



## 34th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EMP-ABB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako held the 34th ordinary session of its Board of Directors (CA) on Thursday, 18 December 2025, in its conference room.

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

As a reminder, the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School, an international centre of excellence of the African Union, 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 related to peace and security in the world.

For this 34th ordinary session, the Board of Directors recorded the presence of the following countries and organisations :

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



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During the meeting, the Board members reviewed the annual report on the School's activities and invited the Executive Management to continue the efforts already underway.

These discussions also provided an opportunity for the Executive Director to revisit the challenges associated with digitalisation, the renewal of the vehicle fleet, the internationalisation of the School's management team and the strengthening of existing infrastructure. He also sought the opinion of the Board members on the implementation of the proposal to fill the position of Director of International Cooperation, as stipulated in the draft revision of the School's basic texts.

At the end of the meeting, the partners and members of the Board unanimously congratulated the Director General and his entire team on this commendable annual report, despite the constraints they faced, and reiterated their support for the institution.



## PROJECT: 'STABILISATION AS A MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE TO DISPLACED WOMEN AND YOUTH IN CENTRAL MALI (BANDIAGARA)'

On Monday, 1 December 2025, the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako held a ceremony in its conference room to launch the project 'Stabilisation as a multisectoral response to displaced women and young people in central Mali (Bandiagara)'.

The ceremony was presided over by **Ms. DIARRA Djénéba SANOGO**, Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and Families. She was accompanied by:

- **His Excellency Mr Yukuo MURATA**, Ambassador of Japan to Mali;
- **Mr. Maleye DIOP**, UNDP Resident Representative in Mali;
- **Mr Mamadou FANÉ**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion;
- **Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARÉ**, Director General of EMP-ABB;
- And **Colonel Yaya DIARRA**, Security Advisor to the Governor of Bandiagara.

It should be noted that several Ambassadors, members of the Board of Directors and partners of the School honoured the launch with their presence.

# PROJECT: 'STABILISATION AS A MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE TO DISPLACED WOMEN AND YOUTH IN CENTRAL MALI (BANDIAGARA)'

The humanitarian situation in Mali is marked by a security crisis, exacerbated by structural vulnerabilities, socio-economic challenges and climate change.

In order to respond to the internal displacement crisis in central Mali, Japan, through the UNDP, intends to consolidate the achievements made under the Liptako-Gourma Stabilisation Facility programme.

This programme aims to improve the social contract between the state and communities through the implementation of long-term activities aimed at ensuring lasting peace and harmonious development.





## OFFICIAL START OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN PEACEKEEPING AND STATE RECONSTRUCTION

On Thursday, 4 December 2025, the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako held a formal ceremony in its conference room to mark the start of the academic year for the fourth cohort of the Master's programme in Peacekeeping and State Reconstruction (MP4).

The ceremony was presided over by **Professor Boureïma KANSAYE**, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, accompanied by **Mrs. Tangara Nema GUINDO**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Malians Abroad and International Cooperation, and **Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARÉ**, Director General of the EMP-ABB.

In addition to the families of the students and EMP-ABB alumni, several ambassadors, members of the Board of Directors and partners of the School honoured the opening ceremony with their presence.

# OFFICIAL START OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN PEACEKEEPING AND STATE RECONSTRUCTION

## Global Objective :

The main objective of the formal opening ceremony is to mark the official start of the fourth cohort of the Master's Degree in Peacekeeping and State Reconstruction (MP).

## Specific Objectives :

- Deliver the traditional inaugural lecture;
- Present the Master's programme to the School's partners and auditors.



# OFFICIAL START OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN PEACEKEEPING AND STATE RECONSTRUCTION

Following an impressive inaugural lecture delivered by **Mr Abdoulaye Idrissa MAIGA**, former Prime Minister of Mali, on the theme "From conflict management to post-crisis reconstruction: the role of national and international actors", discussions focused on the Master's programme through a panel moderated by **Dr Birama Apho LY**, Director of the Modibo GOITA Centre for Analysis and Research on the Sahel-Saharan Region (CARESS).

The experts for the day were:

- Panellist 1: **Dr Abdoul SOGODOGO**, Lecturer-Researcher, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Administrative and Political Sciences (FSAP) at Kurukanfuga University in Bamako (UKB);
- Panellist 2: **Police Superintendent TIANEGUE COULIBALY**, Head of Training at CARESS.





## PMRM 1-25 (JPN)

Project Management and Resource Mobilisation (**PMRM**)

### Date et Location

From 01 to 05 December 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**  
Japan

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
15 trainees  
including 08 women

### Objective

Strengthen the capacities of actors involved in the design and management of local development projects and in resource mobilisation within the framework of the 'Stabilisation Project as a multisectoral response to displaced women and young people in central Mali'.



## UNPOL 4-25 (ML)

United Nations Police (**UNPOL**)

### Date et Location

From 24 November to 05 December 2025  
National Police Academy (Bamako, MALI)

**Founding**  
Mali

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
30 trainees  
including 12 women

### Objective

Prepare and enhance the operational effectiveness of international police officers who will participate, in a multinational context, in an AU Peace Support Operation or a UN Peacekeeping Operation.



## PoC/HR/IHL 2-25 (SUI)

Protection of Civilians (PoC) / Human Rights (HR) / International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

### Date et Location

From 01 to 05 December 2025  
Koulikoro (MALI)

### Founding

Switzerland /DCAF

### Beneficiaries

FDS Course  
230 trainees  
including 00 woman

### Objective

Strengthen participants' capacities by providing them with essential knowledge on the protection of civilians, human rights and international humanitarian law.



## IHL EMA (ML)

International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

### Date et Location

From 08 to 12 December 2025  
Military Academy of Administration (Kati, MALI)

### Founding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

FDS Course  
76 trainees  
including 29 women

### Objective

Strengthen participants' capacities by providing them with essential knowledge of International Humanitarian Law.



## Prevention and management of GBV (JPN)

Prevention and management of GBV

### Date et Location

From 08 to 12 December 2025  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Founding

Japan

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
15 trainees  
including 08 women

### Objective

Equip participants with skills to prevent GBV and refer survivors to appropriate support services.



## CP-UF AES 2-25 (ML)

Command Post of the Unified Force of the Confederation of Sahel States (CP-UF AES)

### Date et Location

From 08 to 19 December 2025  
Niamey (NIGER)

### Founding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

FDS Course  
41 trainees  
including 00 woman

### Objective

Strengthen the operational planning capabilities of ESA Unified Force officers through the Global Operational Planning Method (GOPM).



**09/12/25 – AFRICAN UNION (AU)** – Video conference between EMP-ABB executives and an AU team led by ***His Excellency Mr Adeoye BANKOLE***, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, to discuss ways of strengthening existing cooperation.

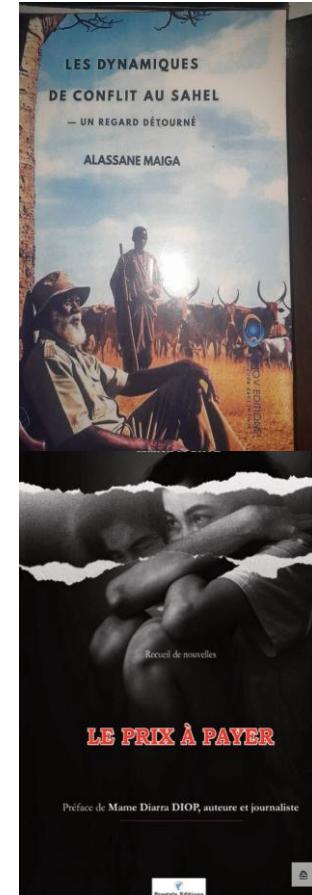
**11/12/25 – GERMANY** – Courtesy visit by ***Her Excellency Dr. Corinna Fricke***, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Mali, as part of efforts to strengthen the existing partnership between the two institutions.

**12/12/25 – MOROCCO** – Courtesy visit by ***Mr Abdelilah El Qaisy***, Deputy Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Mali at the end of his mission, to announce his departure.

# The EMP-ABB CARESS Reading Club

40<sup>th</sup> Edition

‘The dynamics of conflict in the Sahel, a different perspective’ and ‘The price to pay’



The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, through its Centre for Analysis and Research on the Sahel-Saharan Region (CARESS), held the 40th edition of its book club on Thursday, 11 December 2025, in the CARESS documentation room.

The two works presented during this session were:

- ‘The dynamics of conflict in the Sahel, a different perspective’ by Mr Alassane Maiga;
- and ‘The price to pay’ by Mr Malick M’Baye.

Mr Maiga’s book offers a powerful and in-depth analysis of the crises affecting the Sahel. By exploring the historical, social, economic and political roots of these conflicts, the author highlights factors that are often overlooked or underestimated, offering a new and illuminating perspective.

As for Mr M’BAYE, he revisits African society, culture and traditions through a collection of short stories that invites reflection on the consequences of certain practices in force.

As usual, the question-and-answer session allowed participants to contribute to the discussions and gain a deeper understanding of the books presented.

For this edition, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and Club members, including researchers, doctoral students and CARESS master’s students, as well as the parents, friends and supporters of the two authors, who enriched the discussions with their contributions.



# Promotions DECEMBER 2025

## EMP-ABB



**Project Management and Resource Mobilisation (PMRM)**  
**EMP-ABB (Bamako, Mali)**  
**From 01 to 05 December 2025**



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## EMP-ABB



**United Nations Police (UNPOL 4-25)**  
**NPA (Bamako, Mali)**  
**From 24 November to 05 December 2025**



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## EMP-ABB



**Protection of Civilians (PoC) / Human Rights (HR) / International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**  
**Koulikoro (Mali)**  
**From 01 to 05 December 2025**



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## EMP-ABB



International Humanitarian Law (IHL)  
MAA (Kati, Mali)  
From 08 to 12 December 2025



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## EMP-ABB



Prevention and management of GBV (JPN)  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, Mali)  
From 01 to 05 December 2025



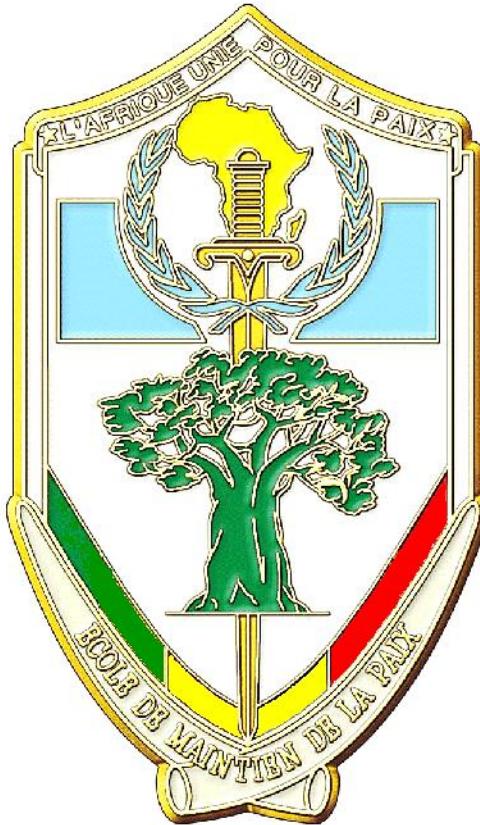
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**Command Post of the Unified Force of the Confederation of Sahel States (CP-UF AES)**  
**Niamey (Niger)**  
**From 08 to 19 December 2025**

Peacekeeping School  
**Ecole de Maintien de la Paix**  
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