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## **International Women's Rights Day at EMP-ABB: Roundtable on "The Contribution of Women to the Peace Process in Mali"**

On the occasion of the celebration of the **International Women's Rights Day, March 8, 2023**, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE of Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), received in its premises, the visit of the **Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), H.E. Katja KEUL**, in order to participate in the framework of the round table on The Contribution of Women to the Peace Process in Mali".

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The delegation was composed of **Dr. Kirsten STAUDT**, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mali; **Dr. Marcos MATTHEIS**, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (FRG) and **Mr. Nils TIPPEL**, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mali.

After nearly two hours of exchanges with **EMP-ABB experts** and **very active members of civil society** on issues related to the involvement of women in Mali in the peace process, **HEM KEUL** was also able to benefit from a presentation of the **contribution of EMP-ABB to the strengthening and promotion of the culture of peace in Africa**.

As a reminder, the **Federal Republic of Germany**, member of the **EMP-ABB Board of Directors**, is one of its strategic and historical partners.







## International High Level Seminar Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue: What Strategies for a Sustainable Peace in the Sahel?

The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**) of Bamako, organized from March **21 to 23, 2023** in its conference room, the International High Level Seminar on "**Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue: What strategies for a sustainable peace in the Sahel?**".

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Several personalities honored this event with their participation. These include the Minister of National Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, in charge of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement, **Colonel Major Ismaël WAGUE**; the Minister of Handicrafts, Culture, Hotel Industry and Tourism, **Mr. Andogoly GUINDO**; the Minister of Religious Affairs, Worship and Customs, **Dr. Mahamadou KONE**; the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) to Mali and member of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors, **His Excellency Dr. Dr. Dietrich Fritz Reinhold POHL**; and the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.

This high-level seminar, organized by EMP-ABB with the support and financial assistance of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) in Mali, aimed to deepen the reflections on the mechanisms of intercultural and interreligious dialogue in order to **activate the levers that can be used in the strategies and solutions for a sustainable peace in the Sahel**.



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During three (03) days, the **exchanges and sharing of experiences of national and international experts** were punctuated by the following sessions:



## SESSION 01 - Overview of the security situation in the Sahel

### Panelists:

Dr. Abdoul Latif Aïdara, Director of the Center for Strategic Intelligence (Senegal) - "The state of insecurity in the Sahel" (areas concerned, political, human, social and economic consequences) - *Online participation from Senegal*

Pr Bréma Ely DICKO, teacher-researcher - "Determinants and actors of insecurity: origins, causes" (economic, political, social, religious, cultural of conflicts)

### Moderator:

Colonel-Major (R) Nouhoum SANGARÉ, Former Defense Attaché to the Embassy of Mali in Ethiopia



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## **SESSION 02 - Building Peace: Mobilizing Customary and Alternative Mechanisms as Tools for Conflict Prevention and Resolution**

### **Panelists:**

Mr. Habib DIARRA, Project Manager at the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue - "Alternative mechanisms (civil society organizations, NGOs, TFPs): the experience of the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) in the Sahel

Dr. Abdoulaye SALL, Cree President 2002 - "Social cohesion and living together in the Sahel: the socio-cultural foundations of peaceful cohabitation  
Mr. Mohamed Lamine HAÏDARA, Permanent Secretary of the Political Framework for Crisis Management in the Centre (Mali) - "Political responses of Sahelian states: the experience of the Permanent Secretariat of the Political Framework for Crisis Management in the Centre (Mali)

### **Moderator:**

Dr. Thérèse SAMAKÉ, Director of Studies at the Catholic University of West Africa - Unité Universitaire de Bamako (UCAO-UUBA)

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## SESSION 03 - Building Peace: Inter and Intra-Community Dialogue

### Panelists:

Mr. Mangal TRAORE, Magistrate - "The Mali experience"

General Barthélémy A SIMPORE, Director of the National Center for Strategic Studies (Burkina Faso) - "The experience of Burkina Faso"

Dr. Moulaye HASSANE, Head of the program against Radicalization and Violent Extremism at the National Center for Strategic and Security Studies - CNESS (Niger) - "The experience of Niger" - *Online participation*

### Moderator:

Mr. Gabounè KEÏTA, member of civil society, retired public works engineer, former National Director of Public Works and Roads

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**SESSION 04 - Building Peace: Inter- and Intra-religious Dialogue**

**Panelists:**

Emmanuel SAGARA, Former Secretary General at the Presidency of Mali - "What strategies for a peaceful inter and intra-religious cohabitation?"

Mr. Djoubeïrou Oumar DIALLO, Permanent Secretary of the National Policy for the Prevention and Fight against Violent Extremism and Terrorism in the Sahel - "The new forms of parallel justice in areas occupied by religious extremist groups: a challenge to conventional justice?"

**Moderator:**

Mr. Oumarou Paul KOALAGA, Founder-Manager of the Institute of Strategies and International Relations (ISRI), Burkina Faso



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**SESSION 05 - Sharing experiences**

**Panelists :**

HEM Rigmor Elianne KOTI, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Mali - "Experience of the Kingdom of Norway in intercultural and interreligious dialogue"

HEM Abdelatif GUIA, Minister Counselor at the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Mali - "Algerian experience of intercultural and interreligious dialogue"

Pr Zakaria Ousmane RAMADAN, President Director of the Chadian Center for Strategic Studies and Prospective Analyses - "Chad's experience of intercultural and interreligious dialogue"

Mr. Kassim FOMBA, Coordinator of the NGO Think Peace Mali - "Mali's experience of intercultural and interreligious dialogue"

**Moderator:**

HEM Aguibou DIARRAH, former Ambassador (Mali)

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**Family photo of the closing ceremony**



**Links to the live broadcast of the seminar:**

DAY 01 <https://www.facebook.com/EcoledMaintiendelaPaix/videos/1151201712291283>

DAY 02 [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=226189073325900](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=226189073325900)

DAY 03 <https://www.facebook.com/EcoledMaintiendelaPaix/videos/165302052666700>





## **Solemn Commencement: Master Degree in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation - MACOTEC**

The École 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**) and in partnership with the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako (**USJPB**), organized on **Friday, March 10**, in its amphitheater, the **solemn commencement of the first class of the Master's degree in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation (MACOTEC)**.



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The ceremony was co-chaired by the representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, **Dr. Kadidiatou BOUARE** and the representative of the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, **Major General Sidiki SAMAKE**. The chairmen were accompanied by the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**.



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Thus, to better understand and identify the different factors surrounding organized crime and terrorism and how international penal cooperation can help curb them, the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**), in partnership with the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako (**USJPB**), have set up a tailor-made Master's program that is unique on the continent.





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The objective of the **MACOTEC's** opening ceremony was to present the master's program to the students and partners of the two (02) institutions through an **inaugural lecture and a panel discussion followed by exchanges to share and clarify the strategic vision of the USJPB and EMP-ABB in terms of training objectives**. The activity also had as a secondary objective to **inform the national and international opinion of the start of a new master's program responding to the endogenous needs and challenges of the continent**.





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**Link to the live webcast of the seminar:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EcoledMaintiendelaPaix/videos/223485670093640>



## Institutional Digital Communication: Training of EMP-ABB's staff

As part of its 2023 Training of Trainers (**ToT**) session in communication, the Directorate of Communication and Institutional Development (**DCDI**) of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School of Bamako (EMP-ABB) organized on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**, a capacity building workshop for its staff in **digital institutional communication**.

This training session responds to the challenges and risks related to the use of digital technologies and its increasingly determining impact on **the perception of reality**, particularly through **disinformation campaigns**. Thus, this activity aimed to recall the communication and information strategy of EMP-ABB, to explain the safe use of digital tools and to detail how disinformation can affect **the perception of the work of actors engaged in the promotion of the culture of peace**.





## UN-CIMIC

United Nations  
Civil-Military Coordination

### Dates and Location

February 20 - March 03, 2023  
EMP-ABB  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

### Beneficiaries

Integrated course  
(Civilian-Military-Police)  
21 civilian trainees,  
including 06 women

### Objective

To emphasize the importance of civil-military coordination and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for the planning and conduct of activities, as well as the preparation of UN-CIMIC activity reports.



## UNPOL

United Nations Police

### Dates and Location

February 27 - March 10, 2023  
National School of Gendarmerie  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Republic of Mali

### Beneficiaries

50 trainees  
police and military,  
including 07 women

### Objective

Acquisition and enhancement of logistics chain knowledge for civilian and uniformed personnel in UN peacekeeping operations.





## UNPOL SENEGAL

United Nations Police

### Dates and Location

February 27 - March 24, 2023  
General Directorate  
of the Police  
(Dakar, SENEGAL)

### Funding

UNITAR

### Beneficiaries

50 trainees from  
the Direction of the  
Senegalese Police,  
including 05 women

### Objective

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



## CONFLICT SENSITIVITY AWARENESS

### Dates and Location

March 13 – 24, 2023  
EMP-ABB  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Interpeace

### Beneficiaries

25 expert trainees,  
including 08 women

### Objective

Acquire the knowledge necessary  
to help national and international organizations  
integrate conflict sensitivity  
into their programming.



## UN-CIMIC

United Nations  
Civil-Military Coordination

### Dates and Location

March 20 – 31, 2023  
EMP-ABB  
(Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

### Beneficiaries

Integrated course  
(Civilian-Military-Police)  
20 civilian trainees,  
including 06 women

### Objective

To emphasize the importance of  
civil-military coordination and to acquire  
the knowledge and skills necessary  
for the planning and conduct  
of activities, as well as the preparation of  
UN-CIMIC activity reports.

Among the **partnership activities of March at EMP-ABB**, we can mention the following:

**03/03/23** – UN-CIMIC - After two weeks of training on the United Nations Civil-Military Coordination (**UN-CIMIC**), the 21 trainees from 10 African countries gave EMP-ABB a souvenir marking their passage;

**03/07/23** – KINGDOM OF MOROCCO - Courtesy visit of **Colonel Alaoui ISMAILI**, Defense Attaché to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Mali;

**03/08/23** – RECAFEVEC – Participation of the women of the **RECAFEVEC** project in the **celebration of the 8th of March** at the Omnisport stadium of Bamako under the presidency of the President of the transition, **His Excellency Colonel Assimi GOITA**;

**03/10/23** – KINGDOM OF NORWAY - Presentation of a trophy of recognition to Ambassador **HEM Rigmor Elianne KOTI**, for her support in the implementation of the project "Capacity Building for Women Vectors of Change for Peace and Inclusive Development in Mali (**RECAFEVEC**)";





03/10/23 – UCAO-UUBA – Courtesy visit of **Professor Benjamin AKOTIA**, Coordinator of the Academic, Pedagogical and Research Directions of UCAO-UUBA;

03/14/23 – UNDP - Courtesy visit of **Mr. Maleye DIOP**, UNDP Resident Representative in Mali;

03/23/23 – SWITZERLAND - Courtesy visit of **HEM Cédrine BENEY**, Special Envoy for the Sahel, of the State Secretariat of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE), based at the Swiss Embassy in Dakar;

03/24/23 – INTERPEACE – Courtesy visit of **Mrs. Kadiatou KEITA**, Country Director of Interpeace Mali.





## 15<sup>th</sup> Edition

### The revolt of June 21, 1968 in Djitoumou & TINKELE, from the origins to modern times



On **Thursday, March 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 15th edition of its Book Club. It is in this context that two (02) eminent writers were able to present their works.

**Mrs. Diarrassouba Assitan SAMAKE**, a retired teacher with a degree in archaeological history and the author of the political history essay entitled "**The revolt of June 21, 1968 in Djitoumou**", retraces the history of the events of the Djitoumou revolt which pitted the hunters against the traditional chiefs.

**Mr. Idrissa SAMAKE**, teacher and graduate in philosophy from the Higher Normal School of Bamako (ENSUP), founding member and Executive Director of the NGO ALED is the author of the book "**TINKELE, from the origins to modern times**". He succinctly recounts the history of Djitoumou and that of its hero Djitoumou Moussa in order to share the ancestral values at the origin of the foundation of Tinkélé, a village in Djitoumou founded in the 18th century by the legendary hunter Sogolon MAKAN.

The reading session was attended by **staff from CARESS**, the Koulikoro Inter-Arms Military School (**EMIA**), the Kati Military Academy (**PMK**), among others, students of the Catholic University of West Africa - University Unit of Bamako (**UCAO-UUBA**), **family and friends of the two (02) authors**, and **the faithful members of the Reading Club** composed mainly of researchers, doctoral students and auditors of the masters of CARESS of EMP-ABB.

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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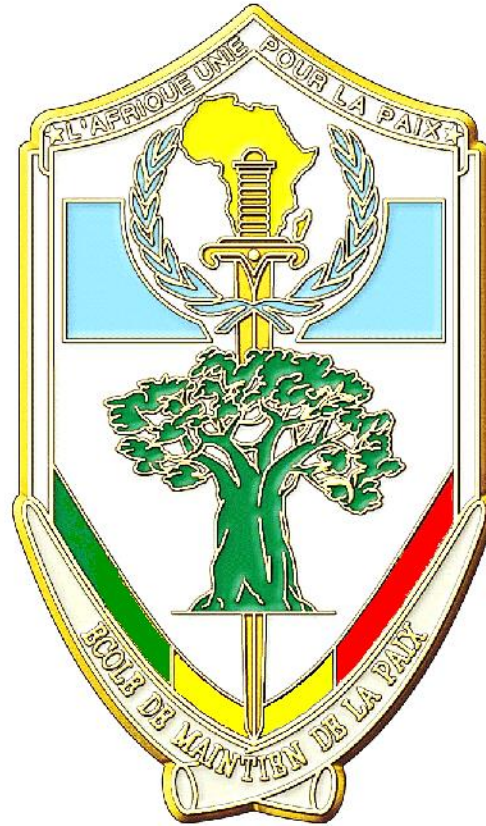
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