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# 29th Ordinary Session of the Board of Directors of EMP-ABB

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako (EMP-ABB), under the leadership of its Director General, Colonel Souleymane Sangaré, held the 29th Ordinary Session of its Board of Directors (CA).

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

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







The 29th Ordinary Session was chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Major General Sidiki SAMAKE, representing the President of the Board of Directors (PCA) of EMP-ABB.

Since its establishment in 1999, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako has contributed to the training of over 45,000 trainees, including students, journalists, social actors, associations, NGOs, police officers, gendarmes, and military personnel.

As an International Centre of Excellence of ECOWAS and the African Union, under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, EMP-ABB has risen to become a renowned international training center.





















During the Board of Directors session, the international partners of EMP-ABB expressed their continued support for the school's common mission. Through this successful collaboration, EMP-ABB has been able to develop its online training program to meet the growing demand for capacity building. A new online training offering, tailored to the needs of all stakeholders engaged in promoting a culture of peace in Africa and beyond, is now available.

EMP-ABB proudly announces its undertaking of a digital transformation to make its services and training programs more accessible and flexible. This advancement will expand the reach of the school by providing online opportunities and digital solutions to a wider audience.



In addition to its commitment to training, EMP-ABB continues to play a crucial role in promoting a culture of peace on the African continent. The school is determined to contribute to the stability and prosperity of Africa by training competent professionals and facilitating knowledge exchange.

EMP-ABB would like to express its deep gratitude to its partners for their continued support in fulfilling its mission. It is through this strong collaboration that the school can continue to strengthen the culture of peace and build a peaceful future for future generations.

### **Training Courses of the Month**



Protection of Civilians (**PoC**)

Date and Location May 29 - 09, 2023 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

#### **Beneficiaries**

Integrated Training (Civilians-Military-Police) 25 trainees, including 10 women

#### Objective

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



International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

#### **Date and Location**

May 03 - 05, 2023 Military Prytanée of Kati (Kati, MALI)

#### **Funding**

Republic of Mali

#### **Beneficiaries**

60 trainees Student of the Military Prytanée of Kati including 20 women

#### Objective

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



United Nations Police (UNPOL)

Date and Location

May 08 - 19, 2023 National Police School (Bamako, MALI)

#### **Funding**

Republic of Mali

#### **Beneficiaries**

50 trainees from the national police, including 10 women

#### Objective

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

## **Training Courses of the Month**



Fundamental Knowledge (Training conducted in English)

#### **Date and Location**

June 05 - 16, 2023 Officers' Mess (Kotu, GAMBIA)

#### **Funding**

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

#### **Beneficiaries**

50 trainees military officers, including 01 woman

#### Objective

Acquisition of fundamental knowledge related to peacekeeping operations (PKOs).



International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

#### **Date and Location**

June 12 - 23, 2023 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

#### **Funding**

Federal Republic of Germany - FRG

#### **Beneficiaries**

25 trainees military officers, including 10 women

#### Objective

To enhance the capacities of trainees, including civilians, military personnel, and police officers, in International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

Regarding the partnership activities of EMP-ABB in June, here are some significant examples:

06/01-02/23 — Association of African Peacekeeping Training Centres (APSTA) - Participation of the Director-General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, and the Partnership Officer from the Directorate of Communication and Institutional Development (DCDI), Madina Badian KOUYATE, at the international conference on international cooperation and capacity-building to combat terrorism financing in Africa ("International Cooperation and Reinforcement of Capacities against Terrorism Financing in Africa") in Yaoundé, Cameroon, upon the invitation of the Association of African Peacekeeping Training Centres (APSTA);









06/02/23 - JAPAN - Mr. Hiroyuki MASE, Director of the First Africa Division in the Department of African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, visited EMP-ABB accompanied by his delegation;

06/05/23 - African Centre for Strategic Intelligence-Peace and Security (CIS-PAIX) - Signing of a Convention between EMP-ABB and the African Centre for Strategic Intelligence-Peace and Security (CIS-PAIX);

06/07/23 - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY - The Lieutenant General of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), Gen. Schneider, accompanied by a delegation, made a courtesy visit to the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB);















### **Partnership Activities of the Month**

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06/09/23 - GAMBIA - A delegation from EMP-ABB paid a courtesy visit to General Mamat O.A. CHAM of the Gambian Armed Forces (GAF);

06/23/23 - European Union Training Mission in Mali (EUTM MALI) - EUTM donated books to EMP-ABB through its Sahel-Saharan Space Analysis and Research Center;

06/26/23 - GIZ-EPSAO (FRG - European Union - ECOWAS) - A fruitful working session took place with GIZ/EPSAO, led by Myriam Wedraogo, responsible for the "Peace Support Operations/Strengthening Security Sector Reform and Governance" (PSO/SSRG) component. This initiative aims to support and strengthen peacekeeping operations as well as reforms and governance in the security sector. The meeting facilitated enriching exchanges on the objectives, actions, and expected outcomes of this crucial component for the stability and development of the countries involved:

06/27/23 - Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) - Working session to identify partnership areas and define strategic orientations for a fruitful and sustainable collaboration.



















## Promotions JUNE 2023 EMP-ABB





Protection of Civilians - PoC EMP-ABB

May 29th - June 9th, 2023



## Promotions JUNE 2023 EMP-ABB





International Humanitarian Law - IHL KATI Military Prytanée of Kati (Kati, MALI) May 3rd - 5th, 2023



## Promotions JUNE 2023 EMP-ABB





United Nations Police - UNPOL ENP National Police School (Bamako, MALI) May 8th - 19th, 2023



# Promotions JUNE 2023 EMP-ABB





Fundamental Knowledge - CONNFOND GAMBIA Officers' Mess (Kotu, Gambia) June 05 - 16, 2023



# Promotions JUNE 2023 EMP-ABB





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