



**Message from the General Director of EMP-ABB,
Colonel Souleymane SANGARE**

Dear partners,

Dedicated collaborators,

Dear friends of Peace,

In this New Year, I would like to extend to you my sincerest wishes for health, happiness and prosperity. As we begin this new chapter, let us remember the importance of our collective commitment to peace, both in Africa and on a global scale.

The challenges we face are many, but our determination to build a better future remains our greatest strength. Together, we have the power to inspire positive change and promote mutual understanding.

Our institution, a veritable pillar in the field of training and research in the service of peace, has been through decisive times, in a particularly complex political and security context. Faced with the many challenges facing Africa, the EMP-ABB, true to its vocation, remains a key player in the promotion of peace and stability in our sub-region and beyond.

Today's challenges call for bold and innovative responses. With this in mind, we are looking to 2025 as a year of consolidation, innovation and openness.

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Firstly, the EMP-ABB will need to strengthen and improve its pool of permanent and temporary national and international executives, in order to maintain the academic excellence that characterises it. The School will also need to become more attractive and competitive through the training modules it offers, and to raise its profile through an effective communications policy and a dense, well-developed network of strategic partnerships.

At the same time, the School will endeavour to develop a genuine culture of innovation underpinned by an exhaustive analysis of existing processes, the promotion of new initiatives, particularly in research projects and the development of new training modules, as well as improving the system for monitoring the School's alumni in order to better assess the impact of the sessions conducted on the socio-professional careers of the participants.

Lastly, increasing the EMP-ABB's infrastructure capacity is a priority objective in view of the growing number of participants in its courses (certifying and diploma courses), the expansion of its training catalogue and the constant need to adapt to the technical and technological developments to which the training world is subject.

In short, 2025 will be a year of collaborative and integrated transformation. Together, we will continue to build on the solid foundations we have established, with a focus on excellence, innovation and international cooperation. I am confident that, thanks to your commitment and dedication, EMP-ABB will continue to be a key pillar in the training of peacemakers around the world, and I would like to express my deep gratitude to the entire EMP-ABB community for its continued commitment and invaluable support in achieving our common goals.

May this year be synonymous with new opportunities to strengthen our ties, foster dialogue and build a fairer, more harmonious world. I wish you all a year of fruitful collaboration and shared success.

With my sincere thanks and best wishes for 2025.

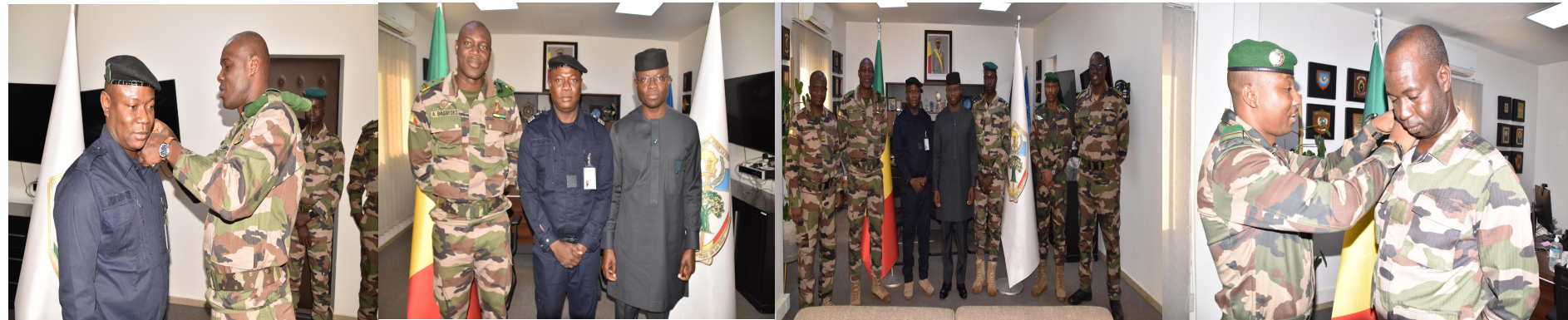
Long live Africa united in peace !

TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION OF GREETINGS FROM EMP-ABB STAFF TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



On Monday 06 January 2025, representatives of the various departments of the Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School in Bamako were received by the Director General (DG) in his office to continue a well-established tradition.

In fact, at the beginning of each year, the Director General receives the staff of the School to present their New Year's greetings. In return, he sends them his own and outlines the main directions for the new year.



In the same vein, the beginning of the year saw the presentation of stripes to the newly promoted. The ceremony was highly symbolic, and was attended by their respective directors.

INITIATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING ON THE USE OF THE EMP-ABB ONLINE PLATFORM



As part of the directive making prior online certification compulsory for all future EMP-ABB trainees, the Communication and Institutional Development Department (DCDI) organised an introductory and awareness-raising session for all EMP-ABB managers on Thursday 09 January 2025 in the CO room of the School on the conditions for using the online platform.

The aim was to share information on the registration procedure on the Moodle platform, the structuring of the online course and the certification procedure.

The expected results were to give all the managers a common understanding so that they could be as many voices as possible in helping our future trainees to complete our online Fundamental Knowledge course.

AEPM Army-Nation Cohesion Week

As part of the commemoration of 'National Army-Nation Cohesion Week', the Amicale des Anciens Elèves du Prytanée Militaire Mali (AEPM), in partnership with the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE de Bamako (EMP-ABB), organised a conference-debate on Tuesday 14 January on the theme 'The Army, a lever for national unity in Mali: challenges and strategies for strengthening cohesion with communities in a context of multidimensional crisis'.

The opening ceremony was chaired by the Inspector General of the Armed Forces and Services, Brigadier General Brahim DIABATE, who was joined by the Director General of EMP-ABB, Colonel Souleymane SANGARE, the representative of the Mayor of Commune IV in the District of Bamako, Dr Ibrahim TRAORE, and the President of AEPM, Mr Abou Ahmed DIALLO.

According to its President, AEPM is a non-political association that advocates cohesion between the Army and the population. This is why all the activities carried out during the Week aimed to establish a sincere and lasting dialogue between the armed forces and the communities in order to dispel misunderstandings and strengthen trust.

He also recalled that the role of the Army was not limited solely to defending the national territory, but that it should also be a vector of stability, a symbol of unity and an essential player in strengthening the social fabric.



EMP-ABB Training courses of the month



TOT 1-25 ML

Training of Trainers (TOT)

Date and Location

13 - 24 Jan. 2025

EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding
MALI

Beneficiaries

Integrated Course (Civilians-Military-Police)

27 trainees

including 06 women

Objective

Capacity building for former trainees identified as potential temporary instructors for the School, particularly in the areas of andragogy, pedagogy and facilitation and visualisation techniques.



08/01/25 – NETHERLANDS – Courtesy visit by LCL Wouter van den HAZEL, Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mali, as part of the strengthening of existing cooperation ;

17/01/25 – PRYTANEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AEPM) – Participation by EMP-ABB in the Open Day at the Musée des Armées as part of the 'Semaine Nationale de Cohésion Armée-Nation' (National Army-Nation Cohesion Week) organised by AEPM ;

23/01/25 – USA – Visit from a delegation from Kentucky State University to discuss potential areas of collaboration ;

23/01/25 – JAPAN – Visit by a delegation led by Ambassador Toshihito HORIUCHI, Director General for Africa at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of the strengthening of the existing partnership ;

From 23 to 24/01/25 – ITALY – EMP-ABB CEO takes part in the Symposium on North-South Cooperation in Rome (Italy) ;

From 29 to 30/01/25 – AFRICAN PEACE SUPPORT TRAINERS ASSOCIATION (APSTA) – Participation in Yaoundé (Cameroon) of the EMP-ABB in the work of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly of the Executive Secretariat of the APSTA.



31st Edition : « Rock engravings at ES-SOUK/TADMEKKA »



The Paix Alioune Blondin-BEYE Peacekeeping School, through its Sahel-Saharan Analysis and Research Centre (CARESS), organised the 31st edition of its reading club in the EMP-ABB conference room on Thursday 23 January 2025.

This edition's book was entitled 'Rock engravings at ES-SOUK/Tadmekka' (Rock engravings at ES-SOUK/Tadmekka) by Mr Mohamed Tita JEAN-PIERRE, a teacher and cultural heritage manager, and a journalist with the Malian Press and Advertising Agency (AMAP).

This book provides valuable information on the rock art of Es-Souk/Tadmekka in the Adrar des Iforas in Mali. According to the author, TADMEKKA means 'Here is truly Mecca' and it was in 1320 that the town became known to travellers. The book is divided into two main parts :

The first part is a summary of the historical and archaeological data on the Es-Souk/Tadmekka site. It presents and describes the main ruins, passageways, picturesque sites and necropolises of Es-Souk/Tadmekka, among others.

The second part describes the rock engravings themselves. These include frescoes, representations of chariots, Jews, ladies, stelae translated from the various necropolises, and various sites (Es-Souk/Tadmekka, Assinakraf, Ekaz Alsadjem, Agouferesse, etc).

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

For this edition, 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, not forgetting students from the Prytanée Militaire de Kati (PMK) and the Elèves Officiers d'Active (EOA) who enriched the debates with their contributions.



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