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## « THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN THE SAHEL »

From **November 28 to 30, 2023**, the Alioune Blondin BEYE PEACEKEEPING SCHOOL(EMP-ABB) of Bamako hosted a high-level international seminar on "The role of media in crisis management in the Sahel".

Funded by the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the seminar brought together eminent personalities and experts to analyze the impact of the media on crises in the Sahel. On the presidium of the ceremony, there were Colonel-Major Ismaël WAGUE, Minister of Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, Mr. Alkaïdi Amar TOURE, General Secretary of the Ministry of Communication, Digital Economy and Modernization of the Administration, His Excellency Mr El Haouès RIACHE, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Mali, Mrs Sergine GAKWAYA, representing MISAHEL, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, General Director of EMP-ABB..

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## Context :

A vast expanse of desert, the Sahara has effectively become a no-man's land where the threat of armed terrorist groups is almost permanent, making access difficult and development activities uncertain.

## Justification :

In addition to the security and development problems facing the countries bordering the Sahara, there are governance issues. The media and civil society in these countries cannot remain indifferent to these multifaceted difficulties. They are therefore called upon to consider the role they can play in overcoming the crisis, and the role they must play in reducing instability.





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## Seminar objectives and targets

The aim of the seminar was to encourage and help media experts and players to reflect on and propose ways and means of helping professionals in the sector to better equip themselves to contribute to peace-building in a Sahel severely tested by multidimensional crises. It was aimed at civilian journalists specializing in Conflict, Peace and Security; uniform wearers working in defense and security forces' communications and public relations structures; and Mission liaison officers and communications officers.



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## Seminar development:

After the inaugural lecture by Mr. Gaoussou DRABO, journalist and former Minister of Communication and New Information Technologies of Mali, six panels led by eminent specialists in the field helped to better edify the audience through the following themes:

1. Media, Security and Defense;
2. Media and Conflict;
3. Media Professionalism;
4. Conflict-sensitive journalism;
5. Journalism for social cohesion;
6. Inks and Perspectives







## Context :

Humanity is facing multiple, multifaceted security challenges that are hampering development and peace initiatives. These security challenges have had disastrous consequences in our various communities, such as famine, internally displaced persons, refugees, loss of human life, massive human rights violations, child soldiers, and so on. Thus, this obliges the United Nations (UN) to act, in concert with regional and sub-regional organizations, to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts.

## Justification :

To meet the need for highly qualified resource people generated by these missions, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB), in partnership with the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako (USJPB) and the The Institute of Political Studies of Grenoble, have set up the Master's program in "Peacekeeping" and the Executive Master's program in "Post-Conflict State Reconstruction".

## Goals

The main aim of this solemn start was to mark the official start of the third intake of students.

The specific objectives were to hold the traditional inaugural lecture, and to establish a framework for exchanges with the audience.

## Development :

With the theme "Evolution of Peace Support Operations (PSOs): Issues and Challenges for UN Missions in Africa", the inaugural lecture was given by Bruno Mpondo-EPO.

This was followed by a fruitful exchange of views on the Master's program.

Doctor Birama Apho LY, Director of CARESS, and Doctor Attaher MAIGA, Head of the CARESS Training Component, with the support of their colleagues from the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako (USJPB), took part in the exercise to the great satisfaction of the audience.





On Thursday November 23, 2023, the second meeting of the Technical Working Group was held in the EMP-ABB conference room.

The meeting was attended by a number of advisors and defense attachés from member countries of the school's Board of Directors (BOD).

The aim of the exercise was to better prepare the work of the forthcoming Board by going through not only the memo, but above all the new strategic framework defining EMP-ABB's major orientations for the period 2024-2028.





**GPS**

Gender Peace and Security(GPS)

**Date and venue**

November 06 - 17, 2023EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Funding**

Japan

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated course (Civilian-Military-Police)

24 trainees  
including 16 women

**Objective**

Acquisition of theoretical and practical knowledge a better understanding of women's involvement in the conflict prevention, negotiation and conflict management.



**GRC**

Disaster Risk Management  
(GRC)

**Date and venue**

06 – 17 novembre 2023  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Funding**

Japan

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated course (Civilian-Military-Police)

25 trainees  
including 02women

**Objective**

Familiarization with concepts and Management Mechanisms Disaster Risk Management (DRM), namely: Participate in planning and the operational management of a disaster.





## IHL

International Humanitarian Law(IHL)

### Date and venue

November 06 - 17, 2023EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Financing

Kingdom of the Netherlands

### Beneficiaries

Integrated course (Civilian-Military-Police)  
24 trainees  
including 10 women

### Objective

Capacity building of civilian, military and police trainees in  
International Humanitarian Law.



## PC-BAT

Battalion Command Post(PC-BAT)

### Date and location

November 06 - 17, 2023 Conakry (GUINEA)

### Financing

Kingdom of the Netherlands

### Beneficiaries

Military training course30 men

### Objective

Acquisition of essential know-how for Battalion Staff Officers  
engaged in a UN or African UN or African Union peace support  
operation.

## 27th Annual Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC)



From 06 to 10 November 2023, the EMP-ABB delegation, led by its General Director, participated in the work of the 27th Annual Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC) in which it has been leading the Military Component for the past two years.



24/11/23 - **NORWAY** – A farewell event bid goodbye to HE Mrs Rigmor Elianne KOTI offered by EMP-ABB;

24/11/23 - **JAPAN** - Courtesy visit of Mr. Shodai TONOMOTO, Head of Political Affairs and Cooperation at the Embassy of Japan to Mali;

11/29/23 - FRIEDRICH **NAUMANN** Foundation - Visit of the Regional Director Alexandra HELDT and her delegation. Discussions focused on potential areas of partnership.



**19th Edition :****Mali, from rebellions to peace agreements: issues, lessons and population resilience. Antinational mines at the root of the Malian crisis.**

On Wednesday, November 22, 2023, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako (EMPABB) invited the general public to the 19th edition of its Reading Club, orchestrated by its Center for Analysis and Research of Sahelo-Saharan Space (CARESS). The event took place at 3 p.m. GMT in the reading room of the EMPABB Documentation Center.

The works featured during this session were “Mali, from rebellions to peace agreements: issues, lessons and resilience of the populations” by Mr. Aly TOUNKARA, lecturer, researcher at the University of Letters and Human Sciences of Bamako, Director of the Center for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel and “Antinational mines at the origin of the Malian crisis” by Mr. Mahamadou Konaté, doctor of public law and teacher-researcher at the Faculty of Administrative and Political Sciences (FSAP).

After a detailed presentation of the books, time was set aside for questions and answers. This enabled Club participants to exchange views, comment and contribute to the debate. Interaction with the authors offered a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the themes raised in the books.

The Club de Lecture brought together a diverse range of audiences, from CARESS members and students from various academic institutions, to history and politics enthusiasts. The presence of loyal Club members, mainly researchers, doctoral students and auditors from the CARESS masters program at EMP-ABB, undoubtedly enriched the debates.

The Peacekeeping School highlighted the richness of the exchanges and the discovery of two major works on themes central to contemporary Mali.



The monthly sessions of the CARESS book club bring together authors, journalists, researchers, pupils, students and reading enthusiasts on the themes of peace, security and development. Their aim is to promote a culture of peace and exchange ideas and books on the subject.





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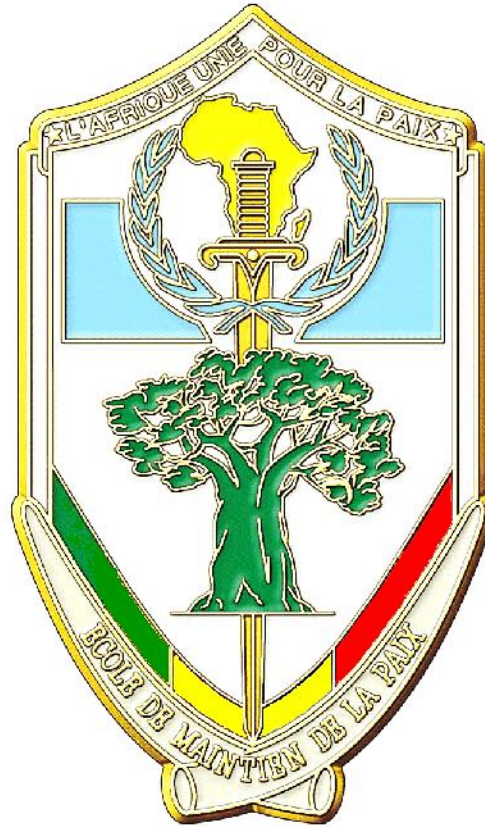
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