

Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako

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**The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, President of the CSA,
joins EMP-ABB's Board of Directors**

On Wednesday, February 10th, 2021, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, President of the Peace Agreement Monitoring Committee (CSA) joined the Board of Directors of the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School.

It thus becomes the 12th member alongside Canada; ECOWAS; Denmark; France; Japan; Mali (member and Chairman of the Board); the Federal Republic of Germany; the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the United Kingdom; Switzerland and the Kingdom of Morocco (associate member).

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The ceremony for the signature of the partnership agreement announcing the entry of the new member to EMP-ABB's Board of Directors, was chaired by the representative of the **Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs (Chairman of the Board of Directors)**, General Souleymane Doucouré, and also recorded the participation of the Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, HEM Sabri Boukadoum; that of his Malian counterpart, HEM Zeïni Moulaye; HEM Boualem Chebihi, Algerian Ambassador to Mali and the Director General of the EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré.



The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye is delighted with the accession of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, as it is **one of the key players in the various crisis resolution processes in the Sahelo-Saharan region.**





CONNFOND

Basic Knowledge
(CONNFOND)

Dates and Location

01-05 february 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
18 trainees
including 5 women

Objective

Acquiring fundamental knowledge
related to peacekeeping operations
(OMP)



CIMIC

Civil-Military Coordination
of the United Nations (CIMIC)

Dates and Location

01-12 february 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

France

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
18 trainees
including 4 women

Objective

Underline the importance of
Civil-military coordination
and gain the knowledge and skills needed
to plan and drive activities, as well as the
preparation of UN-CIMIC activity reports



DDR

Disarmament,
Demobilization and Reintegration
(DDR)

Dates and Location

01-12 february 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
22 trainees
including 5 women

Objective

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



DPE

Child Rights and Protection
(DPE)

Dates and Location

08-12 february 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
21 trainees
including 9 women

Objective

Promotion of practices among peace support operations (PSO) personnel that respect the dignity of children and strengthen their role in protecting children during missions.



GPS

Gender, Peace
and Security
(GPS)

Dates and Location

15-26 february 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
22 trainees
including 12 women

Objective

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

International Senior Seminar : Sahel Crisis Management Initiatives

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On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, as part of the general mobilization for the identification of solutions to manage the crisis in the Sahel, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mali, Head of Government, chaired the three (03) day seminar on " Sahel Crisis Management Initiatives " at the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako. In collaboration with the **Embassy of Japan, a faithful technical and financial partner of the School**, the EMP-ABB had the great privilege of welcoming numerous experts and decision-makers on issues related to peacekeeping and peace-building throughout the Sahel-Saharan region.

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The main objective of this seminar was to help guide the action of the states of the region and key actors of the international community towards a strengthening and better coherence of regional initiatives for security, regional stabilization and development in the Sahel. In other words, it represents an opportunity to articulate the challenges and/or needs in the areas identified in each State involved and to put them into perspective with current or future regional dynamics.

Thus, the following six (06) panels guided the discussions during the training seminar:

1. Framework, Objectives and Expected Results from the seminar;
2. Agreeing on a key to reading the Sahel space and sharing understandings of the magnitude, scope and importance of the challenges developing there ;
3. Comparative diagnoses on the multiplicity and evolution of the challenges at stake in the Sahel-Saharan region;
4. The proliferation of "Sahel Strategies", conjunctions and divergences in approaches/ Challenges and opportunities in implementation/ What are the possible mechanisms for coordination?
5. Implementation of stabilization policies and the urgent actions needed for security, reconciliation and development;
6. Multifaceted effects resulting from the outbreak of crises in the Sahelo-Saharan region and the structuring of armies: the case of Mali.

At the end of these three (03) days of exchanges, a report summarizing the recommendations and compiled by the Sahelo-Saharan Observatory of Geopolitics, will constitute the seminar's contribution to the ongoing efforts of the States of the region and the entire international community in the management of conflicts and crises in the Sahel.

List of seminar participants : Sahel Crisis Management Initiatives (1/2)

- **H.E. Moctar OUANE, Prime Minister, Head of Government ;**
 - H.E. Colonel Sadio CAMARA, Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs;
 - H.E. Dr. Abdoulaye MAÏGA, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization;
 - H.E. Modibo SIDIBÉ, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Mali ;
 - H.E. Mahamat Saleh ANNADIF, Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and Head of MINUSMA;
 - Maman Sambo SIDIKOU, Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel ;
 - GD Mahamane TOURE, Center for Strategic Studies Mali ;
 - Inspector General of Police Ibrahim DIALLO, Minister Counsellor for National Security;
 - Ibrahim MAIGA, Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office;
 - Dr. Aly TOUNKARA Teacher Researcher;
 - Mr Amadou Tiéoulé DIARRA, Lawyer at the court - Teacher / Researcher;
 - Hamidou MAGASSA, Director of the Study and Research Center.
 - on Natural Resources and Environment in the Sahel (CERNES) ;
 - Ebbe Mohamed ABDALLAH, Director General of the Sahel-INSAH Institute;
 - Dr. Monzon TRAORE, Teacher/Researcher;
 - Dr. Mariame SIDIBE, PASAS Project Manager;
 - Ambassador, Boubacar Gaoussou DIARRA, Secretary of the Crisis Management Policy Framework at the Center of Mali;
 - CLM Issa Ousmane COULIBALY, Director of Military Justice;
 - Ambassador, Birahim SOUMARE ;
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- Dr. Niagalé BAGAYOKO, President of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN);
 - Dr. Sampala BALIMA, Politician, specialist in security and defense (Burkina Faso);
 - Alexis NDAYIZEYE Head of Office DCAF Mali ;
 - GUIRYANAN Olivier Managing Director of BUCOFOR and Associate Researcher at SAFERWORLD UK (Chad);
 - Dr. Zakaria OUSMAN, Dir Chadian Center for Strategic Studies - Chad ;
 - Dr. Moulaye HASSANE Head of the Program Fight against Radicalization and Violent Extremism - Niger ;
 - Natacha Kunama, Crisis Prevention and Recovery Advisor, (UNDP/Mali) ;
 - Sarah Vuilleumier, Human Security Advisor (Swiss Cooperation Office);
 - CLM Mady SAVADOGO, Coordinator at the Sahelian Center for Threat Analysis and Early Warning (CSAMAP) - (Burkina-Faso);
 - Oumarou Paul KOALAGA, Expert Consultant in International Relations and Strategy - (Burkina Faso);
 - El Mansour Feten, Senior fellow researcher, Mauritanian Institute of Strategic Studies - (Mauritania);
 - Passoua RIGOMBA, Expert Analyst at the Sahelian Center for Threat Analysis and Early Warning (CSAMAP) - (Burkina Faso);
 - Gilles HOLDER, Co-Director of LMI MACOTER ;
 - Bakary SAMBE, West African Think tank (WATHI);
 - Hamed Sékou GADJIGO, Legal Adviser/ CNAP ;
 - Jérôme PIGNÉ, President of the Strategic Reflection Network on Security in the Sahel;



List of seminar participants : Sahel Crisis Management Initiatives (2/2)

- Ministry of National Reconciliation (Mali) ;
- Embassy of Japan ;
- Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany;
- Embassy of France;
- Embassy of Switzerland;
- Embassy of the United Kingdom;
- Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
- Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco ;
- ECOWAS Women's Peace and Security Network;
- Mali's National Early Warning and Response Center;
- African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL);
- Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mali (EU);
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Mali;
- Regional Coordinator of the G5 Sahel Women's Platform;
- Institute for Studies and Security (ISS);
- UN Women Mali ;
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC);
- The Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako.



EMP-ABB's February Partnerships : Minister in charge of the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family

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On Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021, the Minister in charge of the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family, **H.E.M. Bintou Founé Samaké**, honored with her presence and contributions the EMP-ABB's Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) training course.

The Minister commended the commitment of the trainees and all the staff of the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye; and stressed the importance and impact that women can have for crisis resolution and peacekeeping. Before concluding, Her Excellency added that the EMP-ABB is the ideal training center to receive this type of training.

Indeed, all issues related **to gender and its various themes in the context of peace support operations are cross-cutting elements present in all the trainings** provided at the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako.

HEM Dennis Hankins, Ambassador of the United States of America to Mali

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye had the immense privilege of receiving the visit of **H.E. Dennis B. Hankins, Ambassador of the United States of America to Mali**. The United States has been a key player in peacekeeping issues around the world and in Africa and has long been a member of EMP-ABB's Board of Directors.

His Excellency's visit was an opportunity to present him **with the evolution of the training offers available and those under development**; as well as the various activities in the field of scientific research, the delivery of a Master's degree in Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict State Reconstruction, not to mention the many meetings for exchanges between scientists, experts, decision-makers and civil society on peacekeeping and peace-building issues throughout the Sahel-Saharan region.

EMP-ABB's February Partnerships : Partnership Agreement CES - EMP-ABB

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On Friday, February 19, 2021, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB) signed a partnership agreement with the Center for Strategic Studies (CES) of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**.

This ceremony to formalize an already existing partnership between the two institutions was an opportunity to present the latest developments in the activities and achievements of the School to the Director of the CES, Major General (er), **Mahamane Touré**, who was also **Director General of EMP-ABB (June 2012 - July 2014)**.



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Since his appointment, the Director General of the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB), Colonel Souleymane Sangaré, began a **tour of courtesy visits and contacts with various partners of his institution**. It is within this framework that he met with, among others:

- Giancarlo de Picciotto, head of the Swiss cooperation (02/02/21);
- SEM. Daisuki Kuroki, Ambassador of Japan (02/03/21);
- HEM. Rolf Holmboe, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark (02/03/21);
- The Embassy of Canada (02/04/21);
- HEM Anjani Kumar, Ambassador of India (02/04/21);

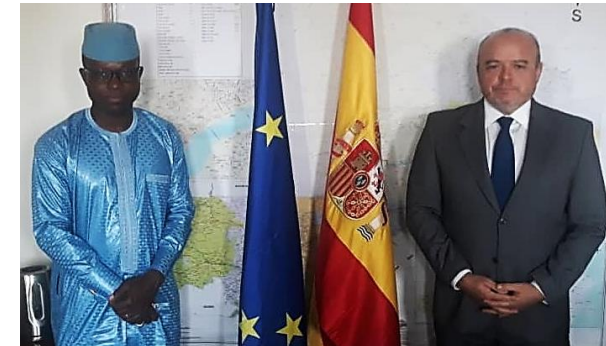


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- HE Dr. Dietrich Pohl, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany (02/05/21);
- Prof. Hamidou Boly, Permanent Representative of ECOWAS in Mali (02/09/21);
- HEM Barry Lowen, Ambassador of the United Kingdom (02/10/21);
- Mr. Alexis Ndayizeye, Head of the DCAF Office in Mali (02/11/21);
- HEM José Hornero, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain (02/15/21);
- Brigadier General Oumar Diarra, Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces (02/16/21);



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- HEM Marchel Germann, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (02/17/21);
- HEM Joël Meyer, Ambassador of France (02/18/21);
- HEM Hassan Naciri, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco (02/19/21);
- HEM Dennis B. Hankins, Ambassador of the United States (02/23/21);
- Lieutenant Colonel Stig Laursen, Military Defense Attaché of the Kingdom of Norway (02/23/21).





In terms of exchanges and partnership meetings, we can also mention the participation of EMP-ABB's Director of Studies, Colonel Eric Ponsot, to the **73rd anniversary of the creation of the International Military Sports Council (CISM)** which took place on Friday, February 19th at the Directorate of Military Studies (DEM).

Cohesion through sport is a very important approach for EMP-ABB. To this end, once a week, its staff is invited **to participate in sports activities, every Thursday morning starting at 7 am.**





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