



## 35th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EMP-ABB

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The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (*EMP-ABB*) in Bamako held the 35th ordinary session of its Board of Directors (BoD) on Thursday 18 June 2026 in its conference room.

The meeting was chaired by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans' Affairs, **Major General Sidiki SAMAKE**.

It should be noted that 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 relating to peace and security worldwide.



At this 35th ordinary session, the Board of Directors noted the attendance of the following countries and organisations :

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



During the meeting, the Board members were briefed on the protocol for assessing the impact of training programmes on alumni's socio-professional careers and attended a demonstration of the e-learning platform currently under development to host the online Master's degree in 'Political, Community and Institutional Mediation'.

Furthermore, the Board approved the latest draft of the proposed revision to EMP-ABB's founding documents, which had been discussed on 26 May 2026 at the meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG).

These discussions also gave the Director-General the opportunity to outline the institution's key challenges, notably ensuring contributions are received on time, renewing the vehicle fleet, internationalising the School's management team, and modernising existing infrastructure.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the partners and members of the Board of Directors unanimously congratulated the Director-General and his staff on all the achievements of the half-year, despite the constraints encountered. Finally, they reiterated their unwavering support for the institution.



## END-OF-SEMESTER REVIEW SEMINAR FOR THE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES IN 'ORGANISED CRIME, TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL CO-OPERATION (MACOTEC II)' AND 'PEACEKEEPING AND STATE RECONSTRUCTION (MP4)'

The Alioune Blondin BÈYE School of Peacekeeping (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako, in partnership with Kurukanfuga University in Bamako (**UKB**), organised on Tuesday 9 June 2026 the end-of-semester review seminars for the Master's programmes in '*Organised Crime, Terrorism and International Criminal Cooperation (MACOTEC II)*' and '*Peacekeeping and State Reconstruction (MP4)*'. The theme chosen for the event was: '*Peacekeeping Operations in the Face of Changing Modus Operandi of Armed Groups in the Sahel and West Africa*'.

The opening ceremony was presided over by **Chief Superintendent Seydou Mamadou Dombia**, Chief of Staff, representing the Minister for Security and Civil Protection, flanked by **Mr Paul TRAORE**, Rector of UKB, representing the Minister for Higher Education and Research, and **Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE**, Director-General of EMP-ABB.

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## Overall objective :

The aim of this seminar was to analyse the ability of peace operations to adapt to changes in the modus operandi of terrorist and criminal groups in the Sahel and West Africa, with a view to improving their effectiveness and strategic relevance.

## Specific objectives :

During the course of the study, the researchers sought to

- identify and characterise the modus operandi of terrorist and criminal armed groups and how these have evolved in the Sahel and West Africa;
- Analyse the limitations and vulnerabilities of peace operations in West Africa and the Sahel in the face of the new modus operandi of terrorist and criminal armed groups;
- Identify strategies for combating terrorist and criminal armed groups adopting these new modus operandi;
- Identify the innovations and adaptations required to improve the effectiveness and performance of peace operations in contexts characterised by changing modus operandi of terrorist and criminal armed groups.



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Ahead of the day's two panel discussions, the audience listened with great interest to a very in-depth analysis of the issue, delivered by Brigadier General Issa Ousmane COULIBALY, Minister for Territorial Administration and Decentralisation and Government Spokesperson, as an opening address.

Next, it was the turn of Brigadier General Faguimba Ibrahima KANSAYE, Chair of the 'National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (CNDDR)', to chair the first panel on the theme 'Organised crime and terrorism in the Sahel and West Africa: threats and integrated response strategies'.

The sub-topics raised by the audience included :

**Sub-theme 1:** 'Changes in the modus operandi of terrorist and criminal groups in the Sahel and West Africa: current situation and security challenges', presented by **Chief Warrant Officer Niamanto, known as Moussa COULIBALY**;

**Sub-theme 2:** 'The criminal economy: control of strategic resources and the financing of terrorism in the Sahel and West Africa', presented by **Mr Komla Djiwonou ADJAMAGBO**;

**Sub-theme 3:** 'Information warfare and strategic communication in conflicts in the Sahel and West Africa', presented by **Mr Abdoul NIANG** ;

**Sub-theme 4:** 'Adapting state responses to the modus operandi of armed terrorist groups: political, military, legal and economic strategies', presented by **Mr Paulin D. VISSOH** ;

**Sub-theme 5:** 'Local and regional conflict resolution mechanisms: challenges and prospects for sustainable security', presented by **Mr Tima Thomas COULIBALY**.



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The second panel focused on the following topic: 'The future of peace operations: challenges, adaptations and prospects in the face of hybrid threats in the Sahel and West Africa' and was chaired by Mr Aguibou BOUARE, a lawyer.

The discussions focused on the following topics:

**Sub-theme 6:** '*History of peace operations in the Sahel and West Africa*', presented by **Ms Korotoumou TOURE** ;

**Sub-theme 7:** '*The limitations of peace operations in the face of new tactics employed by armed groups*', presented by **Mr Redouwane Ag Mohamed ALY** ;

**Sub-theme 8:** '*Funding for peacekeeping operations in the Sahel and West Africa*', presented by **Ms Lalla Ilias DICKO** ;

**Sub-theme 9:** '*Regional cooperation and strategic partnerships between UN and non-UN missions*', presented by the **Chief Superintendent Sékou Dossolo NIARE** ;

**Sub-theme 10:** '*Peacekeeping operations in the Sahel and West Africa: what innovations and adaptations are needed?*', presented by **Mr Mahamadou Yirikoro COULIBALY**.





On Tuesday 30 June 2026, a ceremony was held in the VIP lounge of the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**) in Bamako to mark the signing of a new four-year (04) partnership agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the EMP-ABB.

For the occasion, the two institutions were represented respectively by **His Excellency Mr Erik de Feijter**, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Mali, and **Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE**, Director-General of the EMP-ABB.

Through this renewal, the Kingdom of the Netherlands reaffirms its support for a leading institution whose work contributes to the professionalisation of those involved in peace, security and the protection of human rights on the African continent.

In his words of thanks, the Director-General of the School was keen to highlight the value of these long-term, multi-year commitments and reaffirmed his determination to continue, together with all his partners, an ambitious cooperation based on impact, accountability and a shared vision of peace.



## SVCS 1-26 (Japan)

Sexual Violence in Conflict Situations (SVCS)

### Date and Place

From 15 to 19 June 2026  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

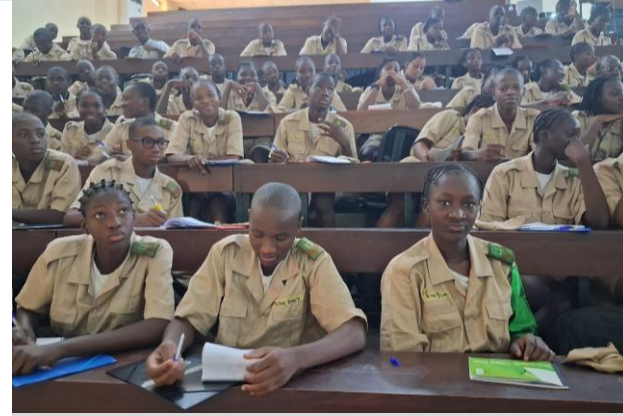
Japan

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Training Programme (Military, Police and Magistrates)  
13 trainees  
including 06 women

### Objective

Building the capacity of the various stakeholders to ensure better implementation of legislation and improved care for victims of sexual violence during times of conflict.



## IHL PMK 1-26 (Mali)

International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

### Date and Place

From 22 to 26 June 2026  
Prytanée Militaire (Kati, MALI)

### Funding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

FDS Course (Pupils)  
130 trainees  
including 55 girls

### Objective

To provide future African military officers with a basic understanding of international humanitarian law.

**10/06/2026** – **UNITED KINGDOM** – Courtesy visit by **Lieutenant-Colonel Andy Garrow**, the new Defence Attaché at the British Embassy in Mali.

**25/06/2026** – **BOAD** – Courtesy visit by **Ms LO Fatoumata DIOP**, Financial Analyst at the West African Development Bank (**BOAD**), to discuss potential avenues for partnership between the two organisations.

**25/06/2026** – **USA** – Courtesy visit by **Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Purvis**, the new Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the United States of America in Mali.



## The EMP-ABB CARESS Reading Club

45<sup>th</sup> Edition

« Le Financement du Terrorisme au Sahel »



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 45<sup>th</sup> session of its book club on Thursday 19 June 2026 in the CARESS reading room.

The book presented during this edition was: *\*The Financing of Terrorism in the Sahel\** by **Dr Aly Tounkara**, a lecturer and researcher at Yambo Ouologuem University in Bamako and Executive Director of the Centre for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel (CE3S).

In this book, Dr TOUNKARA analyses the local roots and hybrid nature of the actors that sustain armed groups. He demonstrates that the endogenisation of the threat renders purely military strategies insufficient, calling for the urgent dismantling of local financial networks.

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

For this edition, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and Club members – comprising researchers, PhD students and Master's students from CARESS – not to mention the pupils from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK), who turned out in large numbers to support their former Director of Studies and who enriched the discussions with their contributions.



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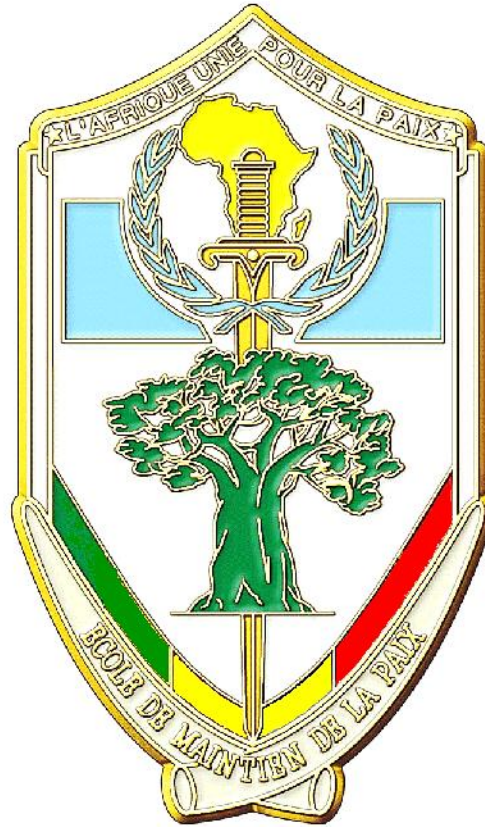


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