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5th EDITION OF THE REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

Gorée Institute, in partnership with the Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School in Bamako, organized the 5th edition of the Regional Youth Forum from Tuesday 12 to Wednesday 13 November on the theme: 'The role and commitment of young people in governance, citizenship and peace in the Sahel: going beyond protest'.

Funded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the event took place in the amphitheater of the EMP-ABB, under the patronage of the Minister of Youth and Sports, responsible for Civic Education and Citizen Building, Mr Abdoul Kasim FOMBA, who also gave the inaugural lecture.

The opening ceremony was chaired by Her Excellency Ms Caecilia WIJGERS, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Mali, accompanied by Mr Doudou DIA, Executive Director of the Gorée Institute, Ms Nana TOURE, Representative of MISAHEL, and Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, Director General of EMP-ABB.

Meeting of the EMP-ABB Technical Working Group (TWG)

As part of the preparatory work for the 32nd ordinary session of its Board of Directors, EMP-ABB welcomed the members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Thursday 28 November.

The aim of the meeting was to better prepare the work of the forthcoming Board, by reviewing the School's strategy and communication plan, as well as its 2025 action plan. The digitization of services, the development of infrastructure and the internalization of the School were also discussed during this session.

The TWG was attended by a number of Defense Advisers and Attachés from the member countries of the EMP-ABB Board of Directors.



Capacity building for EMP-ABB staff

The United States Embassy in Mali, as part of a bilateral collaboration with EMP-ABB, has initiated a continuing education programme for the School's executives. The start of the training was attended by Her Excellency Rachna S. KORHONEN, Ambassador of the United States to Mali.

The aim of these interactive sessions was to improve the operational English skills of the School's staff. At the end of this first phase of the programme, the team of facilitators, comprising the Deputy Defense Attaché, Dr. Evelyn BOETTCHER, and members of the Special Operations Forces Liaison Element (SOFLE), received certificates from the Director General of EMP-ABB on Friday 29 November in recognition of their contribution.

A new team of facilitators has been put in place to continue the programme, ensuring continuity and depth of training. This transition should ensure the coherence of future sessions in order to best meet the training needs of EMP-ABB staff while maintaining a high quality of teaching.



EMP-ABB Training courses of the month



Political and Community Mediation (MPC)

Date and Location

21 Oct. - 01 Nov. 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Belgian

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)
27 trainees
including 11 women

Objective

Strengthen the knowledge, know-how and interpersonal skills of those involved in political or community mediation processes at regional level.



Support for the electoral process (APE)

Date and Location

21 Oct. - 01 Nov. 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Netherlands

Beneficiaries

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

Objective

Acquire the knowledge and skills needed to plan and manage electoral processes transparently and professionally.

EMP-ABB Training courses of the month



Peacebuilding (CONS-PAIX)

Date and Location

04 - 15 Nov. 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Netherlands

Beneficiaries

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

Objective

To provide practical, multi-disciplinary training in the field of peacebuilding with a view to improving participants' knowledge and/or preparing them for deployment.



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Risk and Disaster Management (GRC)

Date and Location

04 - 15 Nov 2024 EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Funding

Netherlands

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police) 27 trainees including 05 women

Objective

Prepare trainees to take an active part in managing a natural or man-made disaster.

04th to 08/11/24 : - IAPTC - Participation of EMP-ABB in the 28th Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC) in Islamabad (Pakistan). At the end of the conference, EMP-ABB was chosen to chair the Civil Component of the Association ;

14/11/24: **– Carter Center** – Courtesy visit from Mr Frederic DEYCARD, Deputy Director of the Conflict Resolution Programme for Mali and the Sahel, to explore possible areas of cooperation;

14/11/24: **– Gorée Institute –** Courtesy visit by Mr. Doudou DIA, Executive Director of Gorée Institute as part of the strengthening of cooperation between the two institutions;

18 au 22/11/24 : – Norway – Experience-sharing trip to the Kingdom of Norway as part of the RECAFEVEC project ;

27/11/24 – Netherlands – Extension of the partnership agreement between EMP-ABB and the Kingdom of the Netherlands ;

27/11/24: **– GEC** – Presentation of the School to GEC members in the World Bank conference room in ACI 2000;

27/11/24 – Qatar – Courtesy visit to His Excellency Mr Ahmedbin Abdulrahman AlSUNAIDI, Ambassador of Qatar to Mali, to explore new avenues of partnership.





29th Edition : «Socio-historical dynamics in the novels of Seydou Badian»



The Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin-Bèye (EMP-ABB), through its Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (CARESS), organised the 29th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room on Thursday 21 November 2024.

'Dynamiques Socio-historiques dans les romans de Seydou Badian' by Dr Modibo DIARRA, is the work that has been exhibited for this edition. Dr DIARRA is a lecturer and researcher at Bamako University of Arts and Humanities (ULSHB), and Managing Editor of the EMP-ABB Scientific Review. His research focuses specifically on the French-speaking African novel.

With a literary eye, the author offers us a socio-historical analysis of Seydou Badian KOUYATE's stories, in touch with the realities that Mali and Africa are experiencing and going through. In addition to the analysis of the novel's themes, the literary and aesthetic dimensions of the work are also extensively discussed.

The question-and-answer session enabled participants to contribute to the discussions and gain an in-depth understanding of the book.

As usual, the Reading Club brought together CARESS members and members of the Club made up of researchers, doctoral students and auditors from CARESS masters programmes, not forgetting the Elèves Officiers d'Active (EOA) from the Ecole Militaire Inter-Armes (EMIA) who enriched the debates with their contributions.

Modibo Diarra

Dynamiques socio-historiques dans les romans de Seydou Badian





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