



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY AT EMP-ABB

The Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako celebrated 'International Day of Peace' on Thursday 17 September 2026 in its conference hall.

For this year's event, the School chose the theme: 'Investing in people, institutions and innovation to build lasting peace', which is in line with the theme set by the United Nations, namely 'Investing in peace: for everyone, everywhere, every day'.

The event was presided over by the Minister of State, Minister for Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, **Lieutenant General Ismael WAGUE**. For the occasion, he was accompanied by :

- The Minister for Communication, the Digital Economy and the Modernisation of the Civil Service, **Mr Alhamdou Ag Ilyène**,
- The Minister with special responsibility for Food Security, **Mr Redouwane Ag Mohamed Ali**,
- And the Director-General of EMP-ABB, **Colonel-Major Souleymane SANGARE**.

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

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Context:

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

It is dedicated to peace, and in particular to the absence of war, which must be reflected in a ceasefire in conflict zones throughout the world.

In a world marked by conflicts, humanitarian crises, social tensions, the effects of climate change and the proliferation of disinformation, the challenges to peace have also become technological and informational challenges. In Mali and across the Sahel region, these challenges underscore the need to invest in prevention, inclusive dialogue, community resilience and responsible governance of information.



Overall Objective :

The JIP 2026 was therefore intended to be a strategic event, bringing together national authorities, technical and financial partners, international organisations, academics, researchers, community leaders, civil society, the media and private sector stakeholders.

Specific Objectives :

1. To promote strategic thinking on the most promising investments for building lasting peace ;
2. To highlight the contributions of food security, economic development and interfaith dialogue to peacebuilding ;
3. To analyse the opportunities and challenges associated with artificial intelligence, information governance and the fight against disinformation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding processes.



Following the opening ceremony, which was followed by an inspiring talk on ‘artificial intelligence, information and the fight against disinformation’ delivered by **Colonel-Major Ousmane LY**, Senior Defence Official at the Ministry of Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, the proceedings continued with a high-level panel discussion on the theme ‘Different perspectives on new investments for peace’.

Chaired by **Mr Abdoulaye SACKO**, a journalist, the sub-themes listed below were discussed by distinguished panelists :

- **Sub-theme 1:** ‘Investing in media and information literacy: how can we strengthen citizens’ resilience in the face of disinformation?’. This was led by **Mr Bandjougou DANTE**, President of the Maison de la Presse du Mali;
- **Sub-theme 2:** ‘Artificial intelligence and peacebuilding: what opportunities are there for early warning, conflict prevention and decision-making support?’. This topic was discussed by **Mr Abdoul Kader KY**, National Director of the Digital Economy;
- **Sub-theme 3:** “Building a trustworthy information environment: the role of the media, digital platforms and public institutions”. This was presented by **Ms Fanta Coumba KAREMBE**, National Director of the Electronic Signature Certification Service.

Through this event, the EMP-ABB sought to encourage collective reflection on priority investments likely to have a lasting impact on peace, whilst highlighting new approaches to addressing contemporary challenges through innovation, digital technologies and responsible information governance.





MPC 1-26 (Suisse)

Community Policy Mediation (MPC)

Date and Place

From 07 to 18 September 2026
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Switzerland

Beneficiaries

Stage Intégré (Military, Police and civilians)
23 trainees
including 09 women

Objective

To strengthen participants' skills and capabilities, whilst developing the qualities required to organise and conduct political or community mediation.



DIH 2-26 (Mali)

International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Date and Place

From 14 to 25 September 2026
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Mali

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Military, Police and civilians)
28 trainees
including 14 women

Objective

To enhance participants' understanding of the conceptual principles of international humanitarian law (IHL), as well as the legal and institutional frameworks for promoting and protecting IHL.



DH 2-26 (Mali)

Human Rights (HR)

Date and Place

From 14 to 25 September 2026
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding

Mali

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Militaries, Police and civilians)
25 trainees
including 07 women

Objective

To provide in-depth training on human rights to civilian and uniformed personnel who are currently deployed, or due to be deployed, in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

15/09/26 – SWITZERLAND – Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Mr Pietro MONA**, the new Swiss Ambassador to Mali, resident in Dakar, as part of efforts to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions.

23/09/26 – MOROCCO – Courtesy visit by **Colonel Hassan MOUHSSINE**, the new Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Mali, as part of efforts to strengthen existing cooperation between the two organisations.

23/09/26 – European Union – Courtesy visit by **His Excellency Mr Alberto Cerezo**, EU Ambassador, to discuss potential avenues for collaboration between the two institutions.



47th Edition

« *A determined humanist* »



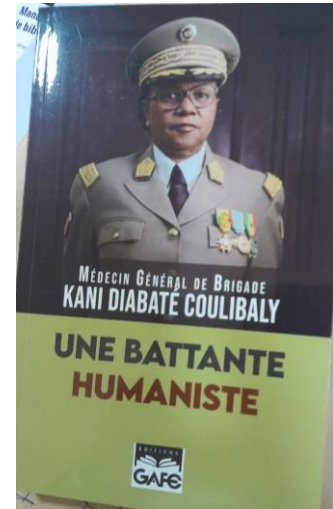
The Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, through its Centre for Analysis and Research on the Sahel-Saharan Region (**CARESS**), held the 47th session of its book club on Thursday 24 September 2026 in the CARESS reading room.

The book presented during this edition was: **A Determined Humanist** by **Brigadier General (Ret.) Kani DIABATE COULIBALY**, a military pioneer in Mali and a leading advocate for peace, women's empowerment and gender equality.

In this book, the author recounts a journey marked by responsibilities, challenges, sacrifices and courage. Despite the difficulties she faced, she managed to forge ahead with determination and sincerity, thereby establishing herself as a true source of inspiration for future generations.

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 event, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and Club members – comprising researchers, PhD students and Master's students from CARESS – as well as the author's parents, friends and supporters, who enriched the discussions with their contributions.





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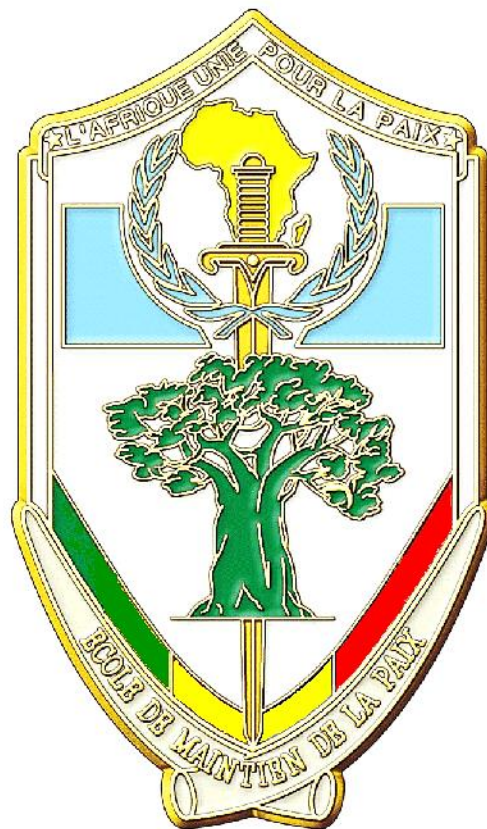
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