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The International Seminar of EMP-ABB's Alumni

On **November 10, 11 and 12, 2021**, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), organized the **first edition of the International Seminar of its Alumni**.

This activity, financed by the **Federal Republic of Germany** through its diplomatic representation in Mali, provided the opportunity to honor the human resources trained at the school.

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As a reminder, the **alumni of the EMP-ABB** are **former trainees of the school as well as students** of its Master in Peacekeeping and its Executive Master in Post-Conflict State Reconstruction. These two masters are delivered by EMP-ABB's Center for Analysis and Research on the Sahel-Saharan Space (**CARESS**), in partnership with the Institute of Political Studies (**IEP**), Sciences Po Grenoble and the University of Legal and Political Sciences (**USJP**) of Bamako.



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Placed under the theme of "The Impact of EMP-ABB's Trainings on the Socio-Professional Careers of its Alumni: Challenges and Perspectives", this first edition recorded, among others, the participation of his **Excellency Dr. Dietrich Fritz Reinhold Pohl**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mali, the Alumni Coordinator, **Mr. Mohamed Ahmad El Ansar**, the Director General of the Ecole Maintien Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako, **Colonel Souleymane Sangaré**, numerous guests from **diplomatic representations** accredited to Mali, **governmental and non-governmental organizations**; as well as **14 alumni from** Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Cameroon, Mauritania, Senegal, Burundi, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Togo, Benin, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Chad and Gabon.



Thus, the general objective of the international seminar was to **create a space for sustainable training-employment dialogue between the Alumni of the EMP-ABB and potential employers**, with a view to continuing the collection of data relating to the evaluation of the impact of the trainings received.

The three (03) days of the activity were punctuated by a workshop on the production of a career follow-up plan for alumni and five (05) panels addressing the following themes:

- 1- *Testimonies and exchanges on the impact of the EMP-ABB's trainings on professional careers;*
- 2- *Optimization of the quality of EMP-ABB's trainings in the face of the new challenges of peace building in Africa;*





- 3- *Accompagnement towards employment: Presentation of EMP-ABB's alumni to potential employers;*
- 4- *What strategies should be developed to continue to stimulate the participation rate of women in EMP-ABB's trainings?*
- 5- *Roles and commitments of alumni in the realization of EMP-ABB's objectives.*

The Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré, has expressed the wish to hold an **annual international seminar dedicated to the alumni of his institution.**

**Working visit
of the Head of
the ECOWAS
Peace Support
Operations
Division
(PSOD)**



From November 03 to 05, 2021, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako had the great privilege of hosting an **ECOWAS delegation during a working visit.**

Working visit of the Head of the ECOWAS Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD)

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Thus, the Peace Support Operations Division (**PSOD**), headed by **Colonel Major Ollo Alain Palé**, was able to discuss with the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane Sangaré** and his team of expert instructors about the development and conduct of trainings tailored to the needs of the standby force as part of the **GIZ - EPSAO's** support to the strengthening of the **culture of peace in Africa**.



Working visit of the Head of the ECOWAS Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD)

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These three (03) days of reflection and exchange have allowed to identify a **roadmap and specific training activities** to be conducted. The start of the first stage is scheduled for December 2021 and should extend throughout the year **2022**.





ToT FPU in Guinea

Training of Trainers
Formed Police Units of the UN
(ToT FPU)

Dates and Location

August 30 - November 05, 2021
Police School of Conakry (Rep. Guinea, Conakry)

Funding

UNITAR

Beneficiaries

50 trainees
Police officers
including 10 women

Objective

To strengthen the theoretical and practical knowledge of trainers on peacekeeping operations in general and on UPF missions in UN peace support missions.



Human Rights and Gender in the Prevention and Fight against Violent Extremism and Terrorism

DHGPLEVT

Dates and Location

November 01st – 12, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
25 trainees, including 05 women

Objective

Strengthen the operational effectiveness of the defense and security forces in the prevention and fight against violent extremism and terrorism, by better taking into account human rights considerations and the gender perspective during the operational phases.



Mediation

Political and Community
Mediation

Dates and Location

November 01st – 12, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Switzerland (DDC)

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
25 trainees, including 05 women

Objective

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



DDR

Disarmament,
Demobilization and Reintegration
(DDR)

Dates and Location

November 01st – 12, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
25 trainees, including 06 women

Objective

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



IHL FAMA

Training of Trainers
International Humanitarian Law
(IHL)

Dates and Location

November 08 – 19, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

United Kingdom

Beneficiaries

15 trainees FAMA,
including 02 women

Objective

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



ToT Community Mediation

Training of Trainers in
Community Mediation
(ToT Community Mediation)

Dates and Location

November 08 – 19, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Austrian Development Agency (ADA),
through UN Women Mali

Beneficiaries

30 civil society trainees from
Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and Chad
including 01 man

Objective

Provide comprehensive supply chain training
for uniformed and civilian personnel
in UN peacekeeping operations.



PoC

Protection of Civilians
(POC)

Dates and Location

November 15 – 26, 2021
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
25 trainees, including 05 women

Objective

Acquisition of knowledge and
necessary skills for the protection of
civilians in the United Nations
peacekeeping operations



Among the activities and partnership meetings in November, we can mention:

03/11/2021

Visit of the Timbuktu Institute delegation - Dr. Bakary Sambe, Regional Director and Mrs. Fatima Al Ansar, Country Director Mali;

Visit of the INL Mali delegation - Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the U.S. Department of State;

05/11/2021 - IPSTC - International Peace Support Training Center in Kenya - Donation of books and essays related to peacekeeping from the IPSTC, during a visit by the EMP-ABB Partnership Officer, **Ms. Madina Badian Kouyaté**;

16/11/2021 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FRG - Visit of the Head of Division S03, Crisis Prevention, Stabilization and Peacebuilding, **Mr. Clemens Hach** and the Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of FRG in Mali, **Dr. Kirsten Staudt**;





18/11/2021 - International Committee of the Red Cross - Visit of a delegation from ICRC Mali and donation of books;

19/11/2021

Embassy of the United Kingdom in Mali - Exchange meeting with **H.E. Barry Lowen** during the closing ceremony of the Training of Trainers course in International Humanitarian Law (ToT IHL) for the benefit of the FAMA and financed by the United Kingdom;



Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Mali - Courtesy visit of the new Defense Attaché of the Embassy;

22/11/2021 - Fondation Mérieux - Exchange meeting on partnership axes.





Anti-COVID19 vaccination campaign at EMP-ABB

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, EMP-ABB launched its anti-COVID19 vaccination campaign.

Under the coordination and supervision of **Dr. Birama Apho Ly**, the new director of the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (**CARESS**), a team of professionals from the **Reference Health Center (CSREF) of Commune IV** was able to vaccinate all the volunteers of EMP-ABB staff, support staff and trainees present during the campaign; a total of **69 people in addition to those already vaccinated**.

The EMP-ABB anti-COVID19 (DAC2020) system identified two (02) positive cases on Friday, November 26, out of a total of **72 PCR tests**; one international trainee and one EMP-ABB staff member. All evidence led to the conclusion that the infections occurred outside the school premises. As a result, access to EMP-ABB was restricted for 24 hours, while disinfection measures were carried out as planned in this type of scenario.

Please continue to observe the barrier measures and respect the anti-COVID19 apparatus (DAC2020) of the EMP-ABB.





November 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



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Police School of Conakry (Rep. Guinea, Conakry)



November 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



**Stage Extremisme violent , Terrorisme ,
Droit de l'Homme et Genre**
du 1er au 5 Novembre 2021

**Human Rights and Gender
in the Prevention and Fight against
Violent Extremism and Terrorism**



Stage Médiation Politique et Communautaire 2-21
du 1er au 12 Novembre 2021

**Political and Community
Mediation**



November 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



**November 19, 2021
Closing Ceremony Training of Trainers
(ToT IHL FAMA)
with the participation of
H.E. Barry Lowen
UK Ambassador to Mali**



**Stage FdF Droit International Humanitaire
du 08 au 19 Novembre 2021**



November 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



Stage DDR 2-21 NDL
du 1er au 12 Novembre 2021

**Disarmament,
Demobilization and
Reintegration
(DDR)**



**Protection of
Civilians (PoC)**

Stage Protection des Civils 5-21
du 15 au 26 Novembre 2021



November 2021 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



**Training of Trainers in
Community Mediation**

**Stage Formation des Formatrices en Mediation Communautaire
du 08 au 19 Novembre 2021**