



## Africa Day

### “ What the African Union is doing for Security, Gender and Development in Africa? ”

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To mark Africa Day, the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) organized a high-level symposium on Thursday 23 May in its conference room on the theme: “ Towards sustainable peace: what actions by the African Union for security, gender and development in Africa? ”.

The ceremony was presided over by the Minister for Malians Living Abroad and African Integration, Mr Mossa Ag ATTAHER, accompanied by Mr Fulgence ZENETH, Acting Head of Mission of the African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHHEL) in Mali, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB.



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## World Africa Day

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A manifestation of the pan-African vision of a united Africa founded on the values of freedom, legality, justice and dignity of the African peoples, this day was instituted to commemorate the birth of the Organization of African Unity on 25 May 1963, which was renamed the African Union in 2002.

The aim of this symposium was to examine in greater depth the crucial issues affecting peace and security on the continent and hampering its development.

The event was enhanced by two major round tables led by experts on the following themes :

**1st round table:** "Fragile governance and political instability in Africa: challenges and prospects", divided into 04 sub-themes and developed as follows :

- "Reforms of international organizations, the case of the African Union and ECOWAS", by **Ambassador Abdoul Kader TOURE**, diplomat and Foreign Affairs Adviser ;
- "Management of political transitions", by **Mrs Aminata Dramane TRAORE**, Former Minister of Culture and Tourism of Mali ;
- "Strengthening regional cooperation and political governance", by **Ambassador Sékou dit Gaoussou CISSE**, Director for Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation ;
- "Creation of the AES: challenges and prospects", by **Mr Modibo Mao MAKALOU**, Economist.

The panel was moderated by **Dr Aly Tounkara**, lecturer and researcher at the Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines in Bamako (ULSHB).



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**2nd round table** : The conference was entitled "Involvement of the African Union in strengthening the capacities of peacekeeping operations". The 03 invited experts discussed the following topics :

- "Role of the African Union in the management of peace operations, MISAHEL", by **Mr Hugues Martial PENDA NGBEMBOUA** of the African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL);
- "Role of the African Union in promoting the participation of women and young people in the management of peace operations", by **Ms Nana Alassane TOURE**, Gender Expert;
- "l'Union Africaine à l'épreuve de la Gestion des transitions politiques", by **Professor Nouhoum Salif MOUNKORO**, lecturer at the Bamako University of Legal and Political Sciences (USJPB).

The panel was moderated by **Professor Bréma Ely DICKO**, lecturer at the University of Arts and Humanities in Bamako (ULSHB).





## Closing courses



*On Friday 17 May 2024, the EMP-ABB conference room was the setting for the closing ceremony of the "Fundamental Knowledge of Peacekeeping Operations Special University" and "Mine Awareness, Improvised Explosive Devices and Explosive Remnants of War in Peace Operations" courses, all funded by Mali.*

The event was chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans, Major General Sidiki SAMAKE, with Professor Idrissa Soïba TRAORE, Rector of the Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ, Director General of EMP-ABB, at his side.

These capacity-building sessions brought together managers and young people from Mali and Africa from various socio-professional backgrounds, including students, humanitarian workers, Defense and Security Forces officers and members of civil society.

With a total of 54 trainees, 14% of whom were women, the two courses brought together participants from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Togo.

## Closing courses

### Session objectives :

The CONFOND-Universities course, which brought together students from the five universities of Bamako and Ségou, was aimed specifically at teaching academics about the global perspective of the United Nations and the role of this organization in maintaining international peace and security.

The course on Mine Awareness, Improvised Explosive Devices and Explosive Remnants of War was an opportunity for trainees to acquire the skills they need to deal with this threat in areas where peace operations are deployed.





## « Professional immersion visits for CARESS auditors »

Several months ago, the Sahel-Saharan Analysis and Research Center (CARESS) of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) initiated a series of professional immersion visits for students of the Master in Organized Crime and International Penal Cooperation (MACOTEC) and those of the Master in Peacekeeping and the Executive Master in Post-Conflict State Reconstruction (MP3).

The MP3 listeners were received at the premises of the Mediator of the Republic of Mali on Wednesday 08 May, where they were given a presentation of the Institution's operation and mission, as well as its contribution to the promotion of citizens' rights and freedoms.

As for MACOTEC, its auditors benefited from fruitful exchanges with the members of the Defense Commission of the National Transition Council (CNT).





## MPS 1-24

Media Peace and Security(MPS )

### Date and Location

06- 10 May 2024  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

RFA

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
25 trainees  
including 07 women

### Objective

Acquire the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to gain a better understanding of the involvement of the media in the process of conflict prevention, negotiation and management.



## CONFOND 3-24

Fundamental Knowledge of Peace Operations  
(CONFOND-Universities)

### Date and Location

06- 17 May 2024  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
25 trainees  
including 03 women

### Objective

Fundamental knowledge of United Nations peacekeeping operations (PKOs).



## SDM-OMP 1-24

Mine risk education in PMOs  
(SDM-PMOs)

### Date and Location

13- 17 May 2024  
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

### Funding

Mali

### Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)  
29 trainees  
including 04 women

### Objective

Equip trainees with the know-how to deal with the threat of mines and explosives in areas where peace operations are deployed.







## 24th Edition : « *How effective is higher education in Mali ?* »



On Thursday 16 May 2024, the Alioune Blondin-BEYE Peacekeeping School, through its Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (CARESS), held the 24th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room.

This edition featured the book "How effective is higher education in Mali ?" by Dr Seydou LOUA, who holds a **Master 2** and a **Doctorate** in Education Science from the University of Lyon 2. His book not only discusses the difficulties facing higher education in Mali, such as the lack of infrastructure, qualified teachers, uncontrolled growth in student numbers and poor management of resources, but also looks at possible ways out of the crisis.

After a detailed presentation of the book by the author, the **question-and-answer** session enabled participants to contribute to the discussions and gain an in-depth understanding of the work.

The Reading Club brought together members of CARESS and members of the Club made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programs. Students from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati, trainees from the Ecole Militaire d'Administration and students from some of the School's partner universities also attended. The contributions of these participants enriched the debates.





# Promotions MAY 2024 EMP-ABB



**Fundamental knowledge of peacekeeping operations - CONFOND Universities 3-24  
EMP-ABB**

*From 06 to 17 May 2024*





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