourma
- 2- What place for women and youth in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts and the fight against terrorism and violent extremism?
- 3- Impacts of conflicts on women and youth in Liptako-Gourma
- 4- Conflict transformation and the fight against terrorism and violent extremism in the Liptako-Gourma: Experiences and good practices of women and young people
- 5- Role of ECOWAS Training Centers and Research Institutions

At the end of this three (03) day seminar, HEM Daisuke Kuroki, the Ambassador of Japan, reiterated his country's commitment to contribute to the accompaniment of peace and the strengthening of stability in conflict zones in the Sahel-Saharan space, including Liptako-Gourma.

EMP-ABB's October Partnerships



01/10/2020 - Exchanges with electoral experts on the development of training and awareness programs on electoral matters.



07/10/2020 - First visit of the EMP-ABB by his HEM José Hornero Gómez, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Mali: training, peace, stability, gender and development.



02/10/2020 - Ahmedou Ould Abdallah , former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritania and current Director of the 4S Research Center, Promediation: Peace, Stability and Security in the Sahelo-Saharan region.



08/10/2020 - Courtesy visit of the new Director General of the National Gendarmerie of Mali, Colonel-Major Sambou Minkoro Diakité.

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14/10/2020 - Signature of partnership agreement between EMP-ABB and the Mediator of the Republic of Mali: Strengthening the capacities of both institutions and sharing of knowledge for a more efficient relationship between the administration and the citizens.

14/10/2020 - Working session: Elaboration of a new master's degree from the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahelo-Saharan Region (CARESS) of EMP-ABB, in partnership with the General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC) and the Faculty of Medicine and Odontostomatology (FMOS),



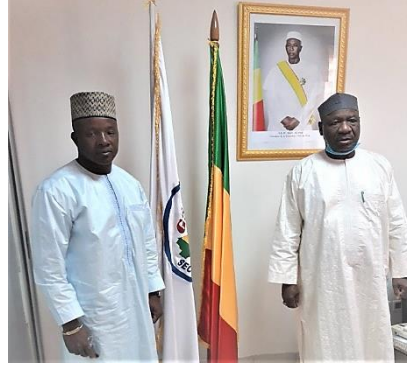
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Closing ceremony in Burkina Faso

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From **October 22 to 23, 2020**, the **Director General of EMP-ABB**, accompanied by his **Chief of Staff**, **Commander Aboubacar Sidick Keïta** and the **Defense Attaché of Mali in Burkina Faso**, **Colonel Moussa Toumani Koné**, met with various authorities and partners of the School in Burkina Faso during his stay to participate to the closing ceremony of the UNPOL training course.

These include **HEM Amadou Soualé**, Mali's Ambassador to Burkina Faso; **Mr. Ousséni Compaoré**, Minister of Security of Burkina Faso; the **Divisional Inspector of Prison Security Eloi Guigma**, Director of the Prison Security Guard; **Colonel Yaya TRAORE**, Head of the Operations and Employment Division at the National Gendarmerie Headquarters; **Police Controller General Jean Bosco Kiénou**, Director General of the National Police; **Colonel Major Joël Biwanlo**, Chief of the Operations Division at the National Gendarmerie Headquarters; and **Colonel Ismaël Diaouari**, Director of the Prytanée Militaire de Kadiogo.



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In addition to the **consolidation of existing partnerships or the creation of new ones between Burkina Faso and Mali**, the various discussions focused on strengthening the culture of peace, stability and the capacities of the staff of the institutions met. The approach adopted to achieve that goal is to stimulate participation in EMP-ABB training courses and to develop specific trainings adapted to their needs.



EMP-ABB's October Training Courses

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CONNFOND

Basic Knowledge
(CONNFOND)

Dates and Location

From October 5th to 9th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civilian/ Military/ Police)
19 trainees,
including 07 women

Objective

Acquisition of basic knowledge
related to peacekeeping
operations (PKOs)



APE

Support to the Electoral Process
(APE)

Dates and Location

From October 12th to 23rd, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civilian/ Military/ Police)
20 trainees,
including 05 women

Objective

Acquisition of the knowledge
and skills necessary for
transparent and professional
planning and management
of electoral processes



UNPOL Burkina Faso

United Nations Police
(UNPOL)

Dates and Location

October 12th to 23rd, 2020
General Direction of the Police
(Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)

Funding

Federal Republic of Germany

Beneficiaries

40 trainees from the national
police, including 14 women

Objective

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



DDR

Disarmament,
Demobilization and Reintegration
(DDR)

Dates and Location

From October 19th to 30th, 2020
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civilian/ Military/ Police)
20 trainees,
including 04 women

Objective

Acquisition of the knowledge
and know-how essential to
Battalion Staff Officers engaged
in an operation



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