



**Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Calendar of activities – August 2008**

Overall objectives:

- Highlight the judicial activities before the Court, including the confirmation hearing of Katanga and Ngudjolo, and the stay of proceedings in the Lubanga case.
- Extend outreach to groups in Kivu who have not yet been targeted.
- Assess the work of the listening clubs and partner radio stations and discuss prospects for 2009.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
Open days for law students	5, 8, 12 and 15 August 2008	Kinshasa	Following the briefing and the video screenings at the university, and especially due to the significant student interest in the ICC, the team instituted half-day sessions where students could attend the Kinshasa office to continue the discussions. Some of the students come for information on developments, and many come to do research and ask questions regarding the proceedings. Participants: 98	
News briefing	16 August 2008	Bunia, Ituri	Inform journalists on the status of the various cases before the Court Participants: 9 journalists	
Information day for youth and women at Asadho/Mont-Ngafula NGO	18 August 2008	Kinshasa	Around 60 people attended this information day organised together with the management of <i>Femmes et personnes vulnérables</i> [Women and Vulnerable Persons] of the NGO Asadho. This is a continuation of the activities launched in June and which target people at the grassroots level. Participants: 60 people	

Information day for representatives of civil society in Bukavu	18 August 2008	Bukavu, Kivu	<p>As part of a joint PIDS–VPRS mission, representatives of the Court met with members of civil society in Bukavu. Attendees were given information about the Court and the cases before it, and the victim participation process was explained to them.</p> <p>Participants: 38</p>	
Information day for students	19 August 2008	Bukavu, Kivu	<p>As part of a joint PIDS–VPRS mission, representatives of the ICC met with students in their final year of law studies at the Catholic University of Bukavu. Attendees were given information about the Court and the cases before it, and the victim participation process was explained to them.</p> <p>Participants: 31</p>	
Information day for representatives of civil society	20 August 2008	Goma, Kivu	<p>As part of a joint PIDS–VPRS mission, representatives of the Court offered outreach to around 60 members of civil society in Goma. Attendees were given information about the Court and the cases before it, and the victim participation process was explained to them.</p> <p>Participants: 68</p>	
Information day for activists from child protection organisations	21 August 2008	Goma, Kivu	<p>In order to help the affected communities, the Court provided training on victim participation for children’s rights activists. Kivu is one of the regions in the country where numerous armed groups operate and continue to recruit children under the age of 15.</p> <p>Participants: 22</p>	
Information day for women’s organisations	22 August 2008	Goma, Kivu	<p>In order to help the affected communities, the Court provided training on victim participation for children’s rights activists.</p>	

			<p>Kivu is one of the regions in the country where numerous armed groups operate and where there are very high levels of alleged crimes of sexual violence.</p> <p>Participation: 77</p>	
Open discussions with students of the University of Goma	23 August 2008	Goma, Kivu	<p>Around 80 students attended an open discussion at the university of Goma. The discussion addressed all issues surrounding the cases before the Court and the victim participation process. This was the first time that representatives of the Court met with the student community of this region.</p> <p>Participants: 80</p>	
Training of community intermediaries as ICC focal points	23-25 August 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>45 intermediaries were trained and made operational in 20 new villages around Bunia. The aim was to set up a new series of intermediaries in villages which had not yet been reached.</p> <p>Participants: 45</p>	
Evaluation of work of listening clubs and partner radio stations	25 August to 3 Sept 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess collaboration to date with local radios - Assess the operation of listening clubs - Discuss prospects for 2009 	
Information day for child protection organisation activists in Butembo	26 August 2008	Butembo, Nord-Kivu	<p>In order to help the affected communities, the Court provided training on victim participation for children's rights activists. Kivu is one of the regions in the country where numerous armed groups operate and continue to recruit children under the age of 15.</p> <p>Participants: 38</p>	
Open discussion with representatives of civil and religious society in Butembo	27 August 2008	Butembo, Nord-Kivu	<p>Around 40 representatives of civil society and religious communities responded to the invitation of the Court. The discussion addressed all issues surrounding the cases before the Court and the victim participation process. Butembo and the</p>	

			town of Béni have experienced wars and the armed groups recruited children under the age of 15. Participants: 47	
News briefing	28 August 2008	Béni, Kivu	This was the first time since the confirmation hearing, the stay of proceedings in the Lubanga case, and beginning of the Bemba case that a representative of the Court has been able to meet with the press in Béni. The journalists were more interested in the Bemba case and in recent developments in the Lubanga case than in the Katanga and Ngudjolo case. There were questions concerning the next step following the first appearance of Mr Bemba and whether he might be granted provisional release. The possible release of Thomas Lubanga was one of the main topics and aroused a great deal of interest. Participants: 6	
Two information days on the ICC	29 and 31 August 2008	Mungwalu, Ituri.	Over these two days, 180 people were informed about the Court's existence, its role and its activities in the DRC. People who had received outreach agreed to support the Court's work in the field. Participants: 180	