



## 33rd ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EMP-ABB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BÈYE (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako held the 33rd ordinary session of its Board of Directors (**BD**) in its conference room on Thursday 26 June 2025.

It was chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans, **Major General Sidiki SAMAKE**.

The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School, an African Union international centre of excellence, is founded on the principles of peace, justice and international cooperation. As such, it plays a crucial role in training civilian, military and police professionals to respond effectively to the complex contemporary challenges of peace and security in the world.

The following countries and organizations attended the 33rd ordinary session of the Board of Directors :

- Canada ;
- Japan ;
- The Federal Republic of Germany ;
- The Republic of Mali (Chairman of the Board) ;
- The Kingdom of Morocco ;
- The Kingdom of the Netherlands ;
- The United Kingdom ;
- Switzerland ;
- Belgium (associate member) ;
- UNDP.

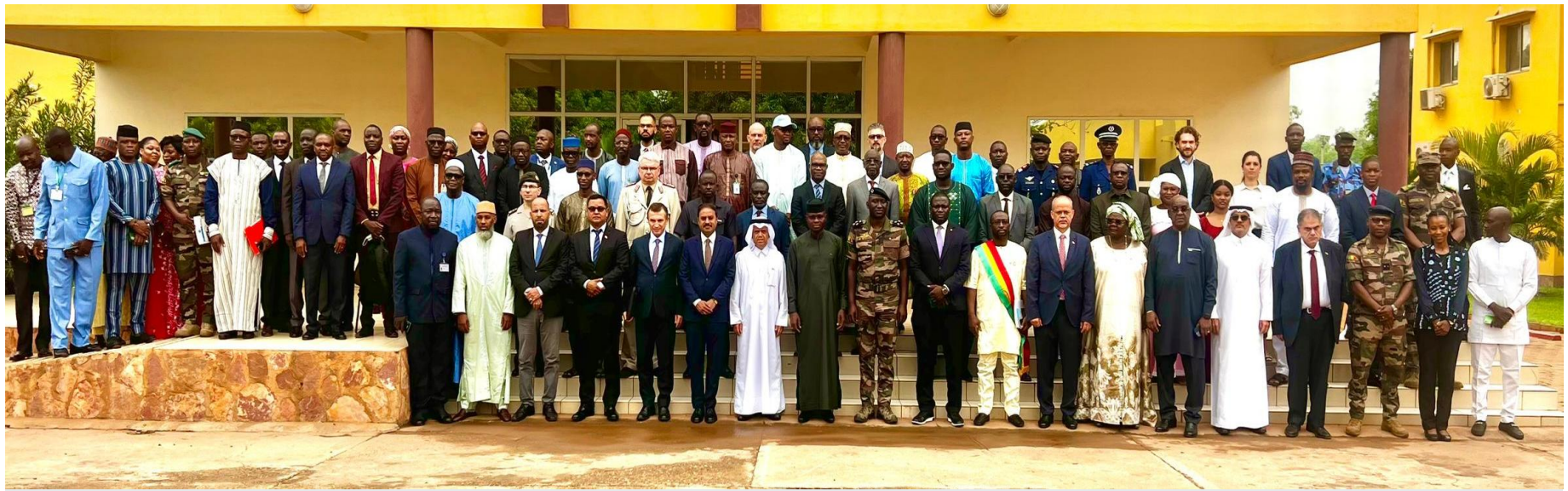




In the course of their work, the Board members examined an initial assessment of the impact of training on the socio-professional careers of the School's alumni and invited the Executive Board to broaden and refine the study. They also deemed it appropriate to review the founding texts of the EMP-ABB to adapt them to current and future developments, but felt it necessary to hold a special session to approve them.

These discussions were also an opportunity for the Managing Director to review the challenges linked to digitization, the renewal of the vehicle fleet, the internationalization of the School's managers and the strengthening of existing infrastructures.

At the end of the proceedings, the partners and members of the Board unanimously congratulated the Managing Director and his entire team on this glowing mid-year report, despite the constraints they had to face, and renewed their assurance of support for the institution.



## SEMINAR SUMMARY OF THE 1st SEMESTER OF THE MASTER IN ORGANIZED CRIMINALITY, TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COOPERATION (MACOTEC II)

On Thursday 12 June 2025, the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako, in partnership with the Kurukanfuga University of Bamako (**UKB**), organized the summary seminar for the first semester of the second cohort of the Master's degree in Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation (**MACOTEC II**) on the theme: "The laundering of terrorist organizations in a geopolitical context".

The opening ceremony was chaired by the Minister of Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, **Lieutenant General Ismaël WAGUE**, with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection, **Mr Oumar SOGOBA**, at his side, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Worship and Customs, **Mr Famakan dit Sékou DIOUSAN**, the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**, and the President of the Special Delegation of the Town Hall of Commune 4 in the District of Bamako, **Mr Ibrahima TRAORÉ**.

# SEMINAR SUMMARY OF THE 1st SEMESTER OF THE MASTER IN ORGANIZED CRIMINALITY, TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COOPERATION (MACOTEC II)

## Background :

The globalization of the economy, the interconnection of economic markets and competition between legal systems have encouraged the emergence of excessive crime, amplified and facilitated by the unprecedented development of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

These phenomena have given rise to transnational crime, some of it organized and highly structured. In order to understand and identify the various factors involved in these phenomena, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB), in partnership with the Kurukanfuga University of Bamako (UKB), has set up a Masters programme on Organized Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation called "MACOTEC".

## Objective:

The aim of this seminar was to consolidate the essential concepts covered during the first MACOTEC semester. It provides a structured summary of the lessons taught in order to reinforce the knowledge acquired by the students. This approach also enabled any gaps to be identified and clarifications to be provided on the most complex points in the programme.

## Cibles :

The seminar brought together professors-researchers, auditors, experts and analysts in organized crime, terrorism and international cooperation in criminal matters.



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After an exhaustive and highly technical inaugural lecture by **Brigadier General Moussa Toumani KONE**, Director General of the Gendarmerie Nationale, the rest of the seminar consisted of two major panels.

Moderated by **Mr Mamoutou N'DIAYE**, Senior Lecturer at the Kurukanfuga University in Bamako (UKB), the first panel dealt with "Organised crime and illicit trafficking (criminal groups, trafficking in persons, migrants, drugs, arms) as a catalyst for terrorism in the Sahel".

The sub-themes addressed by the audience were as follows:

- Sub-theme 1: "*Mapping the various criminal groups in the Sahel*", presented by **Mr Niamanto dit Moussa COULIBALY**;
- Sub-theme 2: "*The actors and corridors of human and migrant trafficking in the Sahel: what containment solution is possible*", presented by **Mr Amine AHMED AYOUBE**;
- Sub-theme 3: "*What strategy to combat drug and arms trafficking in the ESA*", presented by Paulin D. VISSOH;
- Sub-theme 4: "*Organized crime and ICTs*", presented by **Mr Komla Djiwonou ADJAMAGBO**;
- Sub-theme 5: "*What are the possible interactions between organised crime and terrorism?* presented by **Mr Tima Thomas COULIBALY**.



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The second panel dealt with "Terrorist organizations in the Sahel: foundations, development and funding" and was moderated by Mr El Hadji Boubacar TOURE, Assistant Professor at the Kurukanfuga University in Bamako (UKB).

Discussions focused on the following topics:

- Sub-theme 1: "*Ideological foundations of terrorist actions*", presented by **Mr Abdoul Aziz BACHOUROU**;
- Sub-theme 2: "*Mapping the various terrorist groups in the Sahel*", presented by **Mr Abdoul NIANG**;
- Sub-theme 3: "*Role and impact of zakat in the financing of terrorism in the Liptako Gourma area*", presented by **Mr Abdoulaye SOFARA**;
- Sub-theme 4: "*Cybercrime and terrorism: what possible link?*" described by **Mr Mohamed Lamine TRAORE**;
- Sub-theme 5: "*The Confederation of Sahel States (AES) and the fight against terrorism: challenges of coordination and pooling of forces*", presented by **Ms Oumou DIAW**.



## MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF DEFENCE OF THE CONFEDERATION OF SAHEL STATES (AES)



The meeting of the Ministers of Defense of the Confederation of Sahel States (**AES**) was held from Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 June 2025 in the conference room of the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School.

The opening ceremony was chaired by Mali's Minister of Defense and Veterans, **Lieutenant General Sadio CAMARA**, accompanied by Niger's Minister of State, Minister of National Defense, **Lieutenant General Salifou MODY**, and Burkina Faso's Minister of State, Minister of Defense and Veterans, **Brigadier General Célestin SIMPORE**.

Other Malian and foreign personalities honoured the ceremony with their presence, including the Malian Minister of Justice and Human Rights, **Mr Mahamadou KASSOGUE**, the Malian Minister of Security and Civil Protection, **Major General Daoud Aly MOHAMMEDINE**, and the Malian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, **Mr Abdoulaye DIOP**, the Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Mali, **Her Excellency Mrs Julienne DEMBELE SANON**, the Ambassador of Niger to Mali, **His Excellency Mr Abdou ADAMOU**, the Chief of Staff of the Malian Army, **Major General Oumar DIARRA** and the Director General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ**.

# MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF DEFENCE OF THE CONFEDERATION OF SAHEL STATES (AES)

This high-level meeting, part of the implementation of the Treaty establishing the "Confederation of Sahel States (**AES**)", aimed to ensure better coordination of actions under the "Defense and Security" pillar of the said Treaty, in accordance with the directives of the College of Heads of State.

The aim was to validate draft texts designed to strengthen the framework for consultation and coordination of defense and security activities.

To achieve this, work was carried out in two successive phases.

The first stage, carried out on 18 and 19 June by experts from the three countries, involved an assessment of the joint operations carried out by the Armed and Security Forces in order to adapt the draft texts and make relevant recommendations to the Ministers.

As for the second, it was an opportunity for the Ministers in charge of Defense of the 03 States to take note of the amendments proposed and to validate the latest drafts of the texts.



## EMP-ABB Courses of the Month



### PC BAT 2-25 (MALI)

Battalion Command Post (**PC BAT**)

#### **Date et Location**

From 02 to 13 June 2025

Faladiè Gendarmerie School (Bamako, MALI)

#### **Founding**

Mali

#### **Beneficiaries**

FDS Course (Gendarme-Police-Military)

37 trainees

including 09 women

#### **Objective**

Acquire the knowledge and know-how essential for battalion staff officers involved in a UN peacekeeping or African Union peace support operation.



### JT 2-25 (DEU)

Transitional Justice (**JT**)

#### **Date et Location**

From 16 to 27 June 2025

EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

#### **Founding**

Germany

#### **Beneficiaries**

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)

25 trainees

including 06 women

#### **Objective**

Acquisition of the fundamental concepts of transitional justice through its four pillars and the mechanisms underlying the process.

## Les Stages EMP-ABB du Mois



### DH 1-25 (DEU)

Human Rights (DH)

#### Date et Location

From 16 to 27 June 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

#### Founding

Germany

#### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
24 trainees  
including 10 women

#### Objective

Providing in-depth human rights training to civilian and uniformed personnel currently deployed or planning to be deployed in African Union peace support operations or United Nations peace operations.



### FHLCTEV 1-25 (DEU)

Human Factors in the Fight against Terrorism and Violent Extremism (FHLCTEV)

#### Date et Location

From 16 to 27 June 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

#### Founding

Germany

#### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
22 trainees  
including 09 women

#### Objective

Acquisition of tools for understanding and analysing psychological factors and mechanisms for financing terrorism in peace operations.

## Partnership activities of the Month

**03/06/2025** – **DCAF** – Visit from the new Head of Office, **Ms Valérie PETITPIERRE**, as part of the drive to strengthen existing cooperation between the two institutions.

**09/06/2025** – **International Crisis Group** – Visit from a delegation led by the Chairman, **Dr Comfort ERO**, to discuss ways of strengthening collaboration between the two organizations.

**12/06/2025** – **SWITZERLAND** – Courtesy visit by **HEM Andrea SEMADENI**, Swiss Ambassador to Mali with residence in Dakar, to announce his departure for a new Swiss diplomatic representation.

**19/06/2025** – **UNITED KINGDOM** – Courtesy visit from **Mr Campbell McDade**, Director of the Integrated Security Fund, to strengthen existing cooperation links.

**26/06/2025** – **UNODC** – Participation of **Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ**, Director General of EMP-ABB, in the launch of the World Drug Report 2025 at the Radisson Collection Hotel in Bamako (**Mali**).



# The EMP-ABB CARESS Reading Club

35<sup>th</sup> Edition  
« The thirst of a pioneer »



The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Bèye (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako, through its Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (**CARESS**), held the 35th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room on Thursday 19 June 2025.

The book presented at the event was "**The thirst of a pioneer**" by **Mr Sékou FOMBA**, Professor of Literature and former Director of Studies at the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK).

This book is a mini writing project, the framework of which is guided by inspiration and wisdom. It comprises 4 parts tracing the career and activities of some of Mali's pioneers. In his collection, Mr Fomba talks about culture, citizenship, civic and moral education, a sense of duty done well, pride, love of country, self-sacrifice, a passion for service, sharing experience and many other acts of citizenship....

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

For this year's event, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and members of the Club made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programmes, not forgetting the students from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK) who came out in force to support their former Director of Studies and who enriched the debates with their contributions.





# Promotions JUNE 2025 EMP-ABB



**Battalion Command Post (PC BAT 2-25 MALI)  
Faladiè Gendarmerie School (Bamako, Mali)  
From 02 to 13 June 2025**



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