

# Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako

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## Meeting of the Commanders of the ECOWAS Centers of Excellence

From **Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 of March 2021**, was held the biannual meeting of the commanders of ECOWAS training centers



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The two-day exchange was held at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana and was attended by the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré; the KAIPTC Commander, Major General Francis Ofori; the Deputy Commander of the National Defence Colleague (NDC) of Nigeria, Air Commodore Michael Chinegwu Ekwueme; the ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, General Francis A. Behanzin; and the ECOWAS Representative to Ghana, Ambassador Babagana Wakil.

# Meeting of the Commanders of the ECOWAS Centers of Excellence

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The Director General of EMP-ABB made the trip accompanied by a delegation consisting of the Acting Director of his Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS), Dr. Abdrahamane Coulibaly and the Director of Training, Colonel Aliou Bagayoko.

At the heart of the discussions was the strengthening of collaborations between the various centers of excellence, as well as with **ECOWAS** and **APSTA**, the Association of African Peace Support Training Centers.



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## Regional Conference on Best Practices in Resource Management in the Defence and Security Sector

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From Wednesday, 17 to Thursday, 18 of March 2021, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB) de Bamako, served as the setting for a regional conference on best practices in resource management in the security and defense sector in Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, Chad and Mali.

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This activity, organized in partnership with the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), the Kingdom of Denmark and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, was attended by the **Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs**, Colonel Sadio Camara; the **Minister of Security and Civil Protection**, Colonel Modibo Koné ; the **Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark**, H.E. Rolf Holmboe; the **representative of the French Embassy**, First Counsellor Mr. Didier Maze; the **Director General of EMP-ABB**, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré; the **Defense and Strategy Advisor to the Director of DCAF**, Major General Philippe Boutinaud; the **Head of DCAF's Sub-Saharan Africa Division**, Ms. Anne Bennett; the **Head of the DCAF Mali Office**, Mr. Alexis Ndayizeye, as well as the representatives of the various participating countries .

The main objective of the conference was to provide a space for exchange and to stimulate the involvement of key stakeholders at the regional and international level around best practices of transparency, sustainability and accountability, in order to strengthen the oversight and democratic control of the defense sector in resource management.



## MEDIATION

Political and Community  
Mediation

### Dates and Location

08-19 march 2021  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Switzerland

### Beneficiaries

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

### Objective

Strengthen the knowledge,  
skills and attitudes  
of those involved in political or community  
mediation processes  
at the regional level.



## RSS

Security Sector  
Reform  
(RSS)

### Dates and Location

15-19 march 2021  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

United Kingdom

### Beneficiaries

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

### Objective

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





## UNPOL

United Nations Police  
(UNPOL)

### Dates and Location

15-25 march 2021  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

United Kingdom

### Beneficiaries

National Gendarmerie  
36 trainees  
including 2 women

### Objective

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



## DIH Sokoura & Kwala

International Humanitarian Law  
(DIH)

### Dates and Locations

22-24 march 2021 - Mali National Guard Camp (Bamako, MALI)  
25-27 march 2021 - Mali National Guard Camp (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

### Beneficiaries

National Guards to be deployed in Sokoura and Kwala  
256 trainees  
including 3 women

### Objective

Strengthen the capacities of defense  
and security forces  
in International Humanitarian Law

## Decoration of retired Colonel Klaus Dieter-Tietz

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After **41 years** in the service of the police of the **Federal Republic of Germany**, including 5 years in Mali, retired Colonel Klaus Dieter-Tietz, Director of Communication and Institutional Development of EMP-ABB from January 2019 to July 2020, was decorated on March 03, 2021, as **Knight of the National Order of Mali**. His commitment, as well as that of his country alongside Mali, has allowed the realization of many projects in the framework of training and strengthening the culture of peace. Thank you for all your accomplishments!



## EMP-ABB's March Partnerships: Visits and partnership meetings



The month of March 2021 was also very rich in partnership meetings for the EMP-ABB. We can thus mention among others :

- 04/03/2021 - Exchanges with Mr. Giancarlo de Picciotto, Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office, about the Mediation course and training topics;
- 10/03/2021 - Courtesy visit of Colonel Olivier de Charnacé, Defense Attaché at the French Embassy;
- 15/03/2021 - Meeting with the Minister of State Refoundation, Mr. Mohamed Coulibaly;



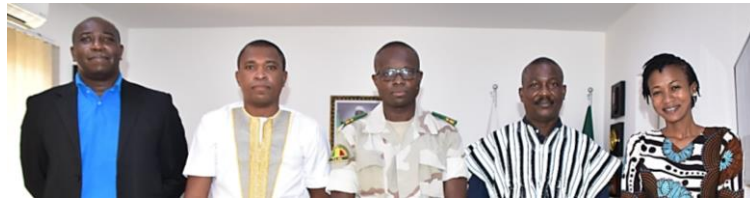


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- 16/03/2021 - Meeting with Ms. Anne Bennett, Head of the DCAF Sub-Saharan Africa Division; Major General Philippe Boutinaud, Defense and Strategy Advisor to the Director of DCAF and Mr. Alexis Ndayizeye, Head of the DCAF Mali Office;
- 17/03/2021 - Identification of partnership opportunities with the Head of the EPSAO Program, Mr. Christian Voelkel;
- 03/22/2021 - Delegation of DDR instructors from the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC) at EMP-ABB during 1 week;
- 23/03/2021 - Participation of the Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family, Mrs. Bouaré Bintou Founé Samaké, as panelist during the Gender, Peace and Security course.



## EMP-ABB's March Partnerships: Presentation ceremony and tour of the facilities by HE Dr. Dietrich Pohl

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On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, EMP-ABB was pleased to welcome His Excellency Dr. Dietrich Pohl, **Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Mali**, for the official handover of audiovisual equipment as well as the visit of the photovoltaic installations and the security post financed by Germany.





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This handover of audiovisual equipment is part of the **reinforcement of the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School of Bamako** in the field of distance learning and its computer equipment. The use of **renewable energies** is a desire to mark the **importance and necessity of taking into account climate change** and the impact it can have on the living conditions of populations. Many inter-community conflicts originate from competition for access to resources. Thus, the EMP-ABB aims to be a precursor and an example in this field by reducing its carbon impact as much as possible.



This second **security post**, built according to international standards, reinforces EMP-ABB's security apparatus and meets the needs of its staff and trainees. The implementation of various projects to develop and strengthen the framework, instructors and teaching tools also continues in order to ensure that the quality of training is maintained and that it is in line with the realities of the field and of the times.

## Signature of partnership agreement EMP-ABB – UCAO-UUBa

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On **Tuesday, March 2, 2021**, EMP-ABB signed a partnership agreement with the Catholic University of West Africa (**UCAO-UUBa**) in the framework of training and scientific research for peace.



## Signature of partnership agreement EMP-ABB – UCAO-UUBa



The signing ceremony was attended by the **Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research**, Professor Amadou Keita; the representative of the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Colonel Major Oumarou Maïga, technical advisor to the MDAC; the President of UCAO-UUBa, Dr. Abbé Clément Lonah ; His Eminence Cardinal Jean Zerbo, Archbishop of Bamako and Vice-Grand Chancellor of UCAO-UUBa; the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré; the various directors of EMP-ABB; as well as the students of UCAO-UUBa.

This partnership agreement signed between the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB) of Bamako and the Université Catholique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (UCAO-UUBa) aims at scientific research and training for peace. Faithful to its tradition of offering a framework for meeting, exchange and mutual enrichment to civilians, military and police personnel, the EMP-ABB remains open to all good initiatives working to promote the culture of peace.





# March 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



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**RSS**



**UNPOL**







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## International Humanitarian Law - SOKOURA



Cours " Droit International Humanitaire / DIH "  
1 - 21 - Sokoura Camp de la Garde Nationale du Mali  
du 22 au 24 Mars 2021

## International Humanitarian Law - KWALA



Cours " Droit International Humanitaire / DIH "  
1 - 21 - Kwala Camp de la Garde Nationale du Mali  
du 25 au 27 Mars 2021