



**Public Information and Outreach in the Central African Republic  
Planned Schedule of Activities – 2009**

**Overall objectives:**

- Raise greater awareness about the ICC in the Central African Republic (CAR) and disseminate general information about its mandate and activities to the general public
- Make current cases in the situation in the CAR and judicial developments accessible (depending on the scheduling, in particular the confirmation hearing in the Bemba case,<sup>1</sup> ...)
- Make the hearings accessible and easy to understand, particularly through the use of summaries of proceedings.

Activity	Date	Location	Objectives	Evaluation Tools
<b>Consultation meetings with quarter heads from Bangui</b>	January 2009 onwards	Bangui (including PK12)	Meet on a regular basis the main quarter heads of the Bangui neighbourhoods most affected by the crimes which the ICC is investigating.	Question log
<b>Consultation and information meetings with women's groups, victims' associations and human rights NGOs</b>	January 2009 depending on judicial developments	Bangui	Women's groups, victims' associations and human rights NGOs are vital partners in reaching the affected communities in the CAR. After the initial outreach meetings organised for them during the course of 2008, it would be useful to bring the representatives together in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reinforce their knowledge and understanding of the Court's mandate and activities;</li> <li>• establish a programme of activities so as to directly reach their members and communities.</li> </ul>	Evaluation forms Question log

<sup>1</sup> As soon as the date is fixed, a specific plan of action will be made public.

<b>Consultation and information meetings with lecturers and heads of law schools</b>	January 2009 depending on judicial developments	Bangui: Bangui University, <i>Haute école de gestion</i> [Advanced School of Management] , <i>Cours préparatoire international</i> [international preparatory course], Walombe University.	The heads of several major law schools and similar institutions are prepared to organise an outreach programme for their law students. It would be useful to initially bring lecturers together in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train teaching staff about the Court's mandate and activities ;</li> <li>• organise a schedule for lectures by Court representatives aimed at students;</li> <li>• support their reference libraries.</li> </ul>	Evaluation forms Question log
<b>Outreach programme for women</b>	On a regular basis as from January 2009	Bangui	We will develop a programme targeting women and members of victims' associations and human rights organisations in Bangui in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explain the ICC's mandate and judicial developments in ongoing cases;</li> <li>- encourage victim participation in proceedings before the ICC.</li> </ul> By holding information meetings, screening videos, organising discussions, etc...	Evaluation forms Question log
<b>Outreach programme for law students</b>	On a regular basis as from January 2009 (every quarter)	Bangui: Bangui University, <i>Haute école de gestion</i> , Walombe University, <i>Cours préparatoire international</i> .	We will develop a programme geared to law students, their lecturers and universities in Bangui. The aim is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explain the ICC's mandate and judicial developments in ongoing cases;</li> <li>- promote teaching about the ICC in Central African schools.</li> </ul> By holding panel discussions, regularly displaying information about the ICC, and providing documentation (legal	Evaluation forms Question log

		texts etc.).		
<b>Press briefing</b>	Twice monthly	Bangui office	Local and international television, radio and print journalists will be regularly invited to press briefings held at the Bangui office (at least twice a month and as necessary, depending on judicial developments).	Question log Media coverage
<b>Production of radio and television programmes</b>	January - December 2009	Broadcast on television and radio stations with national and local coverage.	Produce new programmes about the ICC and its activities for television and radio stations in French and Sango. Broadcasts on <i>Télé Centrafrique</i> , <i>Radio Centrafrique</i> , <i>Radio Ndeke Luka</i> , <i>Radio Notre Dame</i> and its local partners, <i>Radio Néhémie</i> , <i>Radio Voix de la Paix</i> ...	Audience
<b>Launch of radio and television spots on the Court ("Ask the Court")</b>	January 2009 (broadcasts throughout the year)	Broadcast on television and radio stations with national and local coverage.	These spots, which will consist in a question and answer, will relay clear and accurate messages about the Court in general as well as on the various stages of the proceedings such as the confirmation hearing, the trial, the publication of major decisions, etc.  Broadcasts in French and Sango on Bangui television and radio stations (local and national coverage).	Number of broadcasts Audience
<b>Explore the possibility of establishing listening clubs</b>	March 2009	Initially in Bangui (including PK12), and then, if possible (logistical and security issues) in PK 22 and the towns of Bossangoa, Mongoumba, Damara and	Explore the possibility of setting up listening clubs in various working class neighbourhoods in Bangui in order to enable the most affected communities to follow programmes about the ICC, to forward their questions and concerns to the ICC and to obtain answers from Court representatives.	Feasibility report

		Bossembélé.		
Training sessions for law professionals (judges, lawyers...)	March 2009 (once every six months)	Bangui	Hold a session, involving Court representatives, at least once every six months, in order to contribute to the professional development of Central African lawyers and judges and to provide them with the necessary information about the ICC, the Rome Statute and other legal texts, the principle of complementarity etc.	Evaluation forms Training report Question log
Outreach mission to affected communities in villages beyond Bangui	On a regular basis as from the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009	If possible (logistical and security issues) in PK 22 and in the towns of Bossangoa, Mongoumba, Damara and Bossembélé.	Hold consultation meetings with representatives of communities most affected by the crimes which the Court is investigating in towns other than Bangui (local chiefs, local NGOs, religious leaders, etc.) in order to prepare for meetings for the general public in these communities.	Evaluation forms Question log
Celebration of ICC Day	July 2009	Bangui	ICC Day is an opportunity to bring together partners, journalists, etc. to report on ICC achievements and prospects for the future.	Activity report Question log
Launch of a radio and television play series	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2009	Broadcasts on television and radio stations with national and local coverage.	A programme geared to children, young people, women and victims, broadcast once a week. A theatre group will perform short plays (approximately 10 minutes) in French and Sango. Broadcasts on <i>Radio Centrafrique</i> , <i>Radio Ndeke Luka</i> , <i>Radio Notre Dame</i> and its local partners, <i>Radio Néhémie</i> , <i>Radio Voix de la Paix</i> ... The plays will also be recorded on audio visual media for television.	Audience Number of broadcasts Listener feedback via SMS
Public theatre-based meetings	Second half of 2009	Bangui, initially	These meetings will follow up on the various contacts made in 2009 which initially consisted in raising awareness among community leaders and	Evaluation forms

			<p>representatives. The aim is to use the theatre to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reach an increasingly wider audience;</li> <li>- explain judicial developments in the cases.</li> </ul>	
<b>Consultation and information meetings with key groups including screening of videos introducing the Court and the conduct of proceedings</b>	2 weeks before the confirmation hearing in the Bemba case	Bangui	As soon as the judges have set the date for the confirmation hearing in the J.P. Bemba case, meetings will be held with various key groups: women, women's groups and victims' associations, students and youth groups, human rights NGOs, legal professionals (judges and lawyers) will be targeted with a whole range of activities including regular consultation meetings with representatives of these groups and information meetings involving Court representatives. Videos will be screened to enable the local population to see how the Court operates in practice. PIDS will hold these types of meetings in Bangui prior to and throughout the confirmation hearing.	Evaluation forms Question log
<b>Live screening of the commencement of major hearings (start of the confirmation hearing etc.)</b>	First day of major hearings	Bangui office	Invite about thirty key partners and journalists to the office to follow the hearings and their key moments via webstreaming and to answer their questions.	Question log Media coverage
<b>Information meetings with key groups including the screening of videos summarising the hearing</b>	During the confirmation hearing in the Bemba case	Bangui	The various key groups targeted prior to the confirmation hearing: women, women's groups and victims' associations, students and youth groups, human rights NGOs, legal professionals (judges and lawyers) will be invited for the duration of the hearing to follow proceedings at weekly meetings involving Court representatives. Videos of hearings (summaries of hearings,...)	Evaluation forms Question log

			will be broadcast to enable the local population to see how the Court operates in practice and discussions will be organised so as to respond to their questions and concerns.	
<b>Information meetings with key groups including the screening of videos and an explanation of the judges' decision on the confirmation of charges in the J.P. Bemba case</b>	Within 60 days of the close of the confirmation hearing in the Bemba case	Bangui	As soon as the judges have issued their decision on the confirmation of charges in the J.P. Bemba case, meetings will be held with various key groups which were sensitized throughout the hearing in order to explain the decision to them and to respond to their questions and concerns.	Evaluation forms Question log