



**Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Calendar of activities – January 2009**

Overall Objectives:

- Publicise the Court's judicial activities, especially the confirmation hearing for Jean-Pierre Bemba (from 12 to 15 January 2009) and the Lubanga trial (as of 26 January 2009)
- Promote a clear understanding of the ongoing proceedings, in particular amongst the communities most affected, dispel misunderstandings and answer questions, including questions about the other situations before the ICC.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
Broadcast of introductory video on the Bemba confirmation hearing	10, 11 and 12 January	Kinshasa: RTNC, Digital Congo TV, Canal Kin T and CC TV	Enable the public to understand what will happen during this confirmation hearing. Remind them of and explain the charges against Mr Bemba. Emphasise that the case arises from the situation in the Central African Republic.	
Broadcast of video summaries of the Bemba confirmation hearing	12, 13, 14 and 16 January	Kinshasa: RTNC, Digital Congo TV, Canal Kin T and CC TV	Enable the public to follow and understand what is happening during this confirmation hearing.	
Broadcast of audio summaries of the Bemba confirmation hearing	12, 13, 14 and 16 January	Radio Okapi, Top Congo FM, RTGA, Digital Congo FM, Lokole centre and the 8 partner radio stations in Ituri (Candip, Canal Révélation, Océan, Colombe, Amkeni, RTK, RTNC and Tempête du Lac)	Enable the public to follow and understand what is happening during this confirmation hearing.	

Publication of the Registrar's article in five newspapers: <i>Le Potentiel, Le Phare, La Référence Plus, Africa News</i> and <i>Forum des As</i>	12 January	Kinshasa	General public. Estimated people reached: approximately 100,000	
Production and broadcast of TV programmes in Lingala: <i>Mpifo</i> and <i>Mpo na ekolo</i>	9 and 13 January	Kinshasa	Enable the public to understand what will happen during this confirmation hearing. Remind them of the charges against Mr Bemba. Emphasise that the case arises from the situation in the Central African Republic.	
Media briefing	15 January	Kinshasa	Reminder of the main points of each of the parties at the confirmation hearing	
Participation in meetings with four religious denominations in Bunia churches	16-17 January	Bunia (Nyakasansa Catholic church, Kimbanguist church, Protestant church, and mosque)	Meeting during religious services to announce the commencement of the trial, and to broadcast information about planned outreach activities (mainly via radio stations). 200 members of the Nyakasansa Catholic congregation, 168 Kimbanguists, 125 Protestants and 70 Muslims.	
Launch of outreach campaign in Bunia	20 January	Bunia multi-purpose hall	Brief presentation about the Court, announcement of the beginning of the trial, outline of outreach activities planned, theatre sketch about the ICC's mission. 116 people (community leaders, NGO leaders, local authorities, students...)	
One information meeting with NGOs	22 January	Kinshasa	Brief presentation about the Court, announcement of the beginning of the trial, outline of outreach activities planned. 580 people from civil society.	
Three meetings for the general public in the targeted villages, with screening of	22 January.	Bogoro Kasenyi Tchomia, Ituri	Public meetings drew 71 people in Bogoro, 120 people in Kasenyi, and 80 people in Tchomia.	

introductory video on the trial				
One information meeting with women's groups	24 January	Kinshasa	Brief presentation about the Court, announcement of the beginning of the trial, outline of outreach activities planned. A lack of electricity meant that the introductory video on the trial could not be shown. Participation: 275.	
Consultation meeting with religious leaders	24 January	Meeting room of the <i>Pères blancs</i> , Bunia	Meeting with 11 representatives of religious denominations and interdenominational platforms in order to announce the opening of the trial and broadcast information about planned outreach activities.	
Broadcast of TV and radio programme "Ask the Court" (one question from the DRC – one answer from the ICC).	20-28 January on RTNC and Digital TV	Kinshasa, with nationwide coverage	Two videos were screened: one related to the confirmation hearing and the other on Bemba's first appearance. Around twenty women representing various organisations responded to our call	
Live participation in <i>Journal TV</i> on Tropicana TV	24 January, 7 pm	Kinshasa	Broadcast information on the opening of the trial	
Live participation in <i>Journal TV</i> on RTNC	25 January 8 pm	Kinshasa	Broadcast information on the opening of the trial	
Media briefing	23 January	Kinshasa	Broadcast information on the opening of the trial and answer questions from Bunia journalists Participation: 33 people	
Publication of the Registrar's article in five Kinshasa newspapers: <i>Le Potentiel</i> , <i>Le Phare</i> , <i>La Référence Plus</i> , <i>Africa News</i> and <i>Forum des As</i>	26 January 2009	Kinshasa	General public. Estimated number of people reached: approximately 100,000	

One viewing location to follow the start of the trial on television	26 January	Bunia multi-purpose hall	Enable journalists and key partners to follow the beginning of the trial More than 400 participants	
Open discussion with demobilised children	27 January	Meeting room of the <i>Pères blancs</i> , Bunia.	46 demobilised children (4 of whom girls) participated in this meeting, thanks to cooperation with associations of demobilised children. The goal was to explain the opening of the trial and the charges against Lubanga to them, and to answer their questions. An upcoming meeting has been arranged with the same group, during which they will themselves act out a mock trial.	
Meeting with Hema leaders	28 January	Meeting room of the <i>Pères blancs</i> , Bunia.	Consultations with the 5 most influential Hema leaders , to keep them up to date on the progress of the trial and to dispel any misunderstandings, particularly about the second day of the trial not being broadcast by RTNC.	
One information meeting with women's groups, with screening of the video on the opening of the trial	29 January	Kinshasa	The objective was to show them the opening of the trial, the charges against Lubanga and to answer their questions. 265 participants	
Meeting with Radhit members for an initial assessment of the information campaign.	29 January	Meeting room of the <i>Pères blancs</i> , Bunia	Members of Radhit (Network of Ituri human rights NGOs) 32 participants, 11 of whom women	
Information meeting with the local authorities	31 January	Meeting room of the <i>Pères blancs</i> , Bunia.	Discussions with the 12 quarterheads and the Mayor of Bunia about the opening of the trial; listen to their concerns and answer their questions.	