



LAUNCH OF THE ISLAMIC MILITARY COALITION AGAINST TERRORISM

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On Thursday 22 May 2025, the Islamic Military Coalition against Terrorism (***CIMCT***), in partnership with the Alioune Blondin BÈYE Peacekeeping School (***EMP-ABB***) and the General Staff of the Armies (***EMGA***) of Mali, officially launched its 2025 action programme in the Sahel states.

The opening ceremony took place at the Bamako International Conference Centre (CICB) and was presided over by ***Lieutenant General Sadio CAMARA***, Minister of Defence and Veterans, accompanied by some of his government colleagues, notably ***Major General Daoud Aly MOHAMMEDINE***, Minister of Security and Civil Protection, ***Mr Alousseni SANOU***, Minister of the Economy and Finance, and ***Mr Mahamadou KONE***, Minister of Religious Affairs, Worship and Customs.

Other personalities present at the launch included ***HEM Abdullah Saleh SABER***, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Mali, ***Major General Mohamed Ben Said AL-MOGHID***, Secretary General of the CIMCT, ***Major General Oumar DIARRA***, Chief of the General Staff of the Malian Armed Forcesand ***Colonel Souleymane SANGARE***, Director General of EMP-ABB.

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Context :

The Islamic Military Coalition to Combat Terrorism (***CIMCT***) is an initiative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to unite the efforts of Islamic countries in the fight against terrorism, notably by tackling the sources of funding for armed terrorist groups and money laundering networks. It was subsequently extended to non-Islamic states sharing the same vision.

Objective :

The Year 2025 activities in the Sahel are part of a multilateral drive to provide a coordinated and efficient response to the complex security challenges that are having a lasting impact on the sub-region.

Aim :

Central to the priorities of the CIMCT programme is the strengthening of national financial investigation capabilities, recognised as an essential strategic lever in the fight against the financing of terrorism and money laundering.

The approach promoted was based on the increased integration of financial investigation techniques into judicial and security systems, with a view to tracing illicit financial flows, dismantling criminal networks and depriving armed terrorist groups of their economic resources.





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Alongside the launch ceremony, two major activities were held successively at the CICB and in the EMP-ABB conference room.

The first was a conference on "Financial investigations into the financing of terrorism and money laundering". The second was a specialist workshop on "Methods of combating the financing of terrorist organisations in the Sahel region".

The aim was to provide participants with advanced knowledge, practical skills and a forum for strategic exchange to enhance the effectiveness of financial investigations and cooperation in the fight against the financing of terrorism and financial crime in the Sahel region.

The meeting was attended by government representatives, experts in security, financial intelligence and transnational crime, members of the CIMCT, and regional and international technical and financial partners involved in the fight against terrorism.

At the end of the meeting, the participants unanimously agreed that the programme was a strong signal of their collective commitment to sustainable regional security, based on the rule of law, international cooperation and the strengthening of national institutions.





PROFESSIONAL IMMERSION VISIT BY MACOTEC AUDITORS TO CENTIF

On Tuesday 06 May 2025, the students of the 2nd cohort of the "Master in Organised Crime, Terrorism and International Penal Cooperation (***MACOTEC 2***)" paid a professional immersion visit to the "National Financial Information Processing Unit (***CENTIF***)".

On this occasion, they were first received by the Chairman of CENTIF, ***Mr Idrissa Mahamar HAIDARA***, before being given a guided tour of the premises in the company of all the Heads of Office of the Unit.

The purpose of the meeting was to give the auditors an insight into CENTIF's missions and the central role it plays in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism in Mali, while highlighting the cooperation links it has with other structures in the field.











EMP-ABB Courses of the Month



UNSOC 1-25 (MAROC)

United Nations Staff Officers Course (**UNSOC**)

Date and Location
From 05 to 23 May
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding
Morocco

Beneficiaries
FDS Course (Gendarme-Police-Military)
23 trainees
including 04 women

Objective
Acquiring the knowledge and know-how essential to staff officers in a UN Force or Sector Headquarters.



APE 2-25 (NLD)

Support for the electoral process (**APE**)

Date and Location
From 19 to 30 May
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding
Netherlands

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

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

EMP-ABB Courses of the Month



DIH 1-25 (NLD)

International Humanitarian Law (**DIH**)

Date and Location
From 19 to 30 May
EMP-ABB (Bamako, MALI)

Founding
Netherlands

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

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

Partnership activities of the Month

02/05/2025 – ***EUCAP SAHEL*** – Visit by a delegation led by ***Mr Peter Grabow KOLDING***, Head of Mission, to discuss ways of strengthening existing cooperation between the two institutions.

Du 05 au 09/05/2025 – ***International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC)*** – EMP-ABB participation in the Executive Committee meeting to prepare the 29th IAPTC Annual Conference (10-14 November 2025) in Vicenza, Italy.

15/05/2025 – **NORWAY** – Courtesy visit by ***Mr Johan Kr MEYER***, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway in Dakar, to explore new ways of strengthening existing cooperation.

28/05/2025 – **SWISS COOPERATION** – Courtesy visit by ***Mrs Christelle MELLY***, Human Security Advisor from the Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali, as part of the strengthening of the existing partnership.





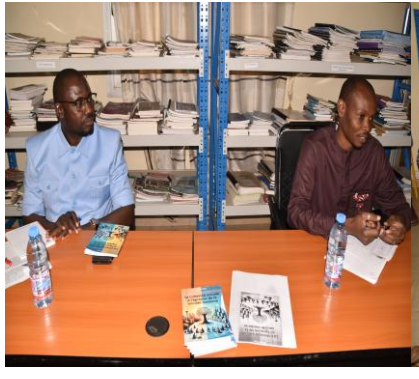




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The EMP-ABB CARESS Reading Club

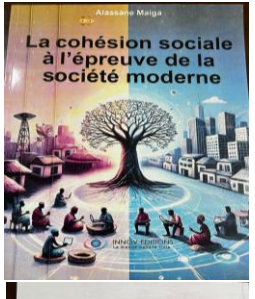
34th Edition
« Social cohesion put to the test in modern society »






The Alioune Blondin Bèye Peacekeeping School (**EMP-ABB**), through its Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche de l'Espace Sahélo-Saharien (***CARESS***), held the 34th edition of its reading club in the CARESS documentation room on Thursday 22 May 2025.

For this edition, the work exhibited was: "***Social cohesion put to the test in modern society***" presented by ***Mr Alassane MAIGA***, a Malian writer renowned for his passion and solid expertise on issues of social cohesion and conflict resolution.





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***) from the ***EMIA*** in Koulikoro, who enriched the debates with their contributions.

Promotions MAY 2025
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