

EPES Mandala Consulting

Specialist in democracy and elections, decentralized democratic governance, and relationships between the State and civil society, security sector reform and the armed and security forces. Ibrahim invented the Flame of Peace and sold it to the military. He has a distinguished record as consultant, evaluator and planner for civil society, NGOs and UN agencies.

1. Family Name: Ag Youssouf

2. First names: Ibrahim

3. Date of birth: 1945

4. Nationality: Mali

5: Education:

Institution and dates	Degree or Diploma obtained
Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bamako, Mali 1965-1968	Maitrise = MA in language studies
Ecole Normale Supérieure 1968-1969	Diplome = Teaching Certificate
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA 1971-1976,1979	PhD in Linguistics - Berber language dialects including Tamachek, the Tuareg language

6. Language skills: competence on a scale of 1-5 (1 = excellent, 5 = basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Tamachek (Tuareg)	native	native	native
Sonrai	native	native	native
French	native	native	native
English	1	1	1
Bambara	1	1	1
Arabic	2	2	2
Norwegian	5	4	5

7. Membership of professional bodies: Founder and Secretary-General of the association VIVRE SUR TERRE (environmental conservation in Mali); Foundation de France correspondent for Timbuktu revenue and agro-ecology programme; Founder member of l'Alliance des intellectuels et des artistes maliens pour l'enfance; Founder of the post-conflict Fondation pour le Nord Mali; visiting member at Tromso University (Norway) of the Institute for Social Sciences, and the Centre for Peace Studies; Founder Member of the African Linguistic Academy of *l'Académie des Langues Africaines*.

8. Other skills: (computer literacy etc)

9. Present position: **International consultant**

10. Years with firm: **EPES Mandala was founded 2004**

11. Key qualifications:

- Broad international technical experience related to democracy and elections, and decentralized democratic governance
- Extensive track record as consultant, evaluator, planner, and expert in civil society and NGO strategies
- Excellent geographical knowledge of ECOWAS countries and institutions at local, regional, and presidential levels
- Thorough practical knowledge and cultural knowledge of Africa, its languages, peoples and its conflict mechanisms
- Real understanding of security sector policy making and the State's relationship with disarmament and armed forces

rencontre Gouvernement du Mali-Partenaires au développement (juillet 1995),
 suivi des réunions de la Commission paritaire pour la réhabilitation des régions du nord,
 de la création et du suivi de la Cellule de communication du Commissariat au Nord (Présidence de la République),
 conception et réalisation de la cérémonie de la Flamme de la Paix de Tombouctou (27 mars 1996), identification et mise en place du Programme d'appui à la réinsertion des ex-combattants du nord Mali (PAREM),
 conception et suivi des rencontres inter-communautaires pour la paix et le développement, identification et formulation du Programme de coordination et d'assistance pour la sécurité et le développement (PCASED),instrument de Mise en œuvre du Moratoire sur les armes légères dans les pays de la CEDEAO

12. professional experience:

Date from-to	Location	Company	Position	Description of tasks and achievements
1999, 2000	Rwanda	UNDP – PNUD	Consultant	Advising on the creation and mandate of the National Commission for Unity and Reconciliation

2000	Niafunké and Diré	Coopération Technique Belge	Consultant - Mali	Identification of a Voluntary weapon collection programme (VWCP) using development projects in exchange for arms
1995 – 1998	Mali	UNDP – PNUD	Advisor to UN Resident Coordinator	Design of peacemaking activities including vital donor coordination meeting (Timbuktu 1995), inter-communal peace seminars using civil society (1995), creation of the Commissariat au Nord to supervise the peace process and the Flame of Peace (1996), design of the reintegration programme PAREM, and support of the ECOWAS small arms moratorium.
1992 - 2003	Mali	FAO	Consultant	Numerous missions on food security and rehabilitation in the post-drought areas of Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal
1992, 1993	Mali	Coopération française	Consultant	Design of Northern Mali rehabilitation with l'Institut de Recherches Appliquées et Méthodes (IRAM) from Paris.
1989 - 1996	Mali	European Union	Consultant	Numerous missions identifying micro-projects in Segou and Mopti regions, defining EU contributions to the Mali-Nord-Est multi donor project, evaluating literacy progress for the nation.
1987, 1988, 19990, 1999	Niger, Kidal, Timbuktu	IFAD = FIDA UN International Fund for Agric Dev't	Planner and scientist	Study and assessment of food security an revenues in Kidal and along the Niger frontiers, then design of a project to help rural communes of Timbuktu..
1987	Gao and Timbuktu	Euro-Action ACORD	Consultant & Advisor	Evaluation of this NGO programme to relaunch cooperatives after the drought
1987 and 1988	Niafunké	Swiss Cooperation	Consultant & Advisor	Design and support for the Action-Research project in Niafunké, near Timbuktu.
1986-2005	Gossi, Mali	Norwegian Church Aid (AED = Aide de l'Eglise norvegienne)	Consultant & Advisor	Support for Multi-year programming, socio-economic studies of lake areas, and founder member of a national NGO supported by AED as a transition strategy, l'OADS
1985 & 1986	Bamako and Sevaré	IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature	Consultant & Advisor	Preparation of a report on conditions in post-drought Sahel, presented to the Ottawa Conference an International Strategy for Resource Conservation
1984-1989	Bamako and Timbuktu	UNICEF	Consultant & Advisor	Advisor on the emergency relief programme for post-drought Northern Mali
1981-1983	Bamako	ECOWAS & UN	Scientist	Research as part of a multi-disciplinary international team working on economic development in the Niger

				Delta region of Mali
1971-1981	Bamako	Mali government Linguistics and Literacy Dept	Scientist	Research into national languages, alphabets and literacy teaching methods. Winner of a UNESCO prize team for education and literacy achievements
1969-1971	Timbuktu	Mali government	Teacher	Secondary school teacher
1964-1965	Goundam	Mali government	Teacher	Elementary school teacher in northern Mali, then off to train at the Ecole Normale Supérieure

Publications

- 1999 **“Peacemaking And Sustainable Human Development - big pictures and small projects build collaboration between UNDP and Civil Society in Mali”** co-authored by RE Poulton, Ibrahim ag Youssouf and Mahamane Baby in *UNDP collaborations with Civil Society*, on the web at UNDP, New York, 1999
- 1999 **Collaboration internationale et construction de la paix en Afrique de l’Ouest: l’exemple du Mali**
UNIDIR, Geneva, 58 pages
co-authored by RE Poulton, Ibrahim ag Youssouf and Jacqueline Seck
- 1999 **La Paix de Tombouctou: gestion démocratique, développement et la construction d’une paix africaine**
2ème édition française (réactualisée) du livre suivant: UNIDIR, Geneva, 398 pages
Co-auteurs Robin-Edward Poulton et Ibrahim ag Youssouf
- 1998 **A Peace of Timbuktu: democratic governance, development and African peacemaking**, with a preface by Kofi Annan, UNIDIR, Geneva, 388 pages: launched by the Secretary-General 17 March 1998 in Geneva
co-authored by Robin-Edward Poulton and Ibrahim ag Youssouf