

# **PRESENTATION OF THE CONFEDERATION OF SAHEL STATES (AES) TO MAA MEMBERS ON FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2025**



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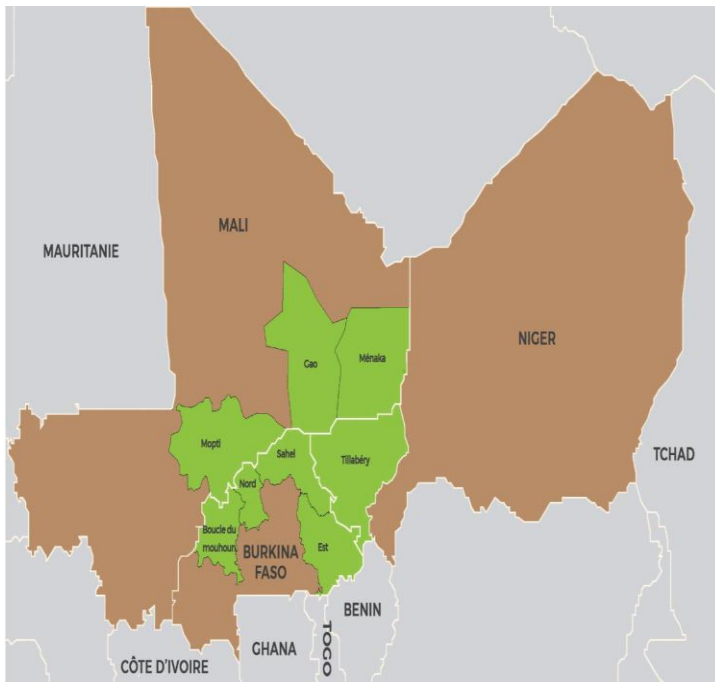
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# INTRODUCTION: Historical Reminder

Before talking about the AES, we need to go back a little into the common history of these three countries.



The integration between these three countries is not recent. Indeed, Liptako-Gourma is a historical cross-border region of the Sahel, shared between Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

- **1970:** Creation of the Liptako-Gourma Authority (LGA);
- **Mission:** to develop the resources of the region common to the three States
- **January 2017:** Adoption of the revised treaty of the LGA which transforms it into the Integrated Development Authority of Liptako-Gourma and extends its competence over all three territories in order to:
  - Reduce poverty;
  - Ensure sustainable development;
  - **and Strengthen the security of the Space.**
- **January 2017:** Creation of a **Multinational Security Force** (MSF/LG) to ensure effective control of their common space in order to facilitate its development,

# **I. PRESENTATION OF THE AES CONFEDERATION**

## **1. THE Charter of Liptako-Gourma Establishing the Alliance of Sahel States (AES):**

**Creation:** September 16, 2023 in BAMAKO

**Objective:** Establish an Architecture of Collective Defense and Mutual Assistance to the Contracting Parties.

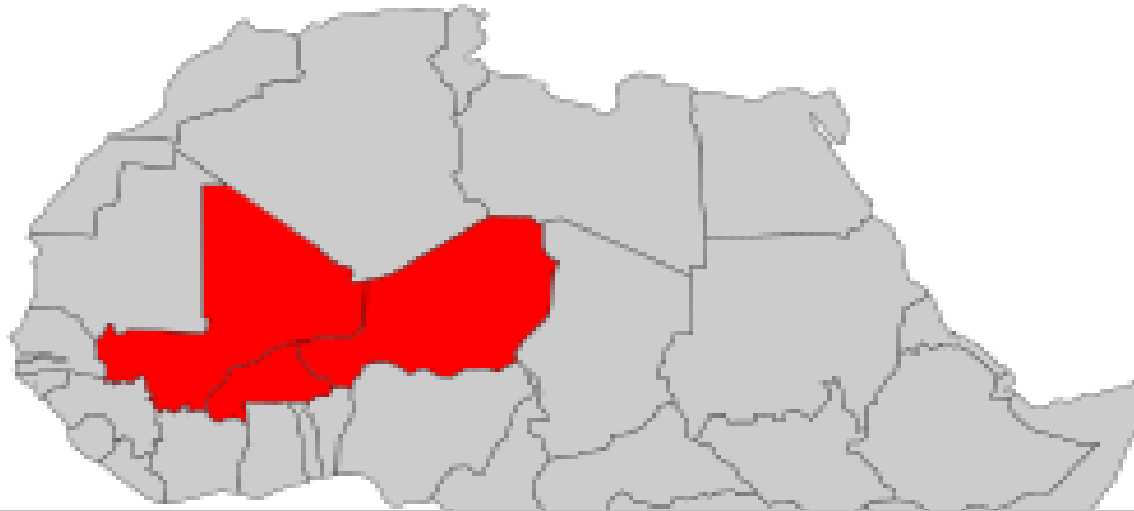
## **2. Evolution of the Alliance of Sahel States into the Confederation of Sahel States (AES)**

**Creation:** July 6, 2024 in Niamey

**Objective (Article 5 of the treaty):**

- Cooperate in Defense and Security matters;
- Coordinate their Diplomatic actions;
- Cooperate in economic and financial progress.

# I. PRESENTATION OF THE AES CONFEDERATION



- **AES Confederation** : Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger;
- **Area** : 2,782,432 km<sup>2</sup>;
- **Population**: More than 70,000,000 inhabitants.



## **II. THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE CREATION OF THE AES CONFEDERATION**

- The exacerbation of the security crisis;
- The inability of previous regimes to individually address security threats and the desire to pool efforts;
- The failure of international military interventions;
- The desire to counter all threats to its security and regain its full sovereignty;
- The desire to build new strategic partnerships;
- The clumsy management of the political crisis in the three countries by the AU and ECOWAS and their lack of solidarity;
- The inhuman sanctions and threats of armed aggression.

### III. ACHIEVEMENTS

- **July 2024:** Creation of the Confederation of Sahel States and establishment of the College of Heads of State of the Confederation with appointment of the President of the Confederation;
- Establishment of the Unified Force of the SAHEL States, in **March 2024**;
- Adoption of the Logo and motto of the AES Confederation;
- Adoption of the travel documents of the Confederation
- Adoption of the Flag of the Confederation;
- **January 29, 2025:** Official exit from ECOWAS.

## **IV. CHALLENGES**

**The challenges to be met by these States to succeed in the confederation are enormous:**

- The security challenge (terrorism, threats of destabilization, trafficking);
- Financing the fight against insecurity;
- Financing of structuring projects: energy, agriculture, water and transport;
- Currency.



## **IV. OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS**

- Huge potential in natural and extractive resources;
- Establish coordinated economic policies with a view to constitute a united and strong economic bloc to count on the African and global chessboard;
- Establish new strategic partnerships to attract international investments;
- It embodies a shared desire to overcome common challenges by common means.

# CONCLUSION

The **Confederation of Sahel States (AES)** was not created against anyone. It is the result of a historical journey dating back to the creation of the **Liptako-Gourma Authority (LGA)** since **1970**.

It is a response to the exacerbation of insecurity, the failure of international military interventions against terrorism in the region, poor governance including security, clumsy management of the political crisis in the three countries by the **AU** and **ECOWAS** and their lack of solidarity, the imposition of inhumane, illegal sanctions and threats of armed aggression.

It aims at a deeper integration of the three countries in the areas of defense and security; diplomacy and development.



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