



A word from the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARE

Dear dedicated members of the Peace Support Community, on the threshold of the New Year and on behalf of the entire staff of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB), I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season in 2023 and our very best wishes for 2024. It gives me great pleasure to address you these words of optimism and determination as we continue our noble mission in the service of peace, security and development.

As in the past, peace remains the compass that guides our steps towards creating a fairer and more harmonious world. In this journey, each player, whether learner, facilitator, collaborator, technical and/or financial partner, plays a crucial role. In this way, our commitment to peace transcends sub-regional borders, extending to the whole of Africa and beyond.

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Furthermore, academic excellence remains the foundation on which our positive influence rests. We believe in the transformative power of learning, not only to broaden the spectrum of our knowledge, but also to equip all stakeholders with the skills needed to resolve the complex challenges facing Africa, and in particular the countries of the Sahel-Saharan strip.

In many respects, the year just ended saw political instability, organized crime, the damaging effects of climate change, inter-community conflicts and acts of terrorism reach levels rarely equaled on the continent. All of which means that we need to adapt our training provision and the resources to do so.

Through its new strategic framework, which will cover the period 2024-2028, the EMP-ABB intends to intensify its capacity-building actions while expanding its partnership network to impact a greater number of civilian, police and military stakeholders. To this end, it will continue with the digitization process, already well underway, in order to broaden the range of online sessions, thereby increasing efficiency and audience reach.

Furthermore, as a space for inspiration, advocacy, research and analysis, our institution is positioned at the heart of peace, security and development issues in the Sahel-Saharan region. And it is by joining forces that we will fully realise this mission, because each structure, with its unique perspectives, constitutes an essential link towards the emergence of a dynamic and inclusive community.

Together, let us embrace diversity, demonstrate empathy and act with conviction. Let every day be an opportunity to cultivate peace, reinforce our commitment to excellence and inspire future generations to rise above differences to create a world of harmony and understanding.

Happy New Year 2024 to you all !

Long live Africa united in peace !



TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION OF GREETINGS FROM EMP-ABB STAFF TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

On Thursday 03 January 2024, representatives of the various structures were received by the Director General (DG) in his office to continue an already well-established tradition. At the beginning of each year, the DG receives the School's staff for the presentation of their New Year's greetings. In return, he sends them his own and outlines the main directions for the coming year.

The occasion was also used to award stripes to those promoted and attributes to the lucky recipients of military merit medals.





« SUMMARY SEMINAR OF THE 2nd SEMESTER OF THE MASTER IN ORGANIZED CRIME, TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COOPERATION »

On 17 January 2024, the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE (EMP-ABB) in Bamako hosted the summary seminar for the 2nd semester of the Masters in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Criminal Cooperation (MACOTEC).

The event was attended by eminent figures, lecturers, researchers, experts, analysts in organized crime, terrorism and international cooperation in criminal matters, as well as by the entire audience, who revisited the modules taught and shared their expertise on the theme of "Comprehensive analysis, approaches and mechanisms for combating violent extremism, terrorism and organized crime". The opening ceremony was presided over by the following personalities: Mr Mamadou TESSOUGUE, Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Keeper of the Seals, Mr Abdoul Kassim Ibrahim FOMBA, Minister of Youth and Sports, responsible for Civic Education and Citizen Construction, Mr Seydou DOUMBIA, Head of Cabinet, representing the Minister of Security and Civil Protection, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB.

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Context :

Terrorism and organized crime in the Sahel have been on the increase in recent decades. Transnational crime is now one of the most pernicious sources of insecurity and one of the scourges that pose the greatest threat to social peace, personal safety, political stability and the economic, social and cultural development of the countries of the Sahel.

Justification :

To deal with these phenomena, EMP-ABB, in partnership with the USJPB, has set up the "MACOTEC" to demonstrate how the fight against organized crime and terrorism must involve international cooperation in criminal matters if it is to be effective.



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Seminar objectives and targets

The aim of the seminar was to consolidate the various modules taught in the second semester and to present a paper on the theme of "Comprehensive Analysis, Approaches and Mechanisms for Combating Violent Extremism, Terrorism and Organized Crime".

It was aimed primarily at MACOTEC auditors, but was also attended by various students from the following fields.



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Seminar development :

After the inaugural lecture given by Mr Abdoul Kassim Ibrahim FOMBA, Minister for Youth and Sport, responsible for Civic Education and Citizen Construction, MACOTEC's auditors led two panels, each comprising five sub-themes, to not only edify the audience but also demonstrate the degree to which the concepts learned had been assimilated.



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The following sub-themes were developed under the 1st theme, "Comprehensive analysis of violent extremism, terrorism and organized crime" :

1. Organized crime and terrorism: current situation and challenges ;
2. Ethics in the fight against terrorism;
3. Respect for human rights and the fight against terrorism and violent extremism: what you need to know ? ;
4. Managing criminal assets in countries with limited resources: challenges and prospects ;
5. Security transition in the Sahel in the face of terrorism and violent extremism: challenges and prospects.



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The second theme, which focused on "Approaches and mechanisms for combating terrorism and organized crime", developed the following sub-themes :

1. Alliance of Sahel States: challenges, issues and prospects ;
2. Military cooperation and transnational intelligence in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism in the Sahel: what strategy ? ;
3. The role of CSOs in conflict prevention, management and resolution in the Sahel ;
4. Understanding the media and the rise of terrorism ? ;
5. The role of negotiation in solving terrorism and crime.





« ADVOCACY AND TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNANCE »

As part of the "Reinforcement des Capacités des Femmes Vectrices de Changement pour une paix et un développement inclusifs au Mali" (RECAFEVEC) project funded by the Kingdom of Norway, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako was the venue on Monday 29 January 2024 for the launch of a training session on "Advocacy and Transformational Leadership in Governance" (**PLTG**).

The opening ceremony was attended by a number of prominent figures, including: Mr Sidiki TRAORE, Secretary General of the Ministry for Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, Mr Mandjou SANGHO, Secretary General of the Ministry for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family, Mr Dieudonné SAGARA, Director of the Cabinet of the Governor of the District of Bamako, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB.

Context :

Despite commitments to promote gender equality within formal structures of representation and decision-making, women continue to be under-represented in all areas of decision-making. They continue to face significant barriers to accessing the upper echelons of decision-making and organizational power.

Justification :

The "Advocacy and Transformational Leadership in Governance" course is intended as a tool for demonstrating the complementary nature of men's and women's leadership, and for providing a new perspective on similarities, since it is always on the basis of the similarity of the sexes that equality is advanced, and never by confining the two sexes to specific characteristics (Badinter, E., in Amar, 1999 : 4).



Training objectives and targets

The aim of the course was to build the capacity of actors involved at different levels of governance in advocacy and transformational leadership techniques to further enhance the added value of women in peace, security, development and economic empowerment.

It was aimed at local elected representatives (women and men), women from civil society organisations (CSOs), Defence and Security Forces (FDS) personnel, Regional Directorates for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family (DRPFEF) and the project's Focal Point in the Governorate.



Course content :

The session is based on three modules divided into six lessons, namely :

- **Module 1:** Concept of governance
- **Module 2 :** Concept of advocacy
 - *Lesson 1 :* Concept of advocacy
 - *Lesson 2 :* Public speaking
- **Module 3 :** Transformational leadership
 - *Lesson 1 :* The concept of leadership and different leadership styles
 - *Lesson 2 :* Transformational leadership
 - *Lesson 3 :* Women's leadership





TOT / IP

Training of Trainers
(TOT)

Date and Location

January 5th 2024
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Mali

Beneficiaries

Permanents Instructors of EMP-ABB
14 participants
including 04 women

Objective

Mise à jour des techniques d'andragogie
et renforcement des compétences
des cadres permanents de l'Ecole.



DEVELOPPEMENT COURS

Développement du cours
Plaidoyer et Leadership Transformationnel
dans la Gouvernance (PLTG)

Date et Lieu

08 – 14 January 2024
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Kingdom of Norway

Production

04 experts
including 01 woman

Objectif

Renforcement des capacités des acteurs et actrices impliqué-e-s
dans les différents niveaux de gouvernance sur les techniques
de plaidoyer et de leadership transformationnel à l'effet
d'amplifier leur valeur ajoutée dans le domaine de la paix, de la
sécurité, du développement et de l'autonomisation économique
tout en promouvant la synergie d'action.

EMP-ABB Training courses of the month

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TOT International

Training of Trainers
(TOT)

Date and Location

15 – 19 January 2024
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Mali

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)
30 trainees
including 12 women

Capacity building for former trainees identified as potential temporary instructors for the School, particularly in the areas of andragogy, pedagogy and facilitation and visualization techniques.



DDR MRPCN

Training of Trainers
(TOT)

Date and Location

15 – 26 January 2024
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Mali

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)
45 trainees
including 12 women

Objectif

Acquisition of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) knowledge and techniques and in-depth understanding of conflict, peacebuilding and the DDR process in UN peacekeeping operations.



PLTG / RECAFEVEC

Advocacy and Transformational Leadership in
Governance
(PLTG)

Date and Location

15 – 19 January 2024
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding
Kingdom of Norway

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)
80 trainees
including 50 women

Capacity building of the players involved at different levels of governance on advocacy and transformational and transformational leadership.

08/01/24 – Islamic Republic of Iran – Courtesy visit by the delegation of General Mohammad Hassan FERIDOUNI, Head of the Ministry of Defence's Military Equipment Export Centre ;

16/01/24 – MOROCCO – Courtesy visit by Colonel Hicham ALAOUI ISMAILI, Defence Attaché to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Mali, to explore new avenues for collaboration ;

19/01/24 – EUCAP SAHEL – Courtesy visit by a large delegation led by Mr Peter Grabow KOLDING, Head of the EUCAP SAHEL Mission, to discuss the consolidation of the existing partnership ;

22/01/24 – GLOBAL BANK – Courtesy visit by Mrs Clara Ana COUTINHO DE SOUSA, World Bank Director of Operations for the Sahel countries, to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation ;

31/01/24 – ALGERIA – Courtesy visit by Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB, to His Excellency Mr El Haouès RIACHE, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.



21st Edition :**Gender dynamics in Africa and Mali /****Journey to the heart of BOKO HARAM: investigation into the jihad in sub-Saharan Africa.**

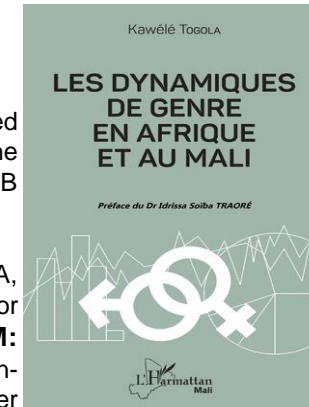
On Thursday 25 January 2024, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako (EMPABB) invited the general public to the 21st edition of its Reading Club, organize by its Center for Analysis and Research of the Sahelo-Saharan Space (CARESS). The event took place at 15:00 GMT in the reading room of the EMPABB Documentation Centre.

The works featured during this session were " **Gender dynamics in Africa and Mali** " by Dr Kawélé TOGOLA, lecturer and researcher at the Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako (ULSHB) and Senior Lecturer at CAMES and the Universities of Mali, and " **Journey to the heart of BOKO HARAM: investigation into the jihad in sub-Saharan Africa** " by Seidik ABBA, journalist and writer, former editor-in-chief of Jeune-Afrique, columnist and reporter for Le Monde Afrique, and Mahamadou Lawaly DAN DANO, former Governor of Diffa and founder of the Niger programme Repentir contre Pardon.

After a detailed presentation of the books, time was set aside for questions and answers. This gave Club members the opportunity to discuss, 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 Reading Club brought together a diverse range of audiences, from CARESS members and students from various academic institutions to history and politics enthusiasts. The presence of the Club's loyal members, mainly researchers, doctoral students and auditors from the CARESS masters programme at EMP-ABB, undoubtedly enriched the debates.

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



Les séances mensuelles du club de lecture du CARESS rassemblent des auteurs, journalistes, chercheurs, élèves, étudiants et passionnés de lecture sur les thèmes de paix, de sécurité et de développement. Elles ont pour objectif la promotion de la culture de la paix et les échanges autour des différentes idées et ouvrages y afférant.



Promotions January 2024

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Development of the Advocacy and Transformational Leadership in Governance course (PLTG)

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Training of Trainers International - TOT

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