



## CONFERENCE-DEBATE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT

**Peacekeeping School**  
**Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune**  
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On Wednesday 02 July 2025, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako organised a conference and debate on the theme: "Qualification of situations of armed conflict".

The conference was moderated by Mr Steve Tiwa FOMEKONG, Professor of Law at Laval University in Quebec, Canada.

The audience was made up of Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ, Director General of the EMP-ABB, representatives of the Chiefs of Staff and Directors of Services of the Armed and Security Forces of Mali, and all the staff of the School.

The first part of the conference focused on the legal characterisation of situations of armed conflict, whether intra-state, inter-state or internationalised.

Following this clarification, the second stage consisted of defining the applicable rules and the obligations to which the various parties to the conflict are subject.

Following Mr Fomekong's presentations, the floor was opened to the audience for a question and answer session. This last part provided an in-depth understanding of the issue and, above all, an opportunity to hear the many contributions from the experts in the room.







On Thursday 24 July, the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Bèye (EMP-ABB) in Bamako organised a workshop in its conference room to review the school's reference texts. The workshop was attended by representatives of the members of the Board of Governors (Ambassadors, Chargés d'Affaires and/or Defence Attachés, accompanied by one or two experts) and the Director General of the school, together with all its Directors.



This meeting was in response to a recommendation made at the 33rd ordinary session of the School's Board of Directors (BD) to review the draft texts presented (Ordinance, Decree, Order) and discuss their future implications.

At the end of the session, the draft texts, amended in accordance with the comments made by the participants, were sent back to the members of the Board for their appraisal.

As a reminder, most of the School's current reference texts date back to its creation in 2007 and do not take into account the many changes that have taken place, hence the need to review them.





**GPS 2-25 (DEU)**

Gender, Peace and Security (**GPS**)

**Date and place**

From 07 to 18 July 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**

Germany

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated course (Police-Military-Civilian)  
25 trainees  
including 17 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.



**GRC 2-25 (DEU)**

Risk and Disaster Management (**GRC**)

**Date and place**

From 07 to 18 July 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**

Germany

**Beneficiaries**

Integrated course (Military-Police-Civilian)  
26 trainees  
including 04 women

**Objective**

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



## CONSPAIX 2-25 (DEU)

Peacebuilding (**CONSPAIX**)

### Date and place

From 07 to 18 July 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Germany

### Beneficiaries

Integrated course (Military-Police-Civilian)  
26 trainees  
including 04 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.



## UN-CIMIC 1-25 (DEU)

United Nations Civil-Military Coordination (**UN-CIMIC**)

### Date and place

From 21 July to 01 August 2025  
Lomé (TOGO)

### Founding

Germany

### Beneficiaries

Integrated course (firefighters/police officers/gendarmes/civilians)  
50 trainees  
including 19 women

### Objective

To give participants a general overview of the diversity of actors deployed in the multifaceted environment of the United Nations and to provide them with the tools to plan and conduct CIMIC actions.



## DH 2-25 (MAROC)

Human rights (DH)

### Date and place

From 21 to 25 July 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

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### Beneficiaries

Civil training  
27 trainees  
including 09 women

### Objective

To enhance the skills of students at Mali's five public universities in the implementation of human rights in African Union peace support operations or United Nations peace operations.



## GPS 3-25 (TEARFUND)

Gender, Peace and Security (GPS)

### Date and place

From 29 July to 03 August 2025  
Ségou (MALI)

### Founding

TEARFUND

### Beneficiaries

Civil training  
26 trainees  
including 04 women

### Objective

Strengthen the skills of their staff and implementing partners in gender mainstreaming in their activities to consolidate peace, combat GBV and empower women and young people.



**04/07/25 – SWISS COOPERATION** – Courtesy visit from Ms Chrystelle Melly, Human Safety Advisor, to announce her departure for her new position.

**09/07/25 - USA** – Conference on the theme: "Counter-terrorism in the Sahel", led by Mr Rudolph ATALLAH, Deputy Director for Counter-terrorism at the National Security Council of the White House, in the presence of Her Excellency Mrs Rachna KORHONEN, US Ambassador to Mali, several Malian military authorities and EMP-ABB executives.

**15/07/25 - SAUDI ARABIA** - Courtesy visit by Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB, to His Excellency Mr Abdullah S SABER, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Mali, as part of the strengthening of the partnership between the two institutions.

**23/07/25 – BURKINA-FASO** – Courtesy visit from Colonel Eric Dabire, Chief of Staff of the Integrated Staff of the Confederation of Sahel States (AES), to discuss potential areas of partnership between the two organisations.

**24/07/25 – NETHERLANDS** – Visite de courtoisie du **Lieutenant-Colonel Wouter VAN DEN HAZEL**, Attaché de Défense près l'Ambassade des Pays-Bas au Mali, pour annoncer son départ vers son nouveau poste.

**24/07/25 - CANADA** – Courtesy visit from Mrs MAWIYA Abdourahman, Political Adviser at the end of her assignment, to announce her departure.

**25/07/25 - INDIA** - Courtesy visit by His Excellency Dr Nagendran NANDAKUMAR, Ambassador-designate of India to Mali, to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

**30/07/25 - SWISS COOPERATION** - Courtesy visit from Mr Abdoul Wahab DIENG, Programme Manager, to discuss strengthening the existing partnership.





36<sup>th</sup> Edition

« Addis Ababa: The oath »



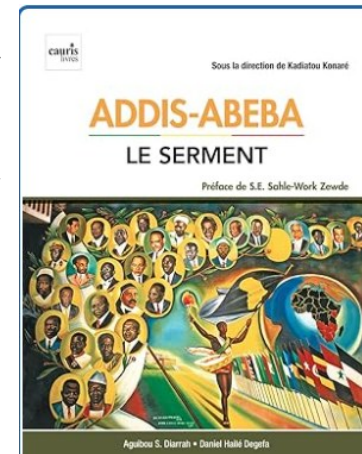
The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping Dchool (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, through its Sahel-Saharan Analysis and Research Centre (CARESS), held the 36th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room on Thursday 31 July 2025..

The book presented at this edition was: " Addis Ababa: The oath ", co-authored by Mr Aguibou S. DIARRA, former Ambassador of Mali and Director of the African Union Border Programme.

The book is a tribute to pan-Africanism, the quest for African unity and solidarity, and a reminder of the charter of the Organisation of African Unity, an oath that unites past and future generations. The book is also supported by testimonials and images that offer a virtual tour of Addis Ababa, the pan-African capital. In short, this book is an educational work aimed at young people to remind them of the efforts of the thirty-one (31) Heads of State who founded the OAU.

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 edition, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and Club members made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programmes, not forgetting relatives, friends and supporters of Mr DIARRA who enriched the debates with their contributions..





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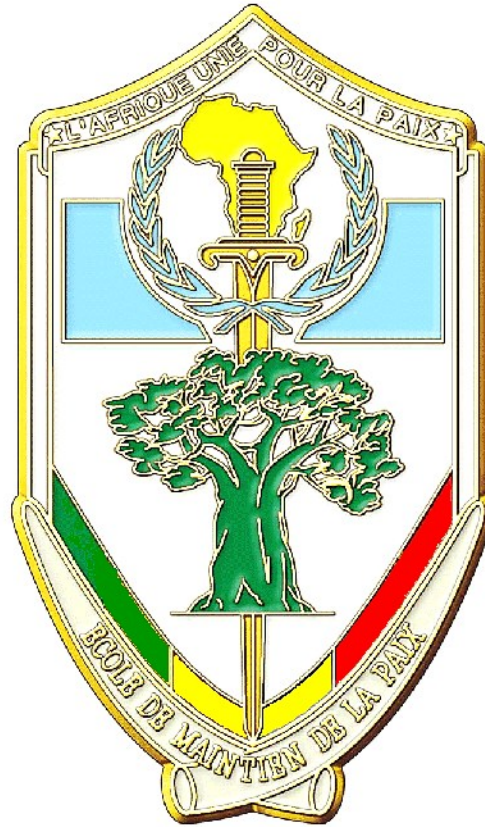


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