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**International High-level Seminar:
Electoral Governance
in Times of Crisis in Sahelo-Saharan States**

The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**) of Bamako organized from February 21 to 23, 2023 in its conference room, the International High-level Seminar on "**Electoral Governance in Times of Crisis in Sahelo-Saharan States**".

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The event was attended by many international and national personalities. These included the Minister of State, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, and Spokesperson for the Government, **Colonel Dr. Abdoulaye MAIGA**, who presided over the opening ceremony of the seminar. He was joined by the former President of the Republic of Burundi, **H.E. Domitien N'DAYIZEYE**; the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Mali, **H.E. Ousmane Issoufi MAIGA**; the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and member of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors, **H.E. Dr. Dietrich Fritz Reinhold POHL** ; the Secretary General of the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection, **Mr. Oumar SOGOBA**; the representative of the President of the Independent Authority for the Administration of Elections (AIGE), **General Siaka SANGARE** and the Director General of the EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.



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This activity, organized by **EMP-ABB** with the financial support of the **Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)** in Mali, aimed to **strengthen the understanding of the root causes of electoral crises in Sahelian states** and to identify **appropriate mechanisms to prevent or resolve them**.



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Thus, during three (03) days, national and international experts **debated and shared their experiences around several themes on the following electoral issues:**



Session 01 - Political and Electoral Governance in Times of Crisis

Panelists:

H.E. Domitien NDAYIZEYE, former President of the Republic of Burundi - "Principles of the acceptance of elections as a mode of designation of leaders"

Pr Samuel Fonkam AZU'U, former President of the Electoral Commission of Cameroon, international expert consultant (Cameroon) - "Organic and legal framework of election management: Challenges, stakes and perspectives"

Moderator:

Attorney Moustaphe CISSE, President of the Independent Authority for the Management of Elections (AIGE) - Mali

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Session 02 - Organizing elections in times of crisis

Panelists:

Pr Theodore HOLO, Former President of the Constitutional Court, Former Minister, Expert on legal matters (Benin) - "Issues and challenges of organizing elections in times of crisis"

Mr. Ahmadou Kisso CISSE, Vice-President of the High Council of Local Authorities - "Impacts of the new territorial division and the new electoral division on the organization of elections"

Colonel Boussourou DRAME/ Secretary General of the Independent Electoral Management Authority (AIGE) - "Taking into account internally displaced persons, refugees and Malians living abroad"

Moderator:

H.E. Ousmane Issoufi MAIGA, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Mali

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Session 03 - *Monitoring and control of electoral operations in times of crisis*

Panelists:

General Siaka SANGARE, Member of AIGE, former General Delegate for Elections of Mali - "Design and management of the electoral file for peaceful elections"

Colonel Mohamed SAMAKE, Head of the Security Unit in the Prime Minister's Defense Cabinet (Mali) - "Issues and challenges of monitoring and control of electoral operations"

Dr. Abdoul Latif AIDARA, Director of the Center for Strategic Intelligence - Dakar (Senegal) - "Prospects for monitoring and control of electoral operations"

Moderator:

Mr. Paterne Aimé PETIPE, Head of the Intervention component at CARESS (EMP-ABB)

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Session 04 - Resource Mobilization for Elections in Times of Crisis

Panelists:

Ambassador Calixte Aristide MBARI, Head of Democracy, Elections, Constitutionalism, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice Division/ Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security African Union Commission (CAR) - "Issues and Challenges of Resource Mobilization for the Organization of Elections in Times of Crisis"

Colonel Mamadou SOUGOUNA, Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection - "Strategies for mobilizing resources for the organization of upcoming elections"

Mr. CHADY, Representative of the United Nations Integrated Multidimensional Mission for Mali (MINUSMA) - "Contribution of actors to the financing of elections in times of crisis"

Moderator:

Mr. Seyba Mohamed DIARRA, Civilian Expert, Specialist in Learning - Development - Peace & Security (EMP-ABB)

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Session 05 - *Securing elections in times of crisis*

Panelists:

Pr Aly TOUNKARA, Lecturer and Researcher at the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako and at the Center for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel - "Impacts of inter-community conflicts, armed groups and self-defense groups on the conduct of electoral operations" (participation via videoconference)

Commissioner Jean Marie DRABO, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Security and Civil Protection (MSPC) - "Contribution of the SDF and partners forces in securing electoral operations"

Moderator:

Colonel Mamadou KONE, Deputy Director of Training (EMP-ABB)

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Session 06 - Participation in elections in times of crisis

Panelists:

Mr. Zackaria Ousman Rahmadan, President Director of the Chadian Center for Strategic Studies and Prospective Analysis (Chad) - "Issues and challenges of population participation in elections in conflict zones"

Mr. Amagoï KEITA, Executive Director of the Group for the Observation of Social Dynamics, Spatial and Endogenous Studies (ODYSSEE) - "The state of play of the participation of populations in elections in conflict zones"

Honourable Aïcha BELCO, Former Member of Parliament -Mali - "Strategies for mobilizing populations for electoral operations in conflict zones"

Mr. Sékou DIALLO, President of the Association for Training and Support to Development (AFAD) - "Perceptions of the population on their participation in the elections"

Moderator:

Pr Theodore Holo, Former President of the Constitutional Court, Former Minister, Expert on legal issues (Benin).

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Session 07 - Gender and Elections in Times of Crisis

Panelists:

Mr. Salia Kariba TRAORE, Coordinator of the Coalition for Citizen Observation of Elections in Mali (COCEM) Mali - "Access of women and youth to elective positions: mechanisms, challenges and lessons learned"

Ms. Kama SAKILIBA, Vice-President of the Pan-African Women's Organization OPF/PAWO - "Role of women and youth in electoral mobilization in times of crisis"

Mr. Bissiri COULIBALY, President of the Malian Association for Raising the Participation Rate in Elections (AMRTPE) - "Strategies for the mobilization and inclusion of women and youth in electoral operations in times of crisis"

Moderator:

Mrs. Fanta TRAORE, Expert in electoral matters.

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Session 08 - Post-Election Conflict Prevention and Management

Panelists:

Ambassador Saidou Nourou BA, Member of the Autonomous National Electoral Commission (CENA) of Senegal - "Potential risks of electoral crises in times of crisis"

Dr. Oumar SENOU, former Advisor to the Supreme Court of Mali - "Prevention and management of electoral risks in crisis periods"

Pr Robert DOSSOU, Former President of the Constitutional Court, former Minister, former President of the Bar, lawyer (Benin) - "Management of electoral disputes"

Moderator:

Mr. Fodié TOURE, Magistrate, former President of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) - Mali

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Session 09 - Local actors and peaceful elections in times of crisis

Panelists:

Ms. Oumou Dembélé, President of the UMP Women's Movement and spokesperson for the women's consultation framework of political parties - "The role of civil society organizations in calming the electoral climate"

Professor Hamidou MAGASSA, Director of Research Emeritus - "The role of religious leaders in calming the electoral climate"

Dr. Badié HIMA, Resident Director of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) Mali - "The role of political parties in calming the electoral climate"

Mr. Alexis KALAMBRY, Journalist, Director of the newspaper Mali Tribune - "Role of the media in calming the electoral climate"

Dr. Abdoulaye SALL, President of the Cercle de Réflexion et d'Information pour la consolidation de la démocratie au Mali (Cri 2002) - "The role of traditional legitimacy in calming the electoral climate"

Moderator:

Pr Mamadou DIAMOUNTANI, former President of the Independent National Electoral Commission of Mali (CENI) Mali



**RECAFEVEC International High-level Seminar:
Innovative Policies and Projects in Africa on Women and Youth Empowerment,
Combating Gender-Based Violence and Security Sector Reform:
New Approaches, Challenges and Perspectives**

Within the framework of the project **RECAFEVEC** (Reinforcement of the Capacities of Women Vectors of Change for Peace and Inclusive Development in Mali), the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE of Bamako (**EMP-ABB**) held from **Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 03**, in its conference room, the international high-level seminar on "**Innovative Policies and Projects in Africa in the field of Women and Youth Empowerment, the Fight against Gender-Based Violence, and the Reform of the Security Sector: New Approaches, Challenges and Perspectives.**"



The seminar was attended by the Minister of National Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, in charge of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement, **Colonel Major Ismaël WAGUE**; the Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family, **Mrs. WADIDJIE Founè COULIBALY**; the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Mali, **H.E. Rigmor Elianne KOTI**; the Governor of the District of Bamako, **Mr. Abdoulaye COULIBALY** and the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.



Also, many officials, national and international actors, researchers, politicians, communal elected officials, **RECAFEVEC** project focal points in the Regional Directorates for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family (**DRPF**) and in the different regional Governorates, Members of the signatory movements of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, resulting from the Algiers process (**APR**), members of the Agreement Monitoring Committee (**CSA**), senior executives in charge of policies for women and youth on the continent and representatives of the Defense and Security Forces (**FDS**) were also able to make contributions during this meeting.





This activity is part of the implementation of the **RECAFEVEC** project: A project carried out by **EMP-ABB** in partnership with the Energy, Health and Environment Consultancy (**ESEN**). It is financed by the **Norwegian Embassy in Mali** and benefits from the technical support of the **Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization**, the **Ministry of National Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion**, in charge of the **Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation** and the **Ministry for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family**.

The overall objective of the seminar was to create a framework for reflection and a space for the exchange of diverse experiences in terms of successes, opportunities, limitations, perspectives and good practices in terms of innovative **policies and projects in Africa** aimed at stimulating the empowerment of women and youth, in the fight against gender-based violence as well as in security sector reform.

Thus, these five (05) days of exchanges were punctuated by nine (09) panels.





Session 01 - Framework, Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Seminar

Panelists:

Colonel Aliou BAGAYOKO, Director of Training of EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Expert - "Presentation of EMP-ABB and the RECAFEVEC project

Mrs. SIDIBE Hadja Tenindjè SAMAKE, Permanent Instructor and Gender Expert of EMP-ABB/Coordinator of RECAFEVEC project - "Seminar methodology and expected results

Mr. Seyba Mohamed DIARRA, Permanent Instructor EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Expert - "Presentation of the speakers and participants

Moderator:

Mr. Issiaka Ba: Director of Communication and Institutional Development (partnership) of EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Project Communication Expert



Session 02 - Empowerment of women and youth through income generating activities: local/national/regional policies, initiatives and innovative projects

Panellists:

Ms. Tidjani Kalou Kati, Technical Advisor on Gender at the Prime Minister's Office, Department of Solidarity and Socio-Economic Inclusion, expert in gender and good governance in Niger

Mr. Cornel Ogutu, Gender Consultant/ IPSTC Expert from Kenya

Mrs. Minata Samaké, President of the Local Union of Shea Butter Producers of Sanankoroba (ULPKS - Yiriwasso);

Ms. Magagi Rabia Djibo, APAIS Coordinator from Niger

Moderator:

Mr. Yacouba Sogoré, Researcher at CARESS of EMP-ABB



Session 03 (part 01) - Empowerment of women and youth through political participation (local/ national/ regional policies/ innovative initiatives and projects)

Panelists:

Mr. Mamadou Sansi Bah, President of the Youth Network of Malian Political Parties

Mr. Khadim DIOP, President of the National Youth Council of Senegal

Ms. Fanta Kouma, President of the Network of Young Women of Political Parties – Mali

Moderator:

Mr. Boris Ghislain KABRE, Temporary Instructor and researcher at the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS) of the EMP-ABB



Session 03 (part 02) - Women and Youth in Security Sector Reform (status, policies, SSR action plans, challenges and prospects)

Panelists:

H.E. El-Haouès RIACHE, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Mali - "Algeria's experience in the inclusion of women and youth in security sector reform processes"

Dr. Saran Kaba; Founder of the Mano River Union Women's Network for Peace, former Minister of Social Affairs and Promotion of Women and Children of Guinea

Divisional Police Commissioner SOKONA Boubacar, Commissioner of the CRSS/ Expert of the RECAFEVEC project

Moderator:

Colonel Aliou BAGAYOKO, Director of Training of the EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Expert



Session 04 - Empowerment of women and youth through political participation (local/national/regional policies, innovative initiatives and projects)

Panelists:

Mrs. Awa Sako, Mayor of the Commune of Madina Sako of Koulikoro

Mrs. Djiré Mariam DIALLO, Mayor of Commune III of the District of Bamako

Mrs. Salimata NEBIE/CONOMBO, Former Minister of Gender and Family of Burkina-Faso

Moderator:

Mr. Moussa DOUMBIA, Regional Director for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family (DRPFEF) of Mopti.



Session 05 (part 01) - Fighting Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Good Practices Experienced (status, policies/strategies, response, challenges and perspectives)

Panelists:

Aissata BABY, Director of United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency (UNFPA Mali) - "Women and Youth facing Gender-Based Violence (GBV)"

Dr. Birama Apho LY, Director of the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Area (CARESS) of the EMP-ABB - "Sexual Violence"

Moderator:

Lieutenant-Colonel Tenin Kadidia Sanogo, Permanent Instructor of the EMP-ABB.



Session 5 (part 2) - Fighting Gender-Based Violence: Best Practices (status, policies/strategies, response, challenges and perspectives)

Panelists:

CDP Assitan TRAORE, Director of One Stop Center Mali

Mr. Tamba SIMPARA, Head of the Men and Boys Engagement Component of Care International Mali

Ms. Jacqueline BARANYIZIGIYE, Director of Child and Family of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi

Moderator :

Mrs. Kadidiatou BERTHE, Temporary Instructor of EMP-ABB



Session 06 (part 01) - Endogenous Conflict Prevention and Management Initiatives Involving Women and Youth

Panelists:

Mr. Abdramane TRAORE, Program Quality Director, Search For Common Ground (Mali)

Ms. Maryse GLELE AHANHANZO, WANEP Benin Coordinator

Lucie BELLO, Project Coordinator on the Challenges of Access to Justice and the Fight against Impunity in Central Mali, IMRAP Mali

Moderator:

Dr. Aly TOUNKARA, Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel - CE3S (Mali)



Session 06 (part 02) - Endogenous Conflict Prevention and Management Initiatives Involving Women and Youth

Panelists:

Mr. Kassim FOMBA, Coordinator Think Peace Mali

Yagana Boukar DIOULA, Deputy Secretary General of the High Authority for Peacebuilding - HACP Niger

Moderator:

Dr. Aly TOUNKARA, Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel - CE3S (Mali)



Session 07 (part 01) - Mini-panels of experts: experience sharing

Panelists :

H.E. Rigmor Elianne KOTI, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Mali - "Overview of the place of women and youth in the evolution of the Norwegian society"

Mrs. Traoré Nathalie Koné, Human Rights Officer, Gender Focal Point at the African Union MISAHEL - "AU Perspective on Gender Issues"

Mr. Olivier KEOUSSOU, First Secretary at the Embassy of Sweden, Specialist in charge of Peace and Security (FBA) - "Gender equality and parity policy"

Moderator:

Mr. PETIPE Paterne A: Head of the Program and Intervention Projects Component of CARESS of EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Project Expert (Cameroon)



Session 07 (partie 02) - Mini-panels of experts: experience sharing

Panelists:

Ms. Marie Madeleine POUYA, Program Officer/Gender Specialist, Diakonia Burkina Faso - "Economic and Social Justice Program: Successes of non-traditional trades »

Ms. Saima MAIGA, 3rd Deputy Mayor of Gao (Mali) - "Empowerment of women at the local level: Good practices, challenges and perspectives »

Madou DIALLO, SWEDD Project - Mali, Expert on girls' and women's empowerment issues »

Moderator:

Mr. PETIPE Patrice A: Head of the Program and Intervention Projects Component of CARESS of EMP-ABB/ RECAFEVEC Project Expert (Cameroon)



Session 8 - Working and exchange groups (reflections and discussions)

Testimonies and sharing of experiences of participants (Women of the CFS, elected officials, CSOs, etc.)

Restitutions in plenary and interactions

Moderator:

Dr. Birama Apho LY, Director of the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS) of the EMP-ABB



Session 09 - Conclusion and recommendations of the seminar

Validation of proposals and recommendations

Presentation of the overall recommendations of the seminar

Moderator:

Dr. Birama Apho LY, Director of the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (CARESS) of the EMP-ABB

Family picture of the closing ceremony



Links to the live webcast of the RECAFEVEC International High-level Seminar

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Practical Guide to Crisis and Disaster Management: Training of Mali's Governors, Prefects and Mayors

On **Monday, February 20, 2023**, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**) de Bamako, hosted a high-level seminar on the Practical Guide to Crisis and Disaster Management for Governors, Prefects and Mayors of the Regions and the District of Bamako. The opening ceremony was chaired by the Minister of Security and Civil Protection (**MSPC**), **Brigadier General Daoud MOHAMMEDINE**, accompanied by the acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization (**MATD**), Mr. Adama SISSOUMA; the Head of Mission of EUCAP Sahel Mali, **Ms. Maja SVERDRUP** and the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.

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This ceremony marked the start of a training session **from February 20 to 24, 2023**. In close collaboration with **UNITAR** and **EUCAP Sahel Mali**, the Crisis and Disaster Management Coordination Center (**CECOGEC**), in partnership with **EMP-ABB**, organized a training and sensitization seminar for the Governors of the Region and the District of Bamako on the use of the Practical Guide for Crisis and Disaster Management.



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As a reminder, this high-level seminar is the logical continuation of the **12 previous capacity building sessions** that took place in **Bamako, Kayes, Sikasso, and Segou** for the benefit of **300 executives** of the security and civil protection services. Thus, this new session is aimed at **Governors, Prefects and Mayors of the Regions of Mali and the District of Bamako**.

The objective of this seminar was to **strengthen the leadership capacities** of Governors, Prefects and Mayors in the **coordination and management of crises and disasters** through the appropriation of knowledge of the practical guide, the **result of a collaboration between CECOGEC, UNITAR, EUCAP Sahel Mali and EMP-ABB**.





Training of 182 Electoral Agents at the EMP-ABB

As part of the support to the electoral process in Mali, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**) of Bamako, in partnership with MINUSMA, proceeded on **Monday, February 6, 2023**, in its amphitheater, to the official launching of the special training session in **Support to the Electoral Process** (Appui au Processus Electoral - APE) for the benefit of **182 electoral agents**.

The ceremony was chaired by the Director of the Electoral Affairs Division of MINUSMA, **Mr. Kacou ASSOUKPE**. He was accompanied by the representative of the African Union, **Ms. SERGINE**; the Representative of the Constitutional Court of Mali, **Mr. Mohamed Abdourahamane MAIGA** and the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.

Training of 182 Electoral Agents at the EMP-ABB



The **182 electoral agents** who benefited from this **APE** training organized by MINUSMA are divided as follows:

- **162 national electoral assistants** to be assigned to the circles and communes of the District of Bamako;
 - **09 national UN volunteers** and **11 international volunteers**, in the various regions of Mali.
- This APE training, which took place **from February 6 to 10**, was to train electoral agents capable of **accompanying MINUSMA in the proper implementation of its electoral assistance mission throughout the national territory**. Thus, these five (05) days of training, allowed the 182 electoral agents to acquire a good understanding of **the electoral cycle, the legal, organic, technical and operational framework of elections** in Mali and the role of the United Nations system in electoral assistance.



APE

Electoral Process
Support

Dates and Location
February 06 – 10, 2023
EMP-ABB
(Bamako, MALI)

Funding
MINUSMA

Beneficiaries
182 civilian trainees,
including 60 women

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



PoC

Protection
of Civilians

Dates and Location
February 13 – 24, 2023
EMP-ABB
(Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

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

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



IHL – DIH - Koulikoro

International
Humanitarian Law

Dates and Location

February 13 – 17, 2023
Military School of Administration (EMA)
(Koulikoro, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

38 military trainees,
including 10 women

Objective

To strengthen the capacities of
civilian, military
and police trainees
in International
Humanitarian Law.



CONFOND Koulikoro

Fundamental Knowledge

Dates and Location

February 20 – 24, 2023
Military School of Administration (EMA)
(Koulikoro, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

52 trainees
non-commissioned officers,
including 07 women

Objective

Acquiring fundamental knowledge
related to peacekeeping
operations
(OMP).



CONFOND Ségou

Fundamental Knowledge

Dates and Location

February 20 – 24, 2023
Banankoro Non-Commissioned Officer School (ESO)
(Ségou, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

396 stagiaires
sous-officiers militaires,
dont 65 femmes

Objective

Acquiring fundamental knowledge
related to peacekeeping
operations
(OMP).

Visit of the Experts of the Seminar on Electoral Governance in Times of Crisis in Sahelo-Saharan States to the Chairman of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors

02/23/23 - On the occasion of the International High-level Seminar on "Electoral Governance in Times of Crisis in Sahelo-Saharan States" organized by EMP-ABB and financed by the Federal Republic of Germany, a delegation of national and international experts was received by the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs of Mali (MDAC), Chairman of the Board of Directors (PCA) of EMP-ABB.



In addition to the meeting with the President of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors, we can mention among others, the following **partnership activities that took place during February**:

02/02/23 – JAPAN - Courtesy visit of Mr. Koji FUKUHARA, Chargé d'Affaires of the Japanese Embassy in Mali;

02/14/23 – KINGDOM OF DENMARK - Courtesy visit of the Defense Attaché of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Mali, **Lieutenant-Colonel Casper Emil HOLLAND**;

02/20/23 – GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG - Working session with Mrs. Marie-Anne Marx, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;



02/21/23 – SWEDEN – Swedish Agency for Peace, Security and Development Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) - Courtesy visit of **Mr. Peter ERHARDY, DDR and SSR Technical Cooperation Officer** and his delegation;

02/24/23 - CANADA – Working session to identify areas of collaboration with the political advisor of the Canadian Embassy in Mali, **Mr. Farid AYOUD** and representatives of the **Stabilization and Counter-Terrorism Divisions** based in Ottawa.



14th Edition

Political system in Mali facing the test of a functional state & The armed groups in the Sahel: conflict and criminal economy in northern Mali



On **Thursday, February 16, 2023**, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE of Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), through its Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Space (**CARESS**), held the 14th edition of its **Book Club**. It is in this context that two (02) eminent authors were able to expose their work.

Dr. Yaya GOLOGO, teacher, Secretary General of the Ministry of the Refoundation of the State of Mali and author of the work entitled "**Political system in Mali facing the test of a functional State**", shared his in-depth analysis of the Malian political system which, according to him, is part of a process of demystification, appropriation and operationalization of the state phenomenon through a functionalist vision of Mali.

Dr. Beatriz MESA, Doctor of Political Science at the University of Grenoble, teacher-researcher at the Gaston Berger University and author of the paper "**The armed groups of the Sahel: Conflict and criminal economy in the north of Mali**"; offered us an analysis of the stakes and challenges posed by the armed groups in the Sahel. She argues that the escalation of violence and growing instability in northern Mali is strongly driven by the criminal economy.

The reading session was attended by **CARESS** staff, the Ecole Militaire Interarmes de Koulikoro (**EMIA**), the Prytanée Militaire of Kati (**PMK**), and **faithful members of the Reading Club**, mainly **researchers, doctoral students, and CARESS Masters students**.

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.



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