



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY AT EMP-ABB

Peacekeeping School
Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune
Blondin BEYE
de Bamako

EMP-NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2025



EMP-ABB NEWS
SEPTEMBER
2025
N°0925

The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako celebrated International Peace Day on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in its conference room.

For this edition, the School has chosen the theme: "Our stories make peace," which is in line with the theme defined by the United Nations, namely "Acting for a peaceful world."

The event was presided over by the Minister of Reconciliation, Peace, and National Cohesion, Lieutenant General Ismael WAGUE, accompanied by the Director General of the EMP-ABB, Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE.

In addition, several Ambassadors, members of the Board of Directors, and partners of the School honored the opening ceremony with their presence.

Context

The International Day of Peace (IDP) is a day established by the United Nations in 1981 following resolution A/RES/36/67 of its General Assembly.

It is dedicated to peace, and particularly to the absence of war, which must be manifested by a ceasefire in combat zones around the world.

IPD 2025 comes at a time when the global and regional context is marked by an upsurge in armed conflicts, socio-political crises, inter-community divisions and violence linked to violent extremism. The EMP-ABB has therefore chosen a theme that invites individuals, communities and institutions to transform narratives and actions into real levers for lasting peace.

Global objective

Providing a space for dialogue and visibility for community narratives of peace, using a cross-cutting approach combining oral history, memory, mediation, culture, resilience and intergenerational transmission.



Specific Objectives

- Give a voice to ordinary citizens or community actors who promote peace (mediators, affected persons, women, young people);
- Collect oral accounts and symbolic objects;
- Highlight local and endogenous knowledge of conflict resolution;
- Raise public awareness of invisible but effective resources for peace.

The day was enriched by an important panel discussion on the theme: "Words, symbols and memories: the many paths to peace".

Moderated by Mr Salif SANOGO, journalist, the panel was presented by eminent panelists as follows:

- Sub-theme 1: "The power of storytelling in conflict resolution" by Ms Kadiatou BAH, community mediator;
- Sub-theme 2: "Rebuilding oneself to rebuild: individual trajectories and collective dynamics of peace" by Mr Mbara ADIAWIAKOYE, Country Director of Search for Common Ground, specialist in inter-community conflicts;
- Sub-theme 3: "The Malian normative framework for peace and security" by Brigadier General Faguimba KANSAYE, President of the National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (CNDDR) ;



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY AT EMP-ABB

- Sub-theme 4: "Customary reconciliation mechanisms in Mali" by Mr Bourama SOUMANOU, griot, customary legitimacy;
- Sub-theme 5: "The transmission and revitalization of traditions of peace" by Mr Ibrahim TOURE, Professor of Sociology and CAMES Lecturer at Yambo OUOLOGUEM University;
- Sub-theme 6: "The power of art as a language of resilience" by Mr Haradane DICKO, committed photographer and teacher of visual and digital art.

Through this activity, the EMP-ABB aimed to provide a space to explore the visible and invisible dimensions of peace in order to reveal how words, symbols and collective memory can heal, transmit and transform conflicts.





CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING COURSE FOR THE COMMAND POST OF THE UNIFIED FORCE OF THE CONFEDERATION OF SAHEL STATES (PC-FU AES)

On Friday, 19 September 2025, the conference room of the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako hosted the closing ceremony of the training course entitled "Command Post of the Unified Force of the Confederation of Sahel States", abbreviated to "PC-FU AES ."

The ceremony was attended by the Chief of Staff of the Malian Armed Forces, Major General Oumar DIARRA, the Inspector General of the Malian Armed Forces and Services, Brigadier General Bréhima DIABATE, the Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Mali, Her Excellency Mrs. DEMBELE Julienne SANON, the Ambassador of Niger to Mali, His Excellency Mr. Adamou ABDOU, and the Director General of the EMP-ABB, Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE.

Held from 8 to 19 September 2025, the "PC-FU AES" course aimed to provide the additional knowledge and expertise essential to personnel who will be part of the "Unified Force" battalions in order to perform their duties more effectively in the headquarters.

For two weeks, trainees benefited from an intensive program covering topics such as:

- The Battalion's missions;
- The organization and functioning of a Command Post;
- Tactical symbols and map equipment;
- Resource management during an operational engagement;
- Taking into account the legal, civil-military, humanitarian and communication dimensions of operations;
- Planning and conducting operations based on a scenario adapted to the Sahelian context.

Tangible proof of the commitment of Mali's highest authorities to supporting the collective build-up of the confederate armed forces, this course was perfectly aligned with the EMP-ABB's missions, namely strengthening the capacities of African peace actors.

The thirty participants from Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger were thus provided with the tools they need to address the complex security challenges in the Sahel in accordance with international standards and while taking into account the specific characteristics of the region.



ORIENTATION DAY FOR AUDITORS OF THE 4TH COHORT OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN PEACEKEEPING (MP4)



On Tuesday, 30 September 2025, the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako held an "Orientation Day for students in the 4th cohort of the Master's in Peacekeeping (MP4)" in its conference room.

The purpose of this day was to enable new students to familiarize themselves with the content, requirements and spirit of the Master's program, while promoting their academic and institutional integration within the EMP-ABB.

It was chaired by Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of the EMP-ABB.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR AUDITORS OF THE 4TH COHORT OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN PEACEKEEPING (MP4)



This ceremony, held as a prelude to the start of the academic year, aimed more specifically to:

- present the academic and scientific content of the Master's program to new students;
- provide practical information on the study conditions and educational requirements of the Master's program;
- facilitate their integration into the academic and institutional environment of EMP-ABB;
- share with them EMP-ABB's strategic vision in terms of training, educational innovation and contribution to peacebuilding and the reconstruction of fragile states or states emerging from crisis;
- complete the administrative formalities.



CONFOND EMIA 3-25 (ML)

Fundamental Knowledge (**CONFOND**)

Date et Location

From 01 to 12 september 2025
CIBSSK (Koulikoro, MALI)

Founding

Mali

Beneficiaries

Military Course
317 trainees
including 34 women

Objective

Acquisition of fundamental knowledge related to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations or African Union Peace Support Operations.



UNPOL 3-25 (DEU)

United Nations Police (**UNPOL**)

Date et Location

From 08 to 19 september 2025
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Germany

Beneficiaries

Police Course
25 trainees
including 03 women

Objective

Strengthening the knowledge of police and gendarmerie officers in the pre-deployment of United Nations police.



DHGPLETEV 1-25 (DEU)

Human Rights and Gender in the Prevention and Combating of Violent Extremism and Terrorism (DHGPLETEV)

Date et Location

From 08 to 19 september 2025
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Germany

Beneficiaries

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

Objective

Increase participants' understanding of the need to take human rights and gender into account in the prevention and combating of violent extremism and terrorism.



PC-FU AES AES (ML)

Command Post of the Unified Force of the Confederation of Sahel States (PC-FU AES)

Date et Location

From 08 to 19 september 2025
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Mali

Beneficiaries

Military Course
30 trainees

Objective

Provide participants with the additional knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties more effectively in the headquarters of the AES unified force battalions.

02/09/25 – **MALI** – Courtesy visit by former Prime Minister Abdoulaye Idrissa Maïga to discuss possible areas of collaboration.

25/09/25 – **DCAF** – Courtesy visit by Ms Valérie Petitpierre, Country Director, as part of efforts to strengthen existing partnership ties between the two organizations.

26/09/25 – **BELGIUM** – Courtesy visit by His Excellency Mr Arnaud DUSAUCY, Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of Belgium to Mali, accompanied by Ms Marie BRAGARD, Chargé d'Affaires, to discuss potential avenues for strengthening the partnership between the two institutions.



Promotions SEPTEMBER 2025

EMP-ABB



Fundamental Knowledge (CONFOND 3-25 Mali)
CIBSSK (Koulikoro, Mali)
From 01 to 12 september 2025



Promotions SEPTEMBER 2025 EMP-ABB



**United Nations Police (UNPOL 3-25 DEU)
EMP-ABB (Bamako, Mali)
From 08 to 19 september 2025**



Promotions SEPTEMBER 2025 EMP-ABB



**Human Rights and Gender in the Prevention and Combating of Violent Extremism and Terrorism
(DHGPLTEV 1-25 MALI)
EMP-ABB (Bamako, Mali)
From 08 to 19 september 2025**

Promotions SEPTEMBER 2025 EMP-ABB



**Command Post of the Unified Force of the Confederation of Sahel States (PC-FU AES)
EMP-ABB (Bamako, Mali)
From 08 to 19 September 2025**

Peacekeeping School
Ecole de Maintien de la Paix
Alioune Blondin BEYE
de Bamako

EMP-NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2025



EMP-ABB NEWS
N°0925