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One year ago this week, the AES*
was created

SAHEL STATES ALLIANCE



*Alliance des Etats du Sahel, in french

Liptako Gourma Charter



On September 16, 2023, **Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger** signed the Charter to “establish an architecture of collective defense and mutual assistance” under the name of AES.



Liptako-Gourma: Name of the “région des 3 frontières”, a shared border between the three sahel states particularly concerned by terrorism, jihadist positions and illegal trafficking.

These 3 countries have all experienced **drastic political changes** in recent years. Each country transitioned through military coups in 2021 or 2022, dissolving previously established governments. These coups stemmed, in part, from public frustration with the inability of these governments to address security concerns and improve living standards.



An International Organisation inside the International Organisation

In a joint statement dated **January 28 2024**, Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso announced “the immediate withdrawal” of their countries from the Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**) (CEDEAO in french).

The AES then presents itself as an alternative.



Accusing the ECOWAS governments of :

- Departure from the ideals of the founding fathers and Pan-Africanism ;
- Influence of foreign powers ;
- A threat to member states and failure to assist in the fight against terrorism and insecurity ;
- Imposition of sanctions deemed "illegal, illegitimate, inhumane, and irresponsible, in violation of its own regulations".

Confederation of the AES

July 6 in Niamey (Niger), the Presidents of these countries gathered for the **1st AES Summit**. Reaffirming their strong will to act jointly. The Summit had the objective to officialise the creation of the **Confederation* of the Sahel States Alliance** with a diplomatic treaty exposing the subjects of cooperation.

*A Confederation is a union of sovereign States. While conserving an autonomy, the member states cooperate on specific affairs.

Political
unification

Communication

Common security
and defense

Frontiers

Economic
integration

Foreign Politics

AES IN NUMBERS

Population : **71,374 M**

Territory : **2,780,159 2km**

GDP ppa : **179,347 \$**

Natural ressources : **Gold,
Uranium...**



PR: Assimi Goïta (Mali) also President of the AES for 1 year , Abdourahmane Tiani (Niger), Ibrahim Traore (Burkina Faso)

Unified themes 1.

Politics: While respecting cultural and regional diversity, the 3 nations will be under a superior entity, establishing a centralized governance structure capable of representing and advocating for their interests on the international stage. This includes the formation of "AES national committees."



Economy: Unified economic policies, a single currency ("the Sahel") alongside the withdrawal from the CFA franc, and interconnected infrastructure. This involves creating a common Sahelian market to facilitate trade between member countries. It also includes the creation of an AES Investment Bank. According to Assimi Goïta, their economies are complementary.

Unified themes 2.

Security/Defense: Common defense against internal and external threats with a federal army. In the context of the war against jihadism, many joint operations have already been conducted. During the summit, the Chiefs of Staff of the three countries established a "unified force."



Foreign affairs: Coordination of diplomatic efforts to strengthen AES's position in global affairs by speaking with one unified voice in international forums and with other blocks.

Following declarations to the CSP-DPA rebels decided a diplomatic followed by Niger.



negotiating agreements
As a good example,
of support from Ukraine
in Tinzawatene , Mali
break with Ukraine

Ministers of Foreign Affaires : HE Olivia Ragnaghnewendés (Burkina Faso) ; HE Abdoulaye Diop (Mali) ; Bakary Yaou Sangare (Niger)

Unified themes 3.

Frontiers: In preparation for the withdrawal from ECOWAS, additional protocols are being developed to enable the free movement of goods and people. Malian president announced on September 16 the launch of a biometric AES passports common to all citizens of the three countries.



“The goal is to harmonize travel documents within our common area and facilitate the mobility of our citizens around the world.”



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Communication: A strategy to ensure “accurate” public information by increasing the use of national languages in media. The aim is to align narratives of the 3 members, making information more accessible and engaging local communities. A common information channel has been officially established.