



**A word from the Director General of EMP-ABB,
Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE**

Dear partners, colleagues, and dedicated members of the peace support community, as we enter this new year of 2026, I extend my sincerest wishes for your health, happiness, and prosperity. May this year bring hope, renewal, and success, both personally and professionally.

As we embark on this new chapter, let us remember that our shared mission to promote peace, stability and dialogue remains more relevant than ever. In a world where crises are becoming more complex and geopolitical balances are being redefined, our collective commitment to lasting peace remains our compass and our raison d'être.

The year 2025 was marked by significant advances for our institution. True to its mission, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School continued its work of training, reflection and innovation in the service of peace actors.

Thanks to the mobilisation of all its staff, the EMP-ABB consolidated its role as a key player in the promotion of peace and security, both regionally and internationally.

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In 2026, our actions will be guided by resilience, excellence and renewal.

Our ambition is clear: to continue the transformation we have begun while strengthening the relevance and impact of our actions.

This will involve, in particular:

- consolidating achievements in training and applied research;
- stimulating pedagogical innovation by further integrating digital tools and collaborative approaches;
- strengthening regional and international cooperation by forging strategic partnerships with sister institutions and peacekeeping actors;
- and continuing to develop our infrastructure and capacity to accommodate students in order to meet the growing demand for training and expertise.

In a constantly changing environment, our school must remain a space for reflection, learning and dialogue, capable of anticipating security challenges and providing appropriate, inclusive and sustainable responses.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the entire EMP-ABB community, permanent and temporary staff, technical and financial partners, alumni of the School and friends of peace, for your unwavering commitment, professionalism and renewed trust.

May 2026 be a year of enhanced cooperation, innovative initiatives and shared achievements.

By uniting our efforts and aspirations, we will continue to build bridges of understanding and shape the architects of a more just, secure and peaceful world.

With my sincere thanks and best wishes for 2026.

Long live a united Africa in peace!

Traditional presentation of New Year's greetings by EMP-ABB staff to the Chief Executive Officer

On Monday, 5 January 2026, representatives from various departments of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako were received by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in his office to continue a well-established tradition.

At the beginning of each year, the Director General receives the School's staff for their New Year's greetings. In return, he extends his own greetings and outlines the main objectives for the new year.

In the same vein, the start of the year provided an opportunity to award stripes to newly promoted officers. This took place during a highly symbolic ceremony attended by the respective directors of the lucky recipients.



TRAINING OF TRAINERS



As part of the implementation of its 2024-2028 Strategic Framework, particularly the Continuing Education component, the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako organised an internal capacity-building session for its permanent staff from 7 to 9 January 2026 in its CO room.

The aim was not only to refresh participants' knowledge of adult learning techniques, but also to introduce them to the concepts of work-life balance and professional performance, time management and the development of new courses.



PoC/HR/IHL 1-26 (SUI)

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

Date and Location

From 12 to 16 January 2026
Koulikoro (MALI)

Founding

Switzerland/DCAF

Beneficiaries

FDS course
156 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.



LEADERSHIP EMIA (SUI)

Leadership Seminar

Date and Location

From 22 to 24 January 2026
Joint Military Academy (Koulikoro, MALI)

Founding

Switzerland/DCAF

Beneficiaries

FDS course
330 trainees
including 59 women

Objective

Strengthen participants' skills by providing them
with the essential tools for practising balanced
and constructive leadership.



PoC/HR/IHL 1-26 (SUI)

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

Date and Location

From 26 to 30 January 2026
Ecole Militaire Inter-Armes (Koulikoro, MALI)

Founding

Switzerland/DCAF

Beneficiaries

FDS course
330 stagiaires
including 59 women

Objective

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



CCPM 1-26 (JPN)

Community Conflict Prevention and Management (**CCPM**)

Date and Location

From 26 to 30 January 2026
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Japan

Beneficiaries

Displaced women and young people from Bandiagara, women
and young leaders from the host community, regional project
coordinator.
15 trainees
including 08 women

Objective

Equip participants with skills to prevent or manage community
conflicts.

08/01/26 – MALI – Courtesy visit by Mr Redouwane Ag MOHAMED ALI, Minister-Commissioner for Food Security, to discuss potential avenues for collaboration.

08/01/26 – EHESP – Visit by a delegation from the School of Advanced Studies in Public Health (EHESP) led by Mr Yacouba KONE, to discuss possible areas of collaboration.

12/01/26 – CAERAP – Courtesy visit by Mr Abdoulaye Idrissa MAIGA, President of the African Centre for Studies and Research - Action for Peace (CAERAP), to discuss avenues for collaboration between the two organisations.

15/01/26 – EUROPEAN UNION (EU) – Courtesy visit by Mr Francesco RONCHI, Head of the Political, Press and Information Section of the EU Delegation to Mali, to discuss potential avenues for collaboration.

27/01/26 – NETHERLANDS – Courtesy visit by His Excellency Mr. Erik de FEIJTER, new Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Mali, to discuss ways of strengthening existing cooperation. He was accompanied by Mr. Domieck BOS, First Secretary for Political and Security Affairs, and Lieutenant Colonel Guido van Diermen, Defence Attaché.



41st Edition : « THE WAR OF NARRATIVES IN THE SAHEL »



The Alioune Blondin-BEYE Peacekeeping School, through its Centre for Analysis and Research on the Sahel-Saharan Region (CARESS), organised the 41st edition of its book club on Thursday 22 January 2026 in the CARESS documentation room.

The book presented at this edition was entitled “The War of Narratives in the Sahel” by Mr Abdoul NIANG, journalist and political analyst.

According to the author, certain Western media outlets tend to present events unfolding in the Sahel from angles influenced by geopolitical interests, obscuring the local context and fuelling community frustrations. These narratives have thus contributed to dividing populations, thereby legitimising the presence and influence of terrorist groups within certain communities.

As usual, the question-and-answer session allowed participants to contribute to the discussion and gain a deeper understanding of the book.

For this edition, the book club brought together CARESS members and club members, including researchers, doctoral students and CARESS master's students, as well as the author's parents, friends and supporters, who enriched the discussions with their contributions.



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