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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 4 - 8 July 2011

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui Case

Decision on the Defence Request to Redact the Identity of the Source of Three Items of Documentary Evidence

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 4 July 2011

Decision on the Defence Request to Vary Time Limit for Disclosure of 132 items of documentary evidence

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 5 July 2011

Mbarushimana Case

Decision requesting the Parties to submit observations on 124 applications for victims' participation in the proceedings

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 4 July 2011

Decision on the Prosecution's request for variation of time limit and fourth and fifth applications for authorisation to redactions pursuant to Rules 81(2) and (4)

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 6 July 2011

Scheduling Order on the appeal of Mr Callixte Mbarushimana against the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I of 19 May 2011 entitled "Decision on the 'Defence Request for Interim Release'"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 7 July 2011

Decision on the "Prosecution's request for review of intercepted internet data"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 8 July 2011

Decision on the "Defence Request for Disclosure"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 8 July 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 4 - 8 July 2011

Decision on the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber in the appeal of the Government of Kenya against the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II entitled "Decision on the Request for Assistance Submitted on Behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kenya Pursuant to Article 93(10) of the Statute and Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 7 July 2011

Ruto, Kosgey and Sang Case

Order to the Prosecutor to File a Proposed New Redacted Version of the Article 58 Application

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 4 July 2011

Decision on the "Prosecution's request for extension of the third disclosure deadline of 8 July 2011"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 4 July 2011

Decision on the Defence Requests in Relation to the Victims' Applications for Participation in the Present Case

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 8 July 2011

Muthaura, Kenyatta and Ali Case

Decision on the Defence Requests in Relation to the Victims' Applications for Participation in the Present Case

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 8 July 2011

Situation in the Central African Republic

The situation was referred to the Court by the Government of the Central African Republic in December 2004. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in May 2007. In the only case in this situation, *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, Pre-Trial Chamber II confirmed, on 15 June 2009, two charges of crimes against humanity and three charges of war crimes, and committed the accused to trial before Trial Chamber III. The trial started on 22 November 2010.

Decisions taken between 4 - 8 July 2011

Bemba Case

Decision on 401 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings and setting a final deadline for the submission of new victims' applications to the Registry

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 8 July 2011

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 23 June 2011, the ICC Prosecutor submitted a request to the Pre-Trial Chamber asking for authorisation to open an investigation into the situation in Côte d'Ivoire since 28 November 2010.

Decisions taken between 4 - 8 July 2011

Order to the Victims Participation and Reparations Section Concerning Victims' Representations Pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Statute

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber III on 6 July 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

On Tuesday 5 July 2011, the President of the International Criminal Court, Judge Sang-Hyun Song welcomed the Minister of Justice and Safety of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr. Ivo Opstelten, at the Court. The ICC President briefed Mr Opstelten on the Court's current operations and expressed his appreciation for the Netherlands' essential cooperation with the ICC, both as a State Party to the Rome Statute and as the Host State to the Court. President Song also informed Mr Opstelten of his efforts to raise global awareness about the ICC and noted with satisfaction that several new States from various regions had recently announced their intention to join the Rome Statute in the near future.



ICC President Judge Sang-Hyun Song and the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr. Ivo Opstelten, at the seat of the Court in The Hague
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ICC launches celebrations for 17 July – International Criminal Justice Day



On 7 July 2011, the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) held an event and symbolic flag-raising ceremony, calling other parties to join in celebrations of 17 July, International Criminal Justice Day.

The event began with a viewing of a commemorative reading of the **Preamble of the Rome Statute**, and officially opened with a speech by the Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties and Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco. Noting that 2011 was the first occasion for marking this momentous occasion, he encouraged awareness raising and broad participation in this initiative. He also stated, "The Day of International Criminal Justice is a perfect occasion to celebrate the growing ICC family and to demonstrate that the commitment to the fight against impunity is stronger than ever".



Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court
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The ICC President, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, spoke of the spirit of solidarity of the 17 July celebrations. "We must be united in our resolve to defeat impunity and the lawlessness, brutality and disdain for human dignity that it represents", he stated. "We must persevere".



H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco, Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) and Ambassador of Mexico © ICC-CPI

Guests then enjoyed the first viewing of commemorative videos, including an introduction to the ICC and International Criminal Justice Day spots, which will be aired globally by States Parties on 17 July.

At the heart of the event was a symbolic flag-raising ceremony, during which the ICC flag and an International Criminal Justice Day banner were raised. Similar banners will be displayed throughout the city of The Hague in the days leading up to 17 July; States Parties will also raise the ICC flag in honour of the occasion. The raising of the flag and banner is a call for joint celebration and action in support of international justice.

Background

17 July is the Day of International Criminal Justice. Events commemorating 17 July are aimed at raising awareness and generating support for global justice and the fight against impunity. The ICC is coordinating with national judiciaries, international tribunals, NGOs and other partners to commemorate this day, and invites all those who wish to support justice, promote victims' rights, and help prevent crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world.

The day is a celebration of the landmark steps that the international community is taking to reach to common goal of global justice, and an opportunity for those who support justice around the world to make their voices heard.

The date of 17 July was adopted by the Assembly of the States Parties during the Review Conference of the Rome Statute held in Kampala (Uganda) last year in June and marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the ICC.

Speech by the Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties and Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco

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Speech by the President of the International Criminal Court, Judge Sang-Hyun Song

Video summary of the event



From left to right: Luis Moreno-Ocampo, ICC Prosecutor, H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco, Vice-President of the ASP and Ambassador of Mexico, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the ICC, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit, Ambassador of Luxembourg to the Netherlands and Silvana Arbia, ICC Registrar © ICC-CPII

Interacting with communities

The ICC organises a regional academic seminar in Kampala, Uganda with the participation of Ugandan and Kenyan professors



Professors sharing on their second day at the ICC seminar in Kampala, Uganda © ICC-CPII

From 4 to 8 July 2011, eleven University lecturers and professors from Kenya and Uganda participated in a seminar on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Criminal Law organised by the ICC in Kampala, Uganda. As part of the academic programme, conducted in accordance with the [ICC Information Strategy](#), the seminar's main objective was to encourage and involve universities in the countries where the ICC is conducting investigations to design and incorporate in-depth and specialised courses on international law and the ICC into their syllabuses.

The seminar, which follows a [first event organised in Kinshasa](#) (Democratic Republic of the Congo) in June 2011, was also held in cooperation with the *Université Paul-Cézanne Aix-Marseille III* and with the financial assistance of the European Union. Working sessions and roundtable discussions were facilitated by Professor Xavier Philippe, professor of International Criminal Law at *Université Paul-Cézanne*.

“The seminar has been an eye-opener to all of us. It will lead to increased visibility and quality teaching of both International Criminal Law and subjects related to the International Criminal Court as University course units,” one of the lecturers participating in the seminar, Dr Ronald Kakungulu-Mayambala, of Makerere University School of Law in Kampala, explained. His colleague from Africa Nazarene University in Nairobi, Ms Evelyn Asaala, stated that the seminar allowed for “a critical analysis of the subject as well as experience sharing among the lecturers from different contexts.”

Information on the ICC’s academic programme and on the seminars, together with teaching materials and tools developed under the programme, will be soon available to the general public in French and English on a tailored academic portal linked to the [ICC’s website](#).

Calendar

JULY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ICC President Song to attend Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting in Sydney, Australia					
		ICC hosts training seminar for focal points of partners in situation-related countries				
		ICC Registrar to visit the CAR and meet with affected communities, NGOs, Media and officials				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ICC and African Union Commission to jointly organise a Seminar on the technical aspects of the Rome Statute in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia						
	President Song to give keynote address at the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization Expert Meeting on the Rome Statute in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia					
Court Recess						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
ICC Judge Aluoch to address students and speak at a Female Counsel Campaign event in Kisumu, Kenya	ICC Judge Aluoch to address students in Nairobi, Kenya		ICC Judge Aluoch to speak at a Female Counsel Campaign event in Kigali, Rwanda	ICC Judge Aluoch to address students in Kigali, Rwanda		
Court Recess						
AUGUST 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Court Recess						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.