



## CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT EMP-ABB

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To mark International Women's Rights Day, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School in Bamako (**EMP-ABB**) organized an all-female panel on the theme of "***Women's leadership and innovation : a lever for equality and empowerment***".

The opening ceremony took place on Thursday 06 March 2025 in the EMP-ABB conference room, under the chairmanship of **Mrs DIARRA Djènèba SANOGO**, Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family (MPFEF), in the presence of Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ, Managing Director of EMP-ABB, and **Mr Ibrahim TRAORÉ**, representing the Head of the Special Delegation of Commune IV of the District of Bamako.

As usual, EMP-ABB has made the commemoration of this day a major opportunity to highlight the progress made as well as the persistent challenges in terms of gender equality and women's empowerment.

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The first part of the discussions was devoted to a panel structured around two themes, namely :

1. 'State of play and challenges in the application of national texts and commitments in favour of the rights and empowerment of women and girls in Mali', presented by **Ms Karina CISSE**, expert gender analyst ;
2. 'Resilience strategies and innovations to meet the challenges of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in Mali', presentation by **Ms Maïmouna Dioncounda DEMBÉLÉ**, specialist in gender equality.





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Two former EMP-ABB Masters students then enriched the debates by sharing with the audience the impact of their training on their professional and social careers, as follows :

- **Feedback 1:** 'How the training received at EMP- ABB strengthened the skills and confidence of the beneficiary women and girls on a personal and professional level', delivered by **Ms Thiam Nana DIALLO** (auditor of the 1st class of the *Master in Organised Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation*) ;
- **Feedback 2 :** 'Discrimination, stereotyping, limited access to leadership positions: how do Alumni cope? delivered by **Ms Maimounatou MOHAMED** (MP3).



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Finally, two women beneficiaries of the 'Capacity Building for Women Vectors of Change for Inclusive Peace and Development in Mali' (**RECAFEVEC**) project spoke of the project's beneficial impact on women's leadership and income-generating community activities.

They were :

- **Ms DJIRE Mariam DIALLO**, Mayor of Commune 3 in the District of Bamako ;
- **Ms SACKO Fatoumata Bintou SANTARA**, Mayor of the rural Commune of Baguinéda.





## CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS AT EMPABB



From 17 to 21 March 2025, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School in Bamako (EMP-ABB), in partnership with the Cairo International Centre for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA) and Mali's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, organised two workshops in the school's conference room to strengthen national capacities and state institutions within the framework of post-conflict reconstruction and development in the Sahel.

The event was attended by a number of high-level personalities, including :

- **His Excellency Abdoulaye DIOP**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Mali;
- **His Excellency Mohamed El Gammal**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Mali;
- **Mrs Hawa AW**, Executive Secretary of the Liptako-Gourma Authority;
- **His Excellency Mr Seif KANDEEL**, Director General of CCCPA, who participated by video-conference;
- **Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ**, Director General of EMP-ABB.

## CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS AT EMPABB



### Context

Conflicts in the Sahel region are marked by growing complexity, fuelled by a multitude of factors, including the proliferation of terrorist groups and exacerbated environmental pressures. This persistent instability is generating transnational security challenges, with interconnected threats undermining both regional stability and development efforts.

The persistence of violence, the rise of terrorism and the increase in forced displacement are weakening communities, compromising progress in peace-building and putting considerable pressure on the ability of governments and communities to deal with these crises.

### Objective :

These two workshops were initiated to build national and stakeholder capacity in post-conflict reconstruction and the challenges raised by the climate-peace-development nexus.



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### Course of events :

Over five days, the discussions brought together national representatives from Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Environment, as well as experts in post-conflict reconstruction and development.

The following sessions provided an opportunity for further reflection and the promotion of integrated approaches to meeting the challenges of stability and sustainable development in the Sahel region :

**Workshop 1** : *'Promoting holistic responses for post-conflict reconstruction and development in the Sahel region', focusing on capacity building ;*

**Workshop 2** : *'Promoting integrated approaches to the nexus of climate, peace and development in the Sahel region, focusing on the interactions between environmental, security and development issues.'*



**RSS-2 1-25 NLD**

Security Sector Reform Level 2 (**RSS-2**)

**Date and Location**

10 - 21 March 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**

Netherlands

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
26 trainees  
including 04 women

**Objective**

Build the capacity of stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of security sector reform programmes.



**GPS 1-25 NLD**

Gender Peace and Security (**GPS**)

**Date and Location**

10 - 21 March 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**

Netherlands

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
26 trainees  
including 15 women

**Objective**

To provide participants with the knowledge they need to better understand gender and build their capacity to integrate gender into a peace and security process.





## CONSPAIX 1-25 (NLD)

Peacebuilding (**CONSPAIX**)

### Date and Location

10 - 21 March 2025

EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Netherlands

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)

25 trainees

including 05 women

### Objective

To provide practical, multi-disciplinary training in the field of peacebuilding with a view to improving participants' knowledge and/or preparing them for deployment.



## UNPOL 1-25 (NLD)

United Nations Police (**UNPOL**)

### Date and Location

10 - 21 March 2025

Police School of Faladiè (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

DSF Course (Police)

45 trainees

including 04 women

### Objective

Enhance the knowledge of police and gendarmerie officers through pre-deployment training for pre-deployment training for the United Nations Police.



## SHN OMP 1-25 ML

High-Level Seminar on Peacekeeping Operations  
(SHN OMP)

### Date and Location

24 - 28 March 2025

Mali War College (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

DSF Course (Military)

25 trainees

including 01 woman

### Objective

Equip participants with in-depth knowledge of international and regional crisis resolution mechanisms at the political and strategic levels, while helping them to identify the challenges they may face in their future role as military decision-makers.



**03/03/25 – NETHERLANDS / EUCAP SAHEL –** Courtesy visit by **LCL Wouter van den HAZEL**, Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mali, and **Ms Aranzazu FLORES ROMERO**, EUCAP Sahel Press and Public Information Officer, as part of the strengthening of existing cooperation.

**11/03/25 – MARTI AHTISARRI PEACE FOUNDATION –** Visit from a delegation led by **Mr Mahmoud KANE**, Senior Advisor Sub-Saharan Africa, to discuss potential avenues for collaboration.

**14/03/25 – CENTIF –** Courtesy call on Mr Idrissa Mahamar Haidara, Chairman of the Cellule Nationale de Traitement des Informations Financières, to discuss possible areas of partnership.

**19/03/25 – BELGIUM –** Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Patrick DE BOECK**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Mali, accompanied by Colonel Kris QUANTEN, new Defence Attaché to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium for Mali, with residence in Dakar (Senegal).

**25/03/25 – MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING –** Meeting with **Mrs Oumou SALL SECK**, Minister for Employment and Vocational Training, to explore partnership prospects between the two institutions.

**28/03/25 – Gabon –** Courtesy visit by **General AKAGA Jean-Félix**, Aviation Adviser to the Ministry of National Defence, to strengthen existing partnership ties.







# Promotions MARCH 2025 EMP-ABB



**Security Sector Reform Level 2 (RSS-2 1-25 NLD )  
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United Nations Police (UNPOL 1-25 MALI )  
Ecole de la Gendarmerie de Faladié (Bamako, Mali)  
10 - 21 March 2025



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Mali War College (Bamako, Mali)  
Du 24 au 28 Mars 2025**



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