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Integration of the Liptako-Gourma Border Spaces: Mutualization of Security and Development Activities

From Tuesday, February 15 to Thursday, February 17, 2022, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**) organized with the support and accompaniment of the **Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Mali**, as well as that of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs (MDAC), the high-level international seminar on the theme of "Integration of the Liptako-Gourma border areas: Mutualization of security and development activities".

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This three (03) day activity recorded among others, the participation of the Minister of Defense and Veterans, **Colonel Sadio Camara**; the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization (MATD), **Dr. Abdoulaye Maïga**; the Minister of Mines, Energy and Water (MMEE), **Mr. Lamine Seydou Traoré**; **His Excellency Mr. El-Haouès Riache**, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; as well as the Director General of the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye of Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), **Colonel Souleymane Sangaré**.

The main objective of this high-level international seminar was to contribute to the effective consideration of the **peace, security and development nexus** in the concerted public policies of **the three States in their interventions in the Liptako-Gourma area**.



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Thus, through eight (08) panels, the participants were able to discuss the following topics :

Session 01 - Overview, issues and perspectives of the Liptako-Gourma spaces.

Panelists:

Mr. Tahirou Mahamane of the Liptako-Gourma Authority (ALG) - "Historical context of Liptako-Gourma and the current situation of the Liptako-Gourma border areas:

- Impact of the ECOWAS embargo on the missions and activities of the Liptako-Gourma Integrated Development Authority (ALG);
- Food insecurity and violence".

Mr. Baba Dakono, Research consultant - "Cross-border crime Self-defense militia/ Peace volunteers: Collaboration with the Regular Army";

Pr Saidj Mustapha, Director of the National School of Political Science - "Fight against terrorism: the Algerian experience".

Moderator: Ambassador Aguibou Diarrah.



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Session 02 - Situation of displaced persons in the border areas of Liptako-Gourma.

Panelists :

Sonia Joly, Country Representative of the Danish Refugee Council in Mali (DRC) - "Integration of internally displaced persons in host communities and security challenges";

Dr. Aly Tounkara, Research consultant - "Regulation of illegal immigration in the Liptako-Gourma area" and "Situation of displaced persons and development challenges in the border areas of Liptako-Gourma."

Moderator: General Kani Diabaté.



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Session 03 - Mechanisms for securing border areas.

Panelists :

Mr. Issa Coulibaly of the the ALG - "Coordination of the multiplicity of mechanisms for securing border areas in the Sahel in general, and the Liptako-Gourma in particular";

Mr. Mamadou Tapily, GIZ Project Manager - "Financing of development and security mechanisms for shared spaces in Liptako-Gourma".

Moderator: Minister Zahabi Ould Sidi Mohamed.



Session 04 - Cross-border initiatives to develop and secure local groups.

Panelists :

Mr. Ladji Sogoba, National Director of Borders - "Multiplicity of local development and security groups: coordination of governance networks";

Dr. Aly Tounkara, Research Consultant - "Financing local development and security groups in Liptako-Gourma".

Moderator: Retired Colonel Major Nouhoun Sangaré.

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Session 05 - *Contributions of local actors in securing border areas.*

Panelists :

Mr. Siaka Dembélé, President of the Regional Council of Ségou - "Roles of local actors (local authorities, community and religious leaders, traditional chiefs, community) in securing the border areas of Liptako-Gourma and in the protection of displaced persons" ;

Mr. Ebbe Mohamed Abdallah, Director of the Sahel Institute Bamako - "Cross-border cooperation of local actors: food security of displaced persons in border areas";

Mr. Abdoulaye Garba Maïga, President of the Regional Council of Mopti - "Valorization of local initiatives in the area of security and dynamization of cross-border cooperation of local actors in the border areas of Liptako-Gourma";

Seydou Traoré, Deputy Prefect of the Tominian Circle - Discussions on the documentary film on the Mali/Burkina Faso cross-border health center (GIZ);

Mr. Ibrahim Maïga, Research Consultant - "Possible solutions for the development of the border areas of Liptako-Gourma".

Moderator: General Naini Touré.



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Session 06 - Sustainability of mechanisms for securing border areas.

Panelists :

Mrs. Natacha Kunama of the UNDP - "Financial contributions of international partners and member states to the development and securing of the border areas of Liptako Gourma";

Mr. Hamadou Mounkaïla, former permanent secretary of the Niger border commission - "Financial contributions of cross-border local authorities to the security and development of the border areas of the Liptako Gourma";

Moderator: Mr. Abdoul Kassim Fomba, Think Peace Mali.



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Session 07 - Development of the Liptako-Gourma border areas.

Panelists :

Mr. Lassiné Coulibaly, Director of the Liptako-Gourma Livestock Project - Inventory of projects and programs for the development of the border areas of Liptako-Gourma;

Mr. Aly Issa, Inspector of Finance and Deputy Director General of Territorial Collectivities - "Evaluation of development projects and programs in the border areas of Liptako-Gourma";

HEM Younoussa Baradji Maïga, Ambassador of Mali to Niger - Sharing of experience, good practices and lessons learned in terms of cross-border integration and cooperation in Liptako-Gourma;

Moderator: Ambassador Birahim Soumaré.



Session 08 - Experiences and strategies for development and securing.

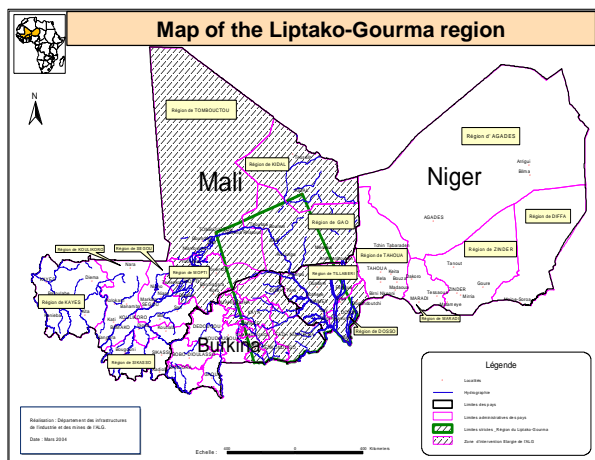
Panelists :

H.E. El-Haouès Riache, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Republic of Mali - "Algerian Experience of National Reconciliation and Redeployment of the Administration" ;

Colonel Aliou Bagayoko, Director of Training - EMP-ABB - "Development strategy, securing border areas and protection of displaced persons";

Moderator: Mr. Seyba M. Diarra.

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The different panelists each had 15 minutes to make their introductory presentation before the moderator gave the floor to the participants for the question and answer phase.

After three (03) days of very enriching exchanges, the synthesis of the work will be communicated to the different institutions and organizations that participated in the activity and will be available via the official website of the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako: www.empbamako.org



DDR

Disarmament, Demobilization
and Reintegration
(DDR)

Dates and Location

January 1st – February 11, 2022
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Kingdom of Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
19 trainees,
including 04 women

Objective

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



GBV - APR - SSR

Gender-Based Violence
Peace and Reconciliation Agreement
Security Sector Reform

Dates and Location

February 14 – 16, 2022
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

MINUSMA

Beneficiaries

Mali National Police Officers
49 trainees,
including 49 women

Objective

Introduction to basic knowledge related to
the concepts of gender-based violence, the
Peace and Reconciliation Agreement and
security sector reform.



ConnFond in Koulikoro

Fundamental Knowledge
(ConnFond)

Dates and Location

February 14 – 18, 2022
EMA (Koulikoro, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

Military officers from Burkina Faso, Niger,
Senegal, Rep. Guinea Conakry, RCI, Mali
29 trainees,
including 05 women

Objective

Acquiring fundamental knowlegde
related to peacekeeping operations
(OMP)



GPS

Gender, Peace
and Security
(GPS)

Dates and Location

January 24 – February 04, 2022
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

United Kingdom

Beneficiaries

Integrated training course
(Civil-Military-Police)
19 trainees, including 08 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.



PSO in Ségou

Peace Support Operations
(PSO)

Dates and Location

February 25, 2022
ESO (Ségou, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

Non-commissioned Officers
158 trainees,
including 14 women

Objective

Introduction to the
fundamental knowledge related to
Peace Support Operations (PSO)



Preparatory Session of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors' Meeting

On Tuesday, February 8, 2022, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**) organized a working session with the representatives of its Board of Directors and its various partners involved in peacekeeping and peacebuilding in Africa.

This preparatory meeting brought together **23 countries and ECOWAS** to discuss the 2022 - 2023 planning and future projects that could be developed and implemented. It was also an opportunity to present the strategy put in place by EMP-ABB in view of the reduction of international mobility of its collaborators, trainees and staff.

The members of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors and its partners took advantage of this working session to renew their attachment and commitment to peacekeeping and peacebuilding. As an ECOWAS and **African Union** Center of Excellence, EMP-ABB remains true to its slogan "**Africa United for Peace!**" and continues to welcome and train trainees from all over Africa.



Discussion sessions at the EMP-ABB : MDAC, FAMa, DIRPA and Malian Press

The objective of these days of reflection and exchange was to bring the media owners to take into account the sensitivity of military and security information in the preservation of social and national cohesion.



Discussion sessions at the EMP-ABB : MDAC, FAMa, DIRPA and Malian Press

On **February 10 and 11, 2022**, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations of the Armed Forces (DIRPA) of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs (MDAC) in collaboration with the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF Mali) organized at the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School of Bamako (EMP-ABB), "Exchange Days MDAC - Director of Media Publications" of Mali.

The activity recorded among others, the following participations:

- The representative of the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs of Mali, **Colonel Major Madani Dembélé**, Acting Secretary General;
- The Director of the DIRPA, **Colonel Souleymane Dembélé**;
- The President of the "Maison de la Presse" of Mali, **Mr. Bandiougou Danté**;
- The Head of the DCAF Mali office, **Mr. Alexis Ndayizeye**;
- The Director General of the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (EMP-ABB), **Colonel Souleymane Sangaré**;
- As well as several **military leaders** and **officials of the Malian press** (print, radio, audiovisual, online, national and private).



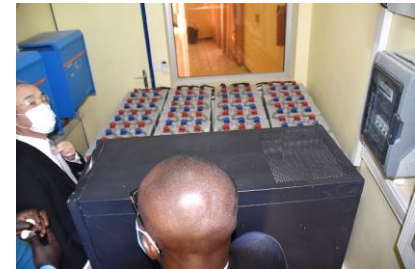
Inauguration and Official Handover of Equipment Financed by Japan

On **Thursday, February 2, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m., the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako held an inauguration ceremony and the official handover of equipment financed by **Japan**.

The activity was attended by **His Excellency Mr. Daisuke Kuroki**, Ambassador of Japan to Mali; **Mr. Jo Scheuer**, UNDP Resident Representative in Mali; **Colonel Souleymane Sangaré**, Director General of the EMP-ABB; EMP-ABB executives; as well as many trainees.

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Thus, the support and accompaniment of this historical partner of EMP-ABB has allowed:

- The construction of a 100 meter deep borehole, and the installation of an energy self-sufficient water tower, equipped with photovoltaic solar panels, with a storage capacity of five (05) cubic meters (5,000 liters) and equipped with an automatic pressure drop detection system in order to avoid wastage;
- The acquisition of a solar photovoltaic device, 16 modules of 3 KW each, associated with storage batteries, allowing the total energy autonomy of the international conference room of the EMP-ABB;
- The reinforcement of the computer park with digital tools to assist training through three (03) interactive screens (smartboards) and three (03) GoPro cameras for online facilitations;
- The installation of one (01) thermal camera in the reception area and the purchase of two (02) thermo flashes, reinforcing the EMP-ABB's security measures, thus contributing to the collective effort to fight the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.





In addition to the inauguration of the equipment financed by Japan; the preparatory meeting of the Board of Directors and the discussion sessions with the Malian press, the main partnership activities of the EMP-ABB in February were the following:

02/01/2022 – The Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali (DDC Mali) – Ms. Martina Durrer, acting head of the DDC Mali and Ms. Sarah Vuilleumier, Human Security Advisor: courtesy visit;

02/11/2022 – EUCAP-Sahel – Ms. Nelly Rodride and Mr. Philippe Chevet, Interministerial Advisors at EUCAP-Sahel: identification of new partnership axes;

02/23/2022 – Prague Centre for Middle East Relations (PCMR) – Webinar on potential avenues of collaboration;

02/24/2022 – The Center for Strategic Studies (CES) – Working session with General Satigui Sidibé and his team: update and prospective of the EMP-ABB/ CES partnership.





February 2022 Classes Promotions EMP-ABB



Stage Désarmement - Démobilisation - Réintégration DDR 1 - 22 - NDL
du 31 Janvier au 11 Février 2022

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Fundamental Knowledge
in Koulikoro
(ConnFond)



Stage Connaissances Fondamentales sur les OSP EMA Koulikoro
du 14 au 18 Février 2022



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GBV - APR - SSR

Gender-Based Violence / Peace and Reconciliation Agreement / Security Sector Reform





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Conférence sur les Operations de Soutien à la Paix, au profit de la 2^e
Année de l'ESO (Banankoro) 25 février 2022

Peace Support Operations in Ségo
(PSO)

Gender, Peace and Security
(GPS)



Stage Genre Paix et Sécurité GPS - 2-22
du 24 Janvier au 04 Février 2022