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**de Bamako**  
**EMP-ABB**



**HAPPY 2023!**



## Words from the Director General of EMP-ABB

**Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**  
*Knight of the Ordre national*

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On the threshold of this new year, I would like to wish you, on behalf of the entire staff of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, an International Center of Excellence of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union (AU), a happy holiday season in 2022 and our best wishes for the year 2023.

This past year has shown us that the entire Sahel zone needs more than ever the commitment of all actors for the promotion and strengthening of the culture of peace! The multifaceted and cross-border challenges have unfortunately not stopped growing and require vigilance, coordinated efforts and inclusive international cooperation. The contribution of all components involved in peace operations (civilian, military and police) as well as the involvement of all actors at all levels is crucial for the advent of a peaceful world reconciled with itself.

Among the many challenges that continue to affect the organization of our societies and transform our approaches to conducting trainings, we can cite COVID-19. Also, many reports highlight the increasing use of digital technologies in the theater of operations. This is why a large majority of the training center community has deemed it necessary to adapt their training to the needs and realities of the field.

The mastery of IT tools, the digital transformation, the updating of training modules and methods will allow us to train resilient human resources capable of meeting the complex and multiform challenges of the moment. Our institution, with the support of its partners, has already started the process of its digital transformation.

## Words from the Director General of EMP-ABB



The intensification and diversification of the types of partnerships remain an essential objective for the School. Thus, on the occasion of the 26th Annual Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC), the EMP-ABB was honored by its nomination to the Presidency of the military component of the Executive Committee of this association. This confidence shows the recognition of the quality of the work resulting from the investment and involvement of all the partners of our institution. Thus, the year 2023 looks like a promising one. The School is determined to pursue its mission of capacity building for executives in the Sahel-Saharan region and throughout Africa.

UnAnother wish very dear to our institution is to see more African countries join our Board of Directors in order to strengthen international cooperation and fluidify inter-institutional coordination with the objective of efficiently curbing the multiple attacks on peace, security and the development of our peoples. With this in mind, our Center for Research and Analysis of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS) has launched two new master's degrees: the master's degree in Risk and Disaster Management (GRC) and the master's degree in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation (MACOTEC).

All these advances and projections towards a future filled with hope would not have been possible without the support of the tireless partners and collaborators of our institution. I would like to thank them for their support! Together we will meet all the challenges with ingenuity and intelligence!

With these words of hope, on behalf of all EMP-ABB staff and myself, I would like to renew our best wishes for the New Year.

**Long live the international cooperation for peace in Africa and in the rest of the world!**

**Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EMP-ABB**  
**Knight of the Ordre national**







## 28<sup>e</sup> Ordinary Session of the EMP-ABB's Board of Directors

On **Thursday, December 15, 2021**, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), under the leadership of its Director General, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré, held the 28<sup>e</sup> ordinary session of its Board of Directors (**BOD**).

## 28<sup>e</sup> Ordinary Session of the EMP-ABB's Board of Directors

As a reminder, the Board of Directors (BOD), chaired by the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, is composed of 11 member countries and one (01) sub-regional organization:

- Canada ;
- ECOWAS ;
- Denmark;
- France;
- Japan;
- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria ;
- The Federal Republic of Germany ;
- The Republic of Mali (Chairman of the Board) ;
- The Kingdom of the Netherlands ;
- The Kingdom of Morocco;
- The United Kingdom;
- Switzerland.





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This 28<sup>e</sup> ordinary session was chaired by the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Colonel Sadio CAMARA, Chairman of the Board of Directors (PCA) of EMP-ABB.

From its creation in 1999 to the present day, the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako has contributed to the training of more than 40,000 trainees, students, journalists, social actors, associations, NGOs, police officers, gendarmes and soldiers. The EMP-ABB, an ECOWAS and African Union International Center of Excellence, under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, has a unique expertise in the field of capacity building and support to the culture of peace, based on a strong local experience adapted to national and sub-regional realities.

In addition to a very positive annual balance sheet, EMP-ABB has a record of 40% female participation in its various activities in 2022.

This level of excellence and expertise of EMP-ABB has been possible thanks to the trust and the support of its partners.





## **Panel for Exchange and Sharing of Experiences Electoral Challenges in Africa: the case of Mali**

The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako (EMP-ABB) held on Friday, December 9, in its amphitheater, a panel of exchange and sharing of experiences on "Electoral Challenges in Africa: the case of Mali".

These exchanges were led by Mr. Mathias HOUNKPE, Director of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES); General Siaka SANGARE, member of the Independent Electoral Management Authority (AIGE) and former Delegate General for Elections; Dr. Badie HIMA, Director of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Ms. Fanta TRAORE, EMP-ABB's expert on electoral issues and moderator of the panel.



As part of its 13th course on Electoral Process Support (EPA), the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix and its Center for Analysis and Research in the Sahel-Saharan Area (CARESS) invited experts to reflect and exchange on issues related to the various electoral challenges in Africa in general and Mali in particular.

The objective of the panel was to conduct an objective analysis of electoral processes in Africa and in Mali, while identifying shortcomings and proposing solutions to improve the electoral system. Among the topics discussed during the panel were: political and electoral governance in times of crisis; monitoring and control of electoral operations in times of crisis; and the organization of elections in times of crisis.

Thus, this panel explored the possibilities of exploitation and implementation of the solutions identified in the current context in Africa and Mali.







## **14th Edition of the National Symposium on Human Rights in Mali**

The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB) de Bamako, hosted on December 7 and 8, 2022, in its conference room, the 14th Edition of the National Symposium on Human Rights in Mali and had for theme: "Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All".

The activity recorded among others, the participation of the President of the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH), Mr. Aguibou BOUARE; the Representative of the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Keeper of the Seals, Mr. Mahamadou KEITA; the Representative of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mrs. Willemijn Van HELVELD, the Director of the Human Rights and Protection Division and representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Guillaume GUEFA, the Country Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), Mr. Oswald PADONOU and the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARE.

# 14th Edition of the National Symposium on Human Rights in Mali

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This 14th edition of the National Symposium on Human Rights was organized by the National Commission on Human Rights (CNDH) with the financial support of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The holding of the said symposium is the contribution of the CNDH to the commemoration of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, celebrated every year on December 10. The main objective of the event was to take stock of the human rights situation in Mali, to share good practices and to reflect on the perspectives, through an external view aimed at respecting human rights in a context of security crisis.

During two (02) days of exchanges around themes related to human rights in Mali, the symposium brought together several governmental actors, human rights defenders, technical and financial partners, and a multitude of civil society organizations.







## GRC Comores

Disaster Risk  
Management  
(DRM)

### Dates and Location

November 28 – December 09  
General Directorate for Civil Security  
(Moroni, COMORES)

### Funding

Federal Republic of Germany

### Beneficiaries

Integrated training course  
(Civil-Military-Police)  
41 trainees,  
including 14 women

### Objective

Acquisition of knowledge,  
skills and attitudes  
Necessary to manage  
a natural or  
man-made disaster.



## APE

Electoral Process  
Support  
(EPA)

### Dates and Location

December 05 – 16, 2022  
EMP-ABB  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Federal Republic of Germany

### Beneficiaries

Integrated training course  
(Civil-Military-Police)  
26 trainees,  
including 11 women

### Objective

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



## JT

Transitional  
Justice  
(TJ)

### Dates and Location

December 05 – 16, 2022  
EMP-ABB  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Federal Republic of Germany

### Beneficiaries

Integrated training course  
(Civil-Military-Police)  
25 trainees,  
including 10 women

### Objective

Acquisition of  
the fundamental knowledge  
related to  
transitional justice



## UNPOL Togo

United Nations  
Police  
(UNPOL)

### Dates and Location

December 05 – 16, 2022  
Motorized Brigade  
(Lomé, TOGO)

### Funding

UNITAR  
Federal Republic of Germany

### Beneficiaries

45 trainees officers and  
non-commissioned officers

### Objective

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





## PM-GBV Koulikoro

Prevention and Management of  
Gender-Based Violence  
(PP-VBG)

### Dates and Location

December 05 – 16, 2022  
Women's House  
(Koulikoro, MALI)

### Funding

Kingdom of Norway

### Beneficiaries

Integrated training course  
(Civil-Military-Police)  
60 trainees,  
including 27 men

### Objective

Acquire knowledge  
and skills related to  
prevention methods and  
procedures to handle  
gender-based violence.



## PM-GBV Gao

Prevention and Management of  
Gender-Based Violence  
(PP-VBG)

### Dates and Location

December 12 – 23, 2022  
l'Espace Songhoy - Desert Flower  
(Gao, MALI)

### Funding

Kingdom of Norway

### Beneficiaries

Integrated training course  
(Civil-Military-Police)  
56 trainees,  
including 26 men

### Objective

Acquire knowledge  
and skills related to  
prevention methods and  
procedures to handle  
gender-based violence.

## Partnerships of the Month

### Official Visit and Partnership Meetings to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Member of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors



As part of the reinforcement of the collaboration between the Peacekeeping School and its partners, a delegation of the EMP-ABB went to Algiers from November 27 to December 01.

The delegation consisted of the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARE; accompanied by his Director of Studies (DE), Colonel Sidi Ali FOFANA; his Director of Training (DI), Colonel Aliou BAGAYOKO; its Director of the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS), Dr. Birama Apho LY and its Partnership Officer from the Directorate of Communication and Institutional Development (DCDI), Mrs. Madina Badina KOUYATE.

Thus, the EMP-ABB delegation was able to meet the following institutions and personalities:

**11/27/22** – The African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation (**AFRIPOL**) - Meeting with the Acting Executive Director of AFRIPOL Algiers, HEM Jalel Chelba;

**11/28/22** – War College (**Ecole Supérieure de Guerre - ESG**) - Meeting with the Deputy Commander of ESG;





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**11/29/22** – African Center for Studies and Research on Terrorism (CAERT) - Meeting with Mr. Ameur DAHMANI, Head of Unit, Expert in Cyberterrorism and Cybercrime;

**11/30/22** – The Central Museum of the Army - Guided tour of the museum;

**12/01/22** – Diplomatic Institute and International Relations (IDRI) - Meeting with the Director of IDRI, HEM Mohamed Abdelaziz Bouguetaia;

**12/01/22** – Embassy of the Republic of Mali in Algeria - Meeting with HEM Mahamane Amadou MAIGA.







In addition to the partnership meetings in Algeria, the EMP-ABB was honored on Monday, December 02, by the visit of a delegation from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, a member country of its Board of Directors. This delegation consisted of representatives of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Embassy:

- HEM Bert VERMAAT, Deputy Ambassador ;
- Mr. Bastiaan ENGELHARD, Coordinator of the Sahel Cluster of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Ms. Chelsey BUURMAN, First Secretary of the Dutch Embassy;
- Mr. Laurène FIERENS, Desk-officer Mali of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Lieutenant-Colonel Wouter VAN DEN HAZEL, Defense Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mali.



## 12th Edition: The Flowers of Lies (Les Fleurs du Mensonge)



The monthly sessions of the CARESS book club bring together authors, journalists, researchers, students and book lovers on the themes of peace, security and development. They aim to promote the culture of peace and to exchange ideas and books on the subject.

On Thursday, December 15, 2022, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako (EMP-ABB), through its Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS), held the 12th edition of its Book Club.

This 12th edition was an opportunity for Mr. Alassane GAOUKOYE, teacher-researcher in Letters and Sciences in Bamako, to present his work entitled "**Les Fleurs du Mensonge**" (The Flowers of Lies). According to the author, the objective of this book is to unveil the hidden truths of the Ménaka region.

This reading session was attended by the Director of CARESS, Dr. Birama Apho LY; Colonel Major Issa OULD ISSA; the Inter-Arms Military School of Koulikoro (EMIA); the Military Academy of Kati (PMK); the Higher Pedagogical Institute of Ménaka; and others; the Catholic Higher Pedagogical Institute; senior army and police officers, not to mention the faithful members of the Reading Club composed mainly of researchers, doctoral students and auditors of the CARESS masters.







# Promotions DECEMBER 2022

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**Disaster Risk Management - GRC Comores**  
November 28 – December 09



**Electoral Process Support - APE**  
December 05 – 16, 2022





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**Transitional Justice - JT**  
December 05 – 16, 2022



**United Nations Police – UNPOL Togo**  
December 05 – 16, 2022

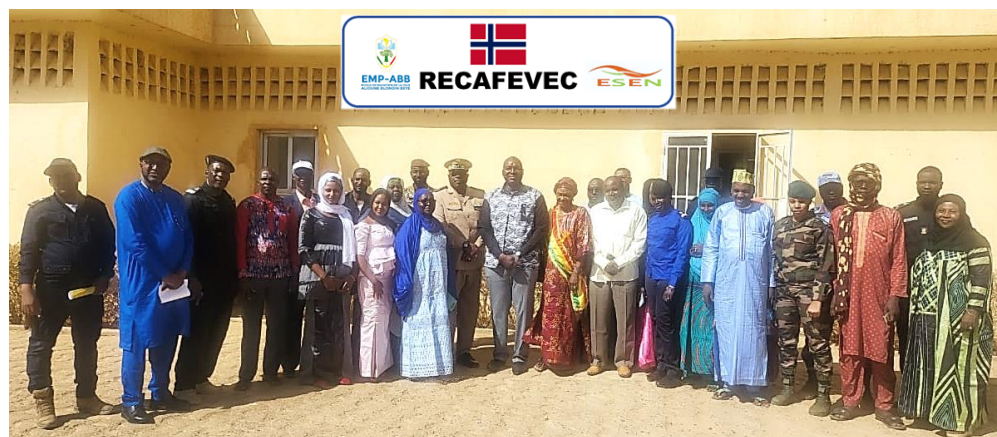


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Prevention and Management of Gender-Based Violence – PP-VBG  
**PM-GBV - Koulikoro**  
December 05 – 16, 2022



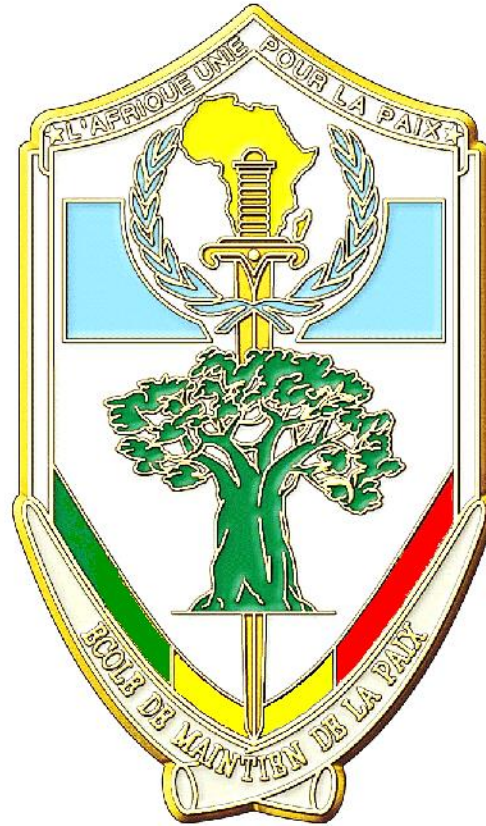
Prévention et Prise en Charge des Violences Basées sur le Genre – PP-VBG  
**PM-GBV - Gao**  
12 – 23 décembre 2022



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