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On Thursday 10 April 2025, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako (**EMP-ABB**) organised a conference-debate on the theme: ***"Panorama of Artificial Intelligence and Global Competition: Key Concepts, Major Players and Opportunities for the Sahel"***.

The conference was led by **Mr Mohamed DOUMBIA**, Executive Director of "IMMERSIA-Mali", and was attended by the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ**, and all the staff.

The aim of this conference-debate was to share with the School's staff knowledge about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the world in general, and in the Sahel in particular.

Today, AI is rapidly shaping global economies, social models and geopolitical balances. This is why, at a time when the major powers are investing massively in AI technologies, regions such as the Sahel will have a strategic role to play in taking advantage of AI applications to tackle their specific challenges: governance, agriculture, education, health, security, climate change, and so on. Hence the importance of better understanding the global dynamics of AI and identifying concrete avenues for intelligent integration for the Sahel.

The question-and-answer session was an opportunity for Mr Doumbia to highlight the infrastructural, capacity-building and legal challenges facing Mali with regard to the integration of AI into its IT systems.

For the audience, the discussions provided a global understanding of artificial intelligence in its international context and identified specific opportunities for sustainable development in the Sahel.



The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako (EMP-ABB) received a working visit from a large Moroccan delegation from 22 to 25 April 2025.

It was made up of :

- **Colonel Abdelkrim IBOURK**, of the "Royal College of Higher Military Education" (CREMS), head of mission ;
- **Major Mohamed El OUARDI**, Royal Moroccan Armed Forces ;
- **Mr Hamid TAHIDI**, from the Moroccan National Defense Administration.

This visit was part of the implementation of activities scheduled for Mali-Moroccan joint military cooperation in 2025.

Over a period of five (05) days, the members of the Moroccan delegation had the opportunity to visit all the EMP-ABB facilities, visiting each of the Departments where they had direct discussions with managers to gain a better understanding of the activities carried out by the School.

Their stay coincided with three training courses, which they also visited and interacted with directly.

Finally, the visit to the "**Armed Forces Museum**" was, according to the day's guests, a highly enriching cultural experience, as it introduced them to a whole section of the history of the Malian Armed Forces (**FAMa**).



On Wednesday 23 April 2025, students from the Master's degree in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Criminal Cooperation (**MACOTEC**) paid a professional immersion visit to the Specialized Judicial Unit (PJS) in the fight against terrorism and transnational organized crime.

They were first received by the Public Prosecutor of the PJS, **Mr Amadou Bocar TOURE**, before visiting each of the cells that make up the structure.

The aim of this immersion was to enable the auditors to understand the missions and operation of the structure, as well as the judicial mechanisms put in place to combat terrorism and organized crime in Mali.





## MPC 1-25 CHE

Political and Community Mediation (**MPC**)

### Date and Location

From 14 to 25 April  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Switzerland

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
26 trainees  
including 07 women

### Objective

Strengthening the knowledge, know-how and interpersonal skills of those involved in political or community mediation processes at regional level.



## GRC 1-25 NLD

Risk and Disaster Management (**GRC**)

### Date and Location

From 14 to 25 April  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Netherlands

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
27 trainees  
including 07 women

### Objective

Preparing trainees to take an active part in managing a natural or man-made disaster.



## UNPOL 2-25 (NLD)

United Nations Police (**UNPOL**)

### **Date and Location**

From 14 to 25 April  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### **Founding**

Netherlands

### **Beneficiaries**

FDS Course (Gendarme-Police-Military)  
26 trainees  
including 05 women

### **Objective**

Enhancing the knowledge of police and gendarmerie officers to improve their operational effectiveness during AU or UN multidimensional missions.



## PC BAT 1-25 (MLI)

Battalion Command Post (**PC BAT**)

### **Date and Location**

From 14 to 25 April  
EEMC (Koulikoro, MALI)

### **Founding**

MALI

### **Beneficiaries**

FDS Course (Military-Police)  
36 trainees  
including 01 woman

### **Objective**

Acquire the knowledge and know-how essential to battalion-level staff officers engaged in a UN Peace Operation or African Union Peace Support Operation.



## CONFOND ESO (MLI)

Fundamental Knowledge (**CONFOND**)

### **Date and Location**

25 April 2025

ESO (Banankoro, MALI)

### **Founding**

MALI

### **Beneficiaries**

FDS Course (Active non-commissioned officer cadets)

554 trainees from 08 countries

including 153 women

### **Objective**

This awareness-raising seminar is designed to provide future African military officers with a basic knowledge of United Nations Peace Operations and African Union Peace Support Operations.

## Partnership activities of the Month

**07/04/25 – SWISS COOPERATION** – Participation of EMP-ABB in the strategic workshop of the "2026-2029 Country Programme" of the Swiss Cooperation in Mali.

**08/04/25 – EUROPEAN DELEGATION** – courtesy visit by a team composed of :

- **Ms Isabel HÉNIN**, Special Envoy for the Sahel of the Federal Republic of Germany ;
- **Mrs Sibille de CARTIER D'YVES**, Special Envoy for the Sahel of the Kingdom of Belgium ;
- **Mr Robert ZIMMERMAN**, Special Envoy for the Sahel of the Kingdom of the Netherlands ;
- **Ms Galatée FOUQUET**, *Chargée d'affaires at the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Mali.*

The meeting was part of a drive to strengthen the existing partnership.

**16/04/25 – INDIA** – Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Dr. N. NANDAKUMAR**, Ambassador-designate of India to Mali, to discuss potential areas of cooperation.

**17/04/25 – EGYPT** – Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Mohamed El GAMMAL**, Ambassador of Egypt to Mali, to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

**17/04/25 – DCAF** – Visit by a delegation led by **Mr Boubacar THERA**, Programme Manager, as part of the strengthening of partnership links between the two institutions.

**21 au 25/04/25 – AFRICAN UNION** – Participation of EMP-ABB in the 4th Edition of the Specialised Training for Electoral Agents of the African Union in Rabat (Morocco).

**22 au 25/04/25 – MOROCCO** – Working visit by a delegation led by Colonel Abdelkrim IBOURK, from the "Royal College of Higher Military Education" (**CREMS**), to strengthen the existing partnership.

**22 au 25/04/25 – UNDC** – Courtesy visit by a delegation led by Mr Amado Philip de ANDRÉS, Representative of the Regional Office for West and Central Africa, as part of the strengthening of the existing partnership between the two organisations.

**29/04/25 – MALI** – Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Abdoulaye Idrissa MAIGA**, former Prime Minister of Mali.



33<sup>th</sup> Edition

«Mali's roads: History and development: Volume 1 and 2 »



The Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**), through its Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (**CARESS**), held the 33rd edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room on Thursday 24 April.

For this edition, the work highlighted was: "Mali's roads: History and development: Volume 1 and 2" presented by Mr Mahamadou DIALLO, Construction Engineer and co-author of the work.

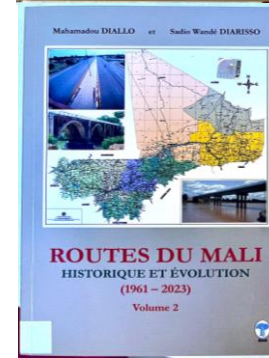
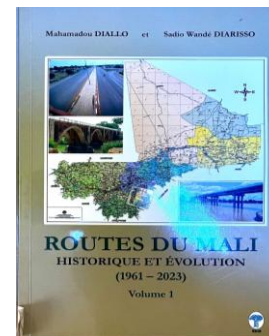
The result of many years of research and the expertise of the authors, this book traces the development of Mali's road network from 1961 to 2023 and is intended, according to Mr DIALLO, for current and future generations of road and transport administration executives, technical and financial partners and anyone wishing to find out more about the subject. It is structured in three (03) parts over two (02) volumes.

Volume 1 comprises the first and second parts and deals with the evolution of the legislative and regulatory framework for road asset management as well as the method of financing road maintenance from 1953 to the present day.

The second volume looks at the technical characteristics of the roads and the different levels of development used.

The question-and-answer session enabled participants to contribute to the discussions and gain an in-depth understanding of the book.

For this edition, the Reading Club brought together members of CARESS and members of the Club made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programmes, not forgetting students from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK) and the Cadet Officers (EOA) from the EMIA in Koulikoro, who enriched the debates with their contributions.





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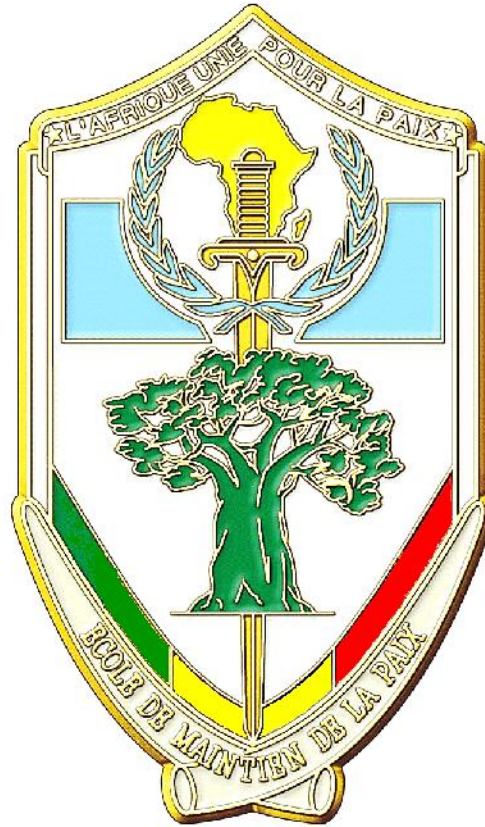


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