

31st ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EMP-ABB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EMP-ABB NEWS N°0624 www.empbamako .org The 31st Ordinary Session of the Board of Directors of the Alioune Blondin-Bèye Peacekeeping School in Bamako was held on Thursday 27 June 2024. It was chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans, Major General Sidiki SAMAKE.

The Peacekeeping School, the African Union's International Centre of Excellence, is founded on the principles of peace, justice and international cooperation. As such, it plays a crucial role in training military, police and civilian professionals to respond effectively to the complex challenges of peace and security in today's world.

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At this 31st Session, the Board of Directors (BD) was represented by the following countries :

- Canada ;
- Japan ;
- · People's Democratic Republic of Algeria ;
- The Federal Republic of Germany ;-
- The Republic of Mali (Chairman of the Board) ;-
- The Kingdom of Morocco ;-
- The Kingdom of the Netherlands ;
- Switzerland ;
- Belgium (associate member).

During the discussions, Board members had the opportunity to review and adopt the new Communications Policy in line with the guidelines of the School's 2024-2028 Strategic Framework.





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The digitization project and the internationalization of the school were also at the heart of the debates.

It should also be noted that this session saw the participation of Belgium, which joins the Board as an associate member.

At the end of the proceedings, the partners and members of the Board unanimously congratulated the Managing Director and his entire team on the remarkable results achieved despite the difficulties and challenges they have faced, and renewed their assurance of support for the School.

In his closing remarks, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans stated that the Department would spare no effort to ensure that this partnership in the management of the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School could continue and prosper.





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MP2 STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS



On Thursday 20 June 2024, the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School in Bamako, through its Sahel-Saharan Analysis and Research Centre (CARESS), awarded diplomas to the students of the 2nd Promotion of the "Master in Peacekeeping and the Executive Master in Post-Conflict State Reconstruction" (MP2).

The ceremony was held in the school's Amphitheatre in the presence of a number of personalities, including the Minister for Reconciliation, Peace and National Cohesion, Colonel-Major Ismaël WAGUE, the Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Professor Boureima KANSAYE, the Special Adviser to the President of the Transition and Patron of the graduating class, His Excellency Doctor Zeïni Moulaye HAIDARA, and the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARÉ.

The School's partners and the parents, friends and relatives of the future graduates also honoured the event with their presence.

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In line with its mission to build the capacities of African executives in the field of peace and security, and in partnership with the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako (USJPB) and the Institute of Political Studies of Grenoble (IEP), EMP-ABB initiated this Master's programme in 2018 with the aim of providing Mali and the sub-region with competent executives who can ensure its moral, economic, cultural, social and political recovery.

Over the course of two years, the new graduates of the Zeini Moulaye HAIDARA course have acquired a wide range of skills, enabling them to understand the complex dynamics of conflicts, peace processes and the challenges of reconstruction. They say they are ready and well equipped to work for peace, security and development in Mali and throughout Africa.





EMP-ABB Training courses of the month

DIH 4-24

International Humanitarian Law (DIH)

Date and Location 03 - 07 Juin 2024 Prytanée Militaire de Kati

> Funding Mali

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police) 75 trainees including 15 women

Objective

Building the capacity of civilian, military and police trainees in International Humanitarian Law.



DIH 5-24

International Humanitarian Law (DIH)

Date and Location 03 -14 Juin 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

> Funding Germany

Beneficiaries Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police) 24 trainees including 07 women

Objective Strengthen the skills of civilian, military and police trainees in International Humanitarian Law.



UNSOC 1-24

Training of United Nations staff officers (UNSOC)

Date and Location 03 - 21 Juin 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

> Funding Morocco

Beneficiaries Militairy course 22 trainees including 02 women

Objective

Acquire the knowledge and know-how essential for staff officers in a UN force or sector headquarters.

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EMP-ABB Training courses of the month

UNCIMIC 2-24

United Nations Civil-Military Coordination (UNCIMIC)

Date and Location 03 - 14 June 2024 (Cotonou, BENIN)

> Funding Germany

Beneficiaries Integrated Course (Militairy-Police) 50 trainees including 09 women

Objective

Emphasize the importance of civil-military coordination and acquire the knowledge and skills needed to plan and conduct activities and prepare UNCIMIC activity reports.



UNLOG 1-24

United Nations Logistics (UNLOG)

> Date and Location 03 - 14 June 2024 (Lomé, TOGO)

> > Funding Germany

Beneficiaries Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police) 53 trainees including 15 women

Objective

Acquire the additional knowledge and skills required to enable trainees to be deployed as logistics officers in a peace operation.

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Partnership Activities of the Month

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04/06/24 – **SWITZERLAND** – Working visit by H.E. Mr Philipp STALDER, Head of the Africa Division of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), accompanied by H.E. Mr Nicolas RANDIN, Deputy Director of the Development and Cooperation Directorate of the same department.

05/06/24 – **SWITZERLAND** and **DCAF** – Working visit by Ms Christelle Melly, Human Security Adviser at the Swiss Cooperation Office, and Dr Oswald Padonou, Head of the DCAF Mali Office, as part of a drive to strengthen the partnership.

06/06/24 – FREIDRICH EBERT FONDATION – Contact visit by the new Resident Representative, Ms Svenja BOD.

10/06/24 – **EUROPEAN UNION** – Courtesy visit by a delegation led by Florbela CARRILLO, Coordinator of the Regional Coordination Unit.

21/05/2024 – MOROCCO – Courtesy visit by a delegation from the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces led by Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammed ELKHADIR.

21/06/2024 – **KINGDOM OF BELGIUM** – Signature of an agreement between the EMP-ABB and Belgium for the implementation of activities linked to the promotion of peace through mediation.





The EMP-ABB CARESS Reading Club

25th Edition :

« Agricultural management and pastoralism in the Office du Niger area of Mali » and

« Neither Afro-pessimism nor Afro-idealism : the path of Afro-realism »



On Thursday 20 June 2024, the Alioune Blondin-BEYE Peacekeeping School, through its Sahel-Saharan Analysis and Research Centre (CARESS), held the 25th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room.

For this 25th edition, the club welcomed two eminent Malian authors who addressed themes that are crucial to an understanding of contemporary challenges in Africa. The first book of the day, entitled "Agricultural development and pastoralism in the Office du Niger zone of Mali", is an anthropological study of land tenure dynamics linked to natural resources. It was presented by the author, Mr Boureima TOURE, an anthropologist and lecturer at the Bamako University of Arts and Humanities (ULSHB).

Mr Ali CISSE, a retired administrator and international civil servant, then presented his work "Neither Afro-pessimism nor Afro-idealism : the path of Afro-realism". In it, he preaches the good word of Afro-realism to protect readers from the excesses of Afro-pessimism and the fantasies of Afro-idealism. He shows younger generations the way forward, in the form of five commandments to achieve, in his view, Africa's comeback.

After the two presentations, the traditional question-and-answer session allowed participants to contribute to the discussions and gain an in-depth understanding of the works.

For the event, the Reading Club brought together members of CARESS and members of the Club made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programmes. Students from the Prytanée Militaire and trainees from the Military School of Administration, who were also present, enriched the debates with their contributions.

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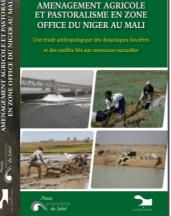
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Boureima TOURÉ

STORALISME EN ZONE OFFICE DU NIGER AU MALI





Droit International Humanitaire 4-24 Prytanée Militaire de Kati Du 03 au 07 Juin 2024



Droit International Humanitaire- DIH 5-24 EMP-ABB Du 03 au 14 Juin 2024



Formation des Officiers d'Etat Major des Nations-Unis– UNSOC 1-24 EMP-ABB Du 03 au 21 Juin 2024



Logistique des Nations-Unies UNLOG 1-24 Lomé-TOGO Du 03 au 14 Juin 2024



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