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Situation in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire, which is not party to the Rome Statute, **had accepted the jurisdiction** of the ICC on 18 April 2003; more recently, and on both 14 December 2010 and 3 May 2011, the Presidency of Côte d'Ivoire **reconfirmed the country's acceptance** of this jurisdiction. On 19 May 2011, in an official letter, the ICC Prosecutor informed the President of the Court of his intention to submit a request to the Pre-Trial Chamber for authorisation to open investigations into the situation in Côte d'Ivoire since 28 November 2010. On 20 May 2011, the ICC Presidency assigned the situation in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to Pre-Trial Chamber II.

OTP PUBLIC NOTICE: VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED SINCE THE 2010 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE HAVE 30 DAYS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO ICC IN THE HAGUE ON THE OPENING OF AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PROSECUTOR

The Hague, 17 June 2011

By this notice, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court informs victims of alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Côte d'Ivoire by any party following the presidential election of 28 November 2010 that he will shortly request authorization from the Pre-Trial Chamber II to open an investigation into such alleged crimes.^[1]

The Prosecutor notifies victims of the post-election violence in Côte d'Ivoire that they can send their comments to the Judges of the Pre-Trial Chamber II on whether an investigation on such alleged crimes should be opened. The victims or their legal representatives have 30 days from this notice to make representations to the Pre-Trial Chamber.

Victims can make their representations in writing to the Pre-Trial Chamber, which they should channel through the Registry to the postal address below:

International Criminal Court
Pre Trial Chamber II
Situation in Côte d'Ivoire
PO Box 19519
2500 CM, The Hague
The Netherlands

Victims may also send their representations to the Pre-Trial Chamber to the following email address:
otp.informationdesk@icc-cpi.int

The Pre-Trial Chamber may request additional information from any of the victims who have made such representations, and may hold a hearing if it considers it appropriate.

[1] Article 15(3) of the Rome Statute and Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

The Chamber will give notice of its decision on the Prosecutor's request to victims who have made representations.

Should the Judges authorize the opening of the investigation; victims will also have the opportunity to participate in the proceedings and, at a later stage, to request reparations.

The present notice has been posted as of 17 June on the website of the Court, and sent to the media of Côte d'Ivoire, to the Ivorian authorities, and to a wide range of NGOs. The Registry has been informed.

Source: Office of the Prosecutor

Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, four cases have been brought before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; and *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga, Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and Callixte Mbarushimana are currently in the custody of the ICC. The suspect Bosco Ntaganda remains at large. The trial in the case *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo* started on 26 January 2009. The trial in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui* started on 24 November 2009. The confirmation of charges hearing in the case *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana* is scheduled to start on 17 August 2011.

Decisions taken between 13 - 17 June 2011

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui Case

Décision relative aux demandes de reprise d'instance formées par les proches des victimes décédées a/0025/08, a/0051/08, a/0197/08 et a/0311/09

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 14 June 2011

Mbarushimana Case

Order for observations on the "Defence Request for Disclosure"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 15 June 2011

Decision on the review of potentially privileged material

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 15 June 2011

Situation in the Republic of Kenya

On 31 March 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber II granted the Prosecutor's request to open an investigation *proprio motu* in the situation of Kenya, State Party since 2005. Following summonses to appear issued on 8 March 2011, six Kenyan citizens voluntarily appeared before Pre-Trial Chamber II on 7 and 8 April 2011. Confirmation of charges hearings in the following two cases: *The Prosecutor v. William Samoei Ruto, Henry Kiprono Kosgey and Joshua Arap Sang* and *The Prosecutor v. Francis Kirimi Muthaura, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta and Mohammed Hussein Ali*, are scheduled for 1 and 21 September 2011, respectively.

Decisions taken between 13 - 17 June 2011

Ruto, Kosgey and Sang case

Directions on the submission of observations pursuant to article 19 (3) of the Rome Statute and rule 59 (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on 13 June 2011

Decision on the "Request for leave to submit Amicus Curiae observations pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 13 June 2011

Muthaura, Kenyatta and Ali case

Directions on the submission of observations pursuant to article 19 (3) of the Rome Statute and rule 59 (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on 13 June 2011

Decision on the “Request for leave to submit Amicus Curiae observations pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence”

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 13 June 2011

Relevant Links

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the ICC website: www.icc-cpi.int

You can also consult the [hearing schedule](#)

Video summaries can be found on our [YouTube channel](#)

The ICC’s activities can also be followed through [Twitter](#)

Events

H.E. Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, the Attorney General of the State of Qatar, lectures at the ICC



The ICC Registrar introduces guest lecturer H.E. Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, the Attorney General of the State of Qatar, 16 June 2011 © ICC-CPI



H.E. Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri presents his lecture at the ICC © ICC-CPI

At the invitation of the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC), His Excellency, Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, the Attorney General of the State of Qatar presented a lecture at the seat of the Court on Thursday, 16 June 2011.

The lecture, entitled “The ICC and the Arab World: Towards a Necessary Partnership”, was a timely follow-up to the first regional diplomatic conference on the ICC in the Arab world, which was held recently in Doha, the State of Qatar, and which was realized largely due to the support of the State of Qatar through His Excellency, Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri.

Interacting with communities

Trust Fund for Victims Launches Programme in the Central African Republic

Bangui, 1 June 2011

The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), which is linked to the International Criminal Court (ICC), has formally announced the launch of its activities in the Central African Republic (CAR).

During a five-day visit to Bangui, Mr Pieter de Baan, Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims, presented the Trust Fund's purpose and ambitions, and clarified the call for expressions of interest in the CAR, published on 6 May 2011. He explained that the Trust Fund for Victims was created by the international community's desire to establish an unprecedented and independent instrument of reparative justice for victims of the gravest international crimes. The TFV is firmly associated to the ICC by way the Rome Statute, which they have in common. As such, the Trust Fund does not form part of the ICC; it is managed by an independent Board of Directors, all of whom are of high moral character.

According to Pieter de Baan "The main objective of the Trust Fund for Victims is to achieve 'justice and rehabilitation' for the most vulnerable victims of international crimes and to safeguard their dignity and hopes".

During his stay, Mr de Baan, accompanied by Aude le Goff, regional programme coordinator met the Minister of Justice, Mr Firmin Findiro and the Minister of Public Health, Population and the fight against AIDS, Mr Jean-Michele Mandaba. The TFV delegation also organised group meetings with representatives of the civil society in the CAR, including victims associations, as well as with representatives of international and national NGOs.

As a first step and as a part of its rehabilitation mandate, the action of the Trust Fund for Victims, in the whole territory of the Central African Republic, will benefit victims of sexual violence in as far as they are considered serious crimes under the jurisdiction of the ICC and their families and communities. This priority, necessitated by the limited resources available to the Trust Fund, follows a need assessment carried out by the Trust Fund in 2009. This does not exclude that in the future, resources permitting, the Trust Fund will be in a position to engage with victims of other crimes relevant to the jurisdiction of the ICC in CAR.

In implementing its rehabilitation mandate in CAR, the main approach by the TFV will be to partner with Central African organizations and with international organisations already established in CAR. The TFV readily invites them to work together to render holistic services of the highest quality relevant to the needs and expectations of victims of sexual violence classifiable as international crimes. The budget for this first TFV programme in CAR is 600,000 euros. Each selected project should not exceed 150,000 euros.

Interested parties possessing the required competencies have first been invited to propose project ideas. They should be able to demonstrate strong credibility with the target group of beneficiaries. In the second round, organisations preselected by the Trust Fund will be asked to develop the idea into a fully-fledged proposal, following a workshop that will be organised in Bangui in October 2011. The selection procedure will be rigorous, transparent, and equitable. The Board of Directors of the TFV will be asked to validate the selection done by the Secretariat of the Trust Fund.

The final choice can only be announced after the relevant Pre-Trial Chamber of the ICC has assured itself that the proposed projects do not prejudice any issue on which the Court needs to deliberate, nor infringe upon the rights of the accused or the impartiality of the judicial process.

The projects in CAR are scheduled to start in early 2012.

The second mandate of the TFV, regarding the implementation of Court-ordered reparations against a condemned person, is not yet activated. Indeed, all cases before the Court are still ongoing, including that of Mr Bemba.

For more information on the technical aspects of the call for expressions of interest, contact the Procurement Unit:

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For more general information on CAR and the TFV's programmes:

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Source: Trust Fund for Victims

ICC commemorates the International Day of the African Child with quiz competitions for Ugandan students

On 16 June 2011, the International Day of the African Child, the International Criminal Court (ICC) announced the winner of a four-day ICC quiz competition: Lango College. The competition involved over 800 Ugandan secondary school students between the ages of 13 and 19, in Lira municipality, Lango sub-region, northern Uganda.

All students from the other schools, namely Rachele Comprehensive Secondary School, St. Katherine Secondary School and St. Mary Magdalene Girls Secondary School, also had excellent quiz scores and were awarded certificates and scholastic materials.



ICC quiz competition participants with ICC and UCICC staff on 16 June 2011, in Lira municipality, northern Uganda © ICC-CPI

The ICC quiz competitions, co-sponsored by the Uganda Coalition on the International Criminal Court (UCICC), encouraged children to understand and discuss the ICC, so that their voices can be heard in matters of international justice. Through these engaging competitions, students learn about the Court's mandate and activities, and enhance their knowledge and understanding of international criminal justice processes.

During the awards ceremony for the competition participants, the Principal Education Officer of Lira municipality, Ms Frances Offungi, stated: "Conflicts in Africa have systematically increased the vulnerability of children and have undermined their rights, and hence the need for a formidable institution as the ICC to make individuals who commit these crimes accountable".

Background

The International Day of the African Child commemorates the children who lost their lives in Soweto, South Africa in 1976, and also recognizes the thousands of children who have, over the years, suffered the brunt of various conflicts in Africa. The day has also come to promote the education, welfare and rights of African children, and to celebrate advances made in these areas. The ICC observes the International Day of the African Child and hosts activities and events annually in recognition of this important day.



Students participating in the ICC quiz competition on 16 June 2011 © ICC-CPI

The ICC celebrates the International Day of the African Child in Kinshasa, the DRC



Children acting in a play on the Day of the African Child in Kinshasa, DRC, 16 June 2011 © ICC-CPI



Child receiving an award for participating in the ICC events in Kinshasa, DRC, 16 June 2011 © ICC-CPI

To mark the International Day of the African Child in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), more than 120 children recited poems and put on sketches to assert their right to protection and their support for the activities of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in this regard.

This event was organised by the ICC's Outreach Unit in cooperation with the *Union des Jeunes pour le Développement et la Solidarité* [Youth Union for Development and Solidarity] and the Sunday School of CEPAC church in Bandalungwa commune.

Parents also took part in the celebration and expressed the wish to invite the outreach team again so that they can continue the dialogue begun on issues pertaining to the situations and cases brought before the Court.

Calendar

JUNE 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 ICC Vice-President Diarra to address students of the Law faculty at the University of Yaoundé II in Cameroon	21 ICC Vice-President Diarra to address IRIC students and speak at a Female Counsel Campaign event in Cameroon	22	23	24 ICC Vice-President Diarra to address law students at the University of N'djamena and speak at a Female Counsel Campaign event in Chad	25	26
27 ICC President Song to give a keynote address at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors in Seoul, Republic of Korea	28	29	30			
JULY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4	5	6 7 Induction session for court presidents and chief prosecutors of the association of high courts of cassation in Francophone countries (AHJUCAF)		8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.