

International Criminal Court

Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Monthly Activity Report – October 2008

Overall objectives:

- Publicize the Court's judicial activities, especially the decision on the confirmation of charges against Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui
- Prepare for Bemba's confirmation hearing
- Raise awareness among previously untargeted groups

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation
				tools
Press briefing	29	Kinshasa	Explain the decision taken by the	- News
	September		judges after the confirmation hearing	articles or
	2008		in the case of the Prosecutor versus	television
			Katanga and Chui.	and radio
			20 participants	hook-ups;
				- Questions
Information day	30	Kisangani	The meeting brought together over	Evaluation
for provincial	September		sixty parliamentarians, headed by the	forms
parliamentarians	2008		Assembly's rapporteur, from the	
from Orientale			various political parties and	
Province			representing the Province's territories	
			and districts, including Ituri District.	
			They received information about	
			developments in the various cases	
			currently before the ICC and about the	
			situation in the Democratic Republic of	
			the Congo. In his presentation, the	
			Outreach Unit representative	
			explained the reasons for maintaining	
			the stay of the proceedings in the	
			Thomas Lubanga trial, the decision on	
			the confirmation of the charges against	
			Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and Germain	
			Katanga, and provided an update on	

Information meeting for representatives from women's	1 October 2008	Kinshasa	the Bosco Ntaganda case. The parliamentarians voiced their concerns about the acts of violence allegedly committed in the province's Dungu Territory by the Lord's Resistance Army, some of whose leaders are wanted under several arrest warrants issued by the Court for crimes allegedly committed in Uganda. They also referred to the fate of the foreign military leaders whose armies had fought in Kisangani in the past. Their main concerns included the recent armed clashes in the Kivus, and the warrants of arrest issued by the Court for crimes committed in Ituri and their implications for the process of demobilising certain armed groups and militias and for establishing peace. 60 participants Explain the decision taken by the judges after the confirmation hearing and provide an update on the other ongoing cases. This audience had	-Evaluation forms - Questions asked
organisations			already been sensitized prior to the confirmation hearing for Katanga and Chui. 65 participants	asked
Information meeting for civil society representatives	2 October 2008	Kinshasa	Explain the decision taken by the judges after the confirmation hearing in the Katanga and Chui case and provide an update on the other ongoing cases. It should be noted, however, that the public does not show great interest in the Katanga and Chui case as compared to the Bemba and Lubanga cases, about which a lot of questions are asked. The public is aware of developments in eastern Congo and wants to know whether the Prosecutor will initiate investigations in that part of the country.	- Evaluation forms - Questions asked

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			sensitized prior to the confirmation	
			hearing for Katanga and Chui.	
			35 participants	
Information	2 October	Bunia, Ituri	Explain the decision taken by the	- Evaluation
morning for	2008		judges after the confirmation hearing	forms
young people			in the Katanga and Chui case.	- Questions
from the Muslim			Renewed hostilities in the Ituri region,	asked
community			particularly around Bunia, are	
,			preventing our team from travelling to	
			Bogoro or the other villages. Activities	
			have therefore been exclusively	
			refocused on Bunia for the moment.	
			45 participants	
Information	3 October	Kinshasa	About 200 persons involved in a	- Evaluation
morning for	2008		Christian human rights activist	forms
human rights			network were informed about the	- Questions
activists			Court. This follows on from our initial	asked
			meetings with church representatives. 200 participants	
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			refocused on Bunia for the moment.	
			63 participants	
Information	1 October	Kisangani	We were given [the opportunity] to	- Evaluation
meeting for	2008		explain to participants the latest	forms
students			developments in the various ongoing	- Questions
			cases arising from the situation in the	asked
			DRC: developments in the Lubanga	
			case, the decision taken by the judges	
			after the confirmation hearing in the	
			Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and Germain	
			Katanga case and the Bosco Ntaganda	
			case. Details were provided about	
			developments in the Jean-Pierre Bemba	

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			Gombo case arising from the situation	
			in the Central African Republic. One	
			observation can be made as a result of	
			these various meetings: the various	
			audiences have great expectations of	
			the Court.	
			About 100 participants	
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meeting with	2008		explain to participants the latest	forms
lawyers			developments in the various ongoing	- Questions
			cases arising from the situation in the	asked
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			27 participants	
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			cases arising from the situation in the	asked
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Briefing for new members of Radhit (Réseau d'action droits de l'Homme d'Ituri) [Ituri Human Rights Action Network]	6 October 2008	Bunia, Ituri	audiences have great expectations of the Court. 63 participants General briefing on the ICC and its activities in Ituri as well as on the cooperation between Radith and the ICC Outreach Unit. Explain the decision taken by the judges after the confirmation hearing in the Katanga and Chui case. Renewed hostilities in the Ituri region, particularly around Bunia, are preventing our team from travelling to	- Evaluation forms - Questions asked
			Bogoro or the other villages. Activities have therefore been exclusively refocused on Bunia for the moment. 12 participants	
Information morning for students from Kinshasa University	14 October 2008	Kinshasa	Presentation given as part of a comparative law course on major legal systems at the Political Science Faculty of Kinshasa University. It is appropriate to note here the interest academia is now showing in the ICC following the activities carried out since June. About 300 participants	- Evaluation forms - Questions asked
Information morning for human rights activists	20 October 2008	Ngaba Neighbourhood, Kinshasa	Following our initial meetings in church communities, and at their request, we are sensitizing activists involved in a human rights advocacy network which has 14 groups in the neighbourhoods of Kinshasa. These meetings are an opportunity for us to reach a wider audience in Kinshasa more readily and on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis. They are also an opportunity to focus minds on Bemba's confirmation hearing. 63 participants	Evaluation forms
Information morning for human rights activists	22 October 2008	Matete Neighbourhood, Kinshasa	Following our initial meetings in church communities, and at their request, we are sensitizing activists involved in a human rights advocacy	Evaluation forms

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Information meeting for members of the Friends of the United Nations	23 October 2008	Kinshasa	network which has 14 groups in the neighbourhoods of Kinshasa. These meetings are an opportunity for us to reach a wider audience in Kinshasa more readily and on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis. They are also an opportunity to focus minds on Bemba's confirmation hearing. 67 participants At the invitation of the "Friends of the United Nations", we gave a presentation on the ICC. This activity coincided with the celebration of United Nations Day.	
club			112 students from various units in	
			Kinshasa and club members took part.	
Information morning for human rights activists	24 October 2008	Ngiri-Ngiri Neighbourhood, Kinshasa	Following our initial meetings in church communities, and at their request, we are sensitizing activists involved in a human rights advocacy	Evaluation forms
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morning for	October	Neighbourhood,	church communities, and at their	forms
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