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Enhancement of Cooperation: Visit of an Algerian Delegation to EMP-ABB

As part of the implementation of the military cooperation program between the **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** and the **Republic of Mali** for the year 2023, an Algerian delegation paid a visit to the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping Training School (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako on **Monday, May 15th**.

As a reminder, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria is a member of the Board of Directors (CA) of EMP-ABB. This visit demonstrates the commitment of both countries to **strengthen their partnership in the field of training**.

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The Algerian delegation, led by **Major General Ahmed SAYEH MOHAMED**, also included **Colonel Nemr AZOUZ**, **Colonel Ben Djamaa ZOUBIR**, and **Lieutenant Colonel Marzoug BELKACEM**. They were welcomed by **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**, the **Director-General of EMP-ABB**, as well as the school's directors, the Chief of Staff, and the Partnership Officer.

The visit program consisted of various activities. Firstly, a welcome session and speeches took place in the school's conference room. Colonel Souleymane SANGARE expressed his satisfaction with the visit of the Algerian delegation and emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation between the, an international training center in themember country of the Board of Directors and his school field of peacekeeping. Major General Ahmed SAYEH MOHAMED also delivered a speech, highlighting Algeria's commitment to promoting a culture of peace in Mali and the rest of Africa.

Subsequently, a general presentation of EMP-ABB was given, with particular **emphasis on the partnership between the school and Algeria**. The delegation members had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with EMP-ABB officials.



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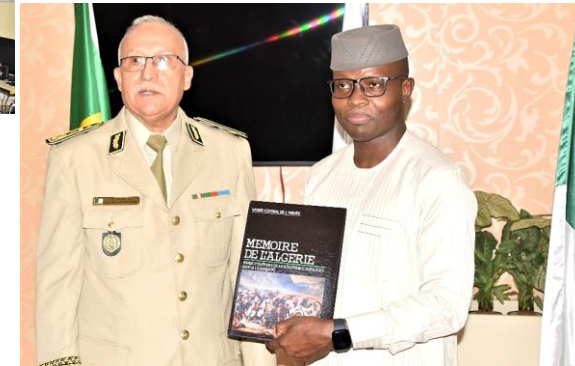
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After a coffee break to allow for informal exchanges, the delegation visited the facilities of EMP-ABB, where training sessions were underway. This visit provided the delegation members with an opportunity to **familiarize themselves with the school's activities and infrastructure.**

The visit concluded with the signing of the **guestbook and the exchange of symbolic gifts in the VIP room** of the school. This step served to **further strengthen friendship and cooperation.**

Finally, the Algerian delegation continued their visit by proceeding to the **Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs of Mali (MDAC)**, where additional discussions on military cooperation took place.

This visit by the Algerian delegation to EMP-ABB marks an important milestone in the strengthening of **cooperation between EMP-ABB and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**, a member of its Board of Directors. It demonstrates the willingness of both countries to work together **to promote peace, security, and development in the region.**





2nd International Colloquium on Integration in the Sahel at EMP-ABB

The École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**), in partnership with the West Africa Catholic University - Bamako University Unit (**UCAO-UUBa**), hosted the **2nd edition of the International Symposium** on "**Contribution of Science to Integration Efforts for Peace and Development in the Sahel.**" The event took place from **May 25th to 27th, 2023**, at the EMP-ABB premises in Bamako.

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Several high-level personalities participated in the event, including **Mr. Yacouba KEBE**, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, who presided over the opening and closing ceremonies. Also in attendance were **Mr. Moussa GUINDO**, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Malians Abroad and African Integration, as well as the High Representative and Head of the African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL), **His Excellency Mahamane Sambo SIDIKU**. The symposium was also honored by the presence of **Dr. Clément LONAH**, President of UCAO-Unité Universitaire de Bamako, **Dr. Benjamin AKOTIA**, Assessor of UCAO, and **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**, Director General of EMP-ABB.

Discussions focused on a multitude of crucial topics related to African integration, peace, and development. Speakers analyzed issues of governance, democracy, security, education, culture, information and communication technologies (ICT), and borders in the Sahel context. **The rich and diverse exchanges deepened the understanding of the challenges facing the region and explored opportunities for collaboration to promote integration and progress.**



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The workshops and panel sessions were led by renowned experts in their respective fields. Among the topics discussed were "Cross-border cooperation as a factor for peace, stability, and development integration," "Cross-border integration of skills: a response to terrorism in Africa," "Transforming African educational systems by 2030: challenges and potentials," "ICT and integration: contributing to peace and development," and many more.

This symposium provided participants with an opportunity to update their knowledge, establish professional contacts, and exchange innovative ideas. **The outcomes and recommendations formulated during this event will assist organizers and involved institutions in enhancing their online training, research, and development initiatives with the ultimate goal of promoting regional integration and fostering lasting peace in the Sahel.**



This significant event was hailed as a success and underscored the crucial role of science in integration and development efforts. **The organizers expressed their gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partners who contributed to the success of the 2nd edition of this international symposium.**



EMP-ABB at the 16th International Conference & Exhibition on New Technologies for Education, Training, and Skills Development

The École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (**EMP-ABB**) participated in the **16th International Conference & Exhibition on New Technologies for Education, Training, and Skills Development**, held from **May 24 to 26, 2023 in Dakar, Senegal**.

The delegation included representatives from the Department of Communication and Institutional Development (**DCDI**), responsible for coordinating the Online Training Development Project at EMP-ABB, as well as the Department of Instruction (**DI**) and the Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahel-Saharan Region (**CARESS**). EMP-ABB is fully committed to strengthening and expanding its online training offerings while exploring the latest technological advancements in the field of learning.

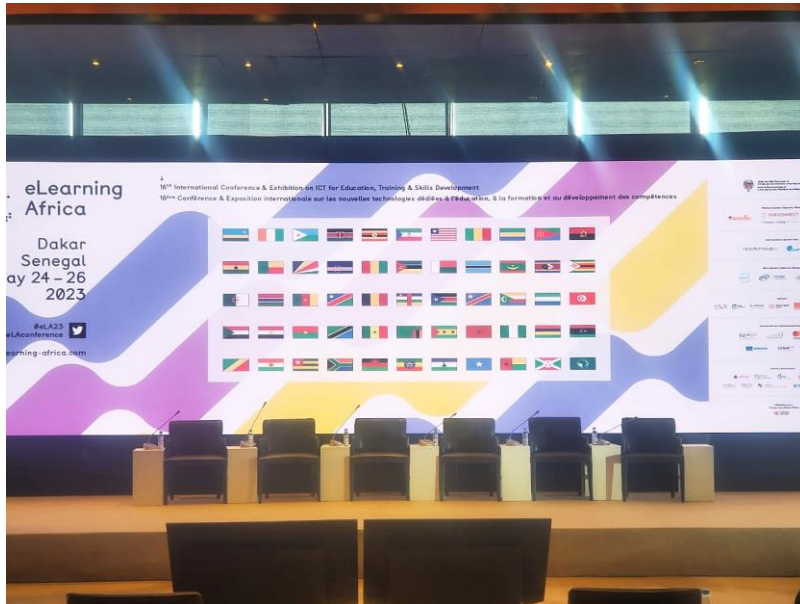
The main objective of the mission was to update knowledge in online training, discover new techniques, procedures, and existing or upcoming technologies, and establish contacts with professionals and institutions specialized in the development of digital solutions for education.

The EMP-ABB delegation actively participated in a series of sessions and workshops covering a variety of key topics. These topics included hybrid teaching design, creation of free and open online courses, the use of artificial intelligence (**AI**) in education, best practices and ethical use of AI, digital learning solutions in resource-constrained environments, among others. **These sessions allowed the delegation to explore new perspectives and acquire new skills in online training.**



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Participation in this conference has been extremely beneficial for EMP-ABB. It has allowed for updating knowledge, exchanging ideas with experts in the field, and discovering new approaches and technologies for online learning. Additionally, valuable connections have been established with renowned professionals and institutions in the field of online training, opening up new possibilities for collaboration.

By leveraging the knowledge and insights gained from this conference, EMP-ABB plans to apply the best practices and new approaches identified to develop and enhance its online training offerings. **The ultimate goal is to provide a quality learning experience to its learners and stay at the forefront of developments in the field of online education.**

EMP-ABB is committed to taking a progressive approach in developing and improving its online training offerings. This involves ongoing evaluation of the quality and relevance of the training, as well as adaptation to the changing needs and requirements of the learners.



UNLOG

United Nations
Logistics
(UNLOG)

Date and Location

April 24 - May 05, 2023
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course
(Civilian-Military-Police)
25 trainees, including 07 women

Objective

Acquisition and strengthening
of knowledge
related to the logistics chain
for civilian and uniformed personnel
of United Nations peacekeeping operations.



COMMUNICATION

Institutional Communication Techniques:
Media and Non-Media Communication
(COMMUNICATION)

Date and Location

May 3rd – 5th, 2023
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

2 civilian trainees,
personnel from the Ministry of National Reconciliation,
Peace, and National Cohesion, responsible for the Peace
and Reconciliation Agreement,
including 1 man

Objective

Acquiring and enhancing
knowledge and techniques
related to institutional communication,
or how to speak on behalf
of an institution.



MPC

Political and
Community Mediation
(PCM)

Date and Location

May 08 – 19, 2023
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Switzerland (Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali)

Beneficiaries

Integrated Training
(Civilian-Military-Police)
28 trainees,
including 15 women

Objective

To enhance the knowledge, skills,
and attitudes of individuals
involved in political or community
mediation processes
at the regional level.



DPE

Child Rights and Protection
(CRP)

Date and Location

May 08 – 19, 2023
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

Beneficiaries

Integrated Training
(Civilians-Military-Police)
25 trainees,
including 15 women

Objective

Promoting practices
that respect the dignity
of children and strengthening
the capacities of trainees
in the field
of child protection.



PC-BAT

PC Battalion
(PC-BAT)

Date and Location

May 15 – 26, 2023
National Gendarmerie School
(Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Republic of Mali

Beneficiaries

25 trainees,
military officers,
including 01 woman

Objective

Acquisition of knowledge
and essential skills
for battalion staff officers
engaged in a
United Nations or African Union
peace support operation.

In addition to the visit of the delegation from the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, we can mention the following partnership activities:

05/05/23

- INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES (ISS) - Courtesy visit of a delegation from the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) led by **Ms. Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni**, Regional Director of the Bureau for West Africa, the Sahel, and the Lake Chad Basin.
- ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN MALI - Courtesy visit of the Defense Attaché at the Embassy of Algeria in Mali, **Colonel Hamdi MOHAMED** ;

05/16/23 – MINUSMA HQ - Capacity-building and experience-sharing visit by the **PC-BAT training participants from EMP-ABB** to the Headquarters (HQ) of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (**MINUSMA**) ;

05/27/23 – EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO IN MALI - Visit of the Defense Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Mali, **Colonel Hicham Alaoui ISMAILI**.



16th Edition: From Donsoya to Donsology



On **Thursday, May 18, 2023**, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping Training School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, through its Sahel-Saharan Space Analysis and Research Center (CARESS), organized the 16th edition of its Book Club. The featured book was **"From Donsoya to Donsology"** by **Mr. Fodé Moussa B SIDIBE**.

Mr. Fodé Moussa B SIDIBE, professor at the Faculty of Letters, Languages, and Linguistics (FLSL) of the University of Letters and Human Sciences of Bamako (ULSHB), is the author of this **essay dedicated to the brotherhood of hunters, Donso**. Through a thorough analysis of field data, the author takes us on an initiatory journey into the mystical universe of this group that played a central role in the traditions of the Niger Basin. According to Dr. Sidibé, his book explores **"the foundations of the Donso brotherhood while also questioning other complex aspects of the spirituality of ancient Mandé."**

The Book Club brought together a diverse audience, including the staff of **CARESS**, students from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK), students from the Catholic University of West Africa - Bamako Unit (UCAO-UUBA), as well as the author's family and friends. **The loyal members of the Book Club, mainly researchers, doctoral students, and master's students of CARESS at EMP-ABB, were also present.**



The monthly sessions of the CARESS Book Club bring together authors, journalists, researchers, students, and book enthusiasts to discuss themes of peace, security, and development. Their objective is to promote a culture of peace and facilitate exchanges on various ideas and related works.



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**UNITED NATIONS LOGISTICS – UNLOG
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POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY MEDIATION

PCM

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**DROITS ET PROTECTION DE L'ENFANT - DPE
EMP-ABB**

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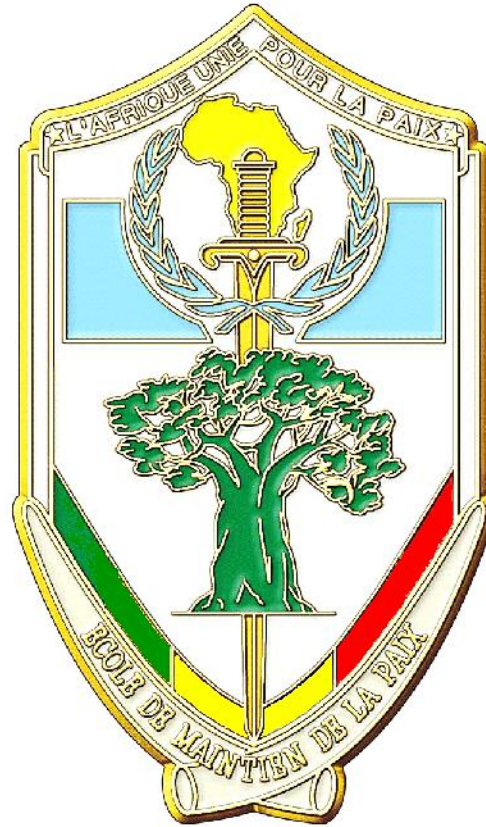


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