



ICC Weekly Update

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Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, three cases are being heard before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; and *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui 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.

Decisions taken between 15 - 19 March, 2010

Lubanga Case

Decision on judicial questioning

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 18 March, 2010

Redacted Decision on the variation of protective measures under Regulation 42 on referral from Trial Chamber II on 22 July 2009

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 16 March, 2010

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui Case

Motifs de la troisième décision relative à 8 demandes de participation de victimes à la procédure

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 16 March, 2010

Situation in Darfur, Sudan

In the situation in Darfur, Sudan, three cases are being heard: *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Muhammad Harun ("Ahmad Harun") and Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman ("Ali Kushayb")*; *The Prosecutor v. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir*; and *The Prosecutor v. Bahar Idriss Abu Garda*. Three warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Harun, Kushayb and Al Bashir for crimes against humanity and war crimes. The three suspects remain at large. A summons to appear was issued for Abu Garda who appeared voluntarily before the Chamber on 18 May 2009. Abu Garda is not in the custody of the ICC. After the hearing of confirmation of charges, on 8 February, 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges.

Decisions taken between 15 - 19 March, 2010

Abu Garda Case

Decision on the Defence Application for extension of page limit for the Defence's Response to the Prosecutor's Application for leave to appeal

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 18 March, 2010

Decision on Applications a/0655/09, a/0656/09, a/0736/09 to a/0747/09, and a/0750/09 to a/0755/09 for Participation in the Proceedings at the Pre-Trial Stage of the Case

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 19 March, 2010

Al Bashir Case

Notification of the decision on the request for excusal of a Judge

Issued by the Presidency on 19 March, 2010

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](#).

Interacting with communities

ICC raises awareness amongst women lawyers and human rights defenders in Kinshasa, DRC

To celebrate International Women's Day, the International Criminal Court organised a seminar for women lawyers and women human rights defenders in Kinshasa on Wednesday 10 March, 2010.

Many issues were addressed before the 90-strong audience of Congolese women legal professionals. Talking about the place of victims of sexual violence in the Rome Statute, Mr Mulenda, a Legal Representative of Victims in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*, drew a parallel with Congolese law on the matter. Ms Carine Bapita, another Legal Representative of Victims at the Court, examined the theme of the defence of victims by the Legal Representatives of Victims, based on her own experience in the Lubanga case. Fatou Sylla, from the Victims Participation and Reparations Section of the Court, also spoke about the participation of victims at the Court.

In his introductory comments, the representative of the ICC's Outreach Unit also addressed the Court's role and mandate, and its recognition of sexual crimes. He further recalled that in one of the trials currently before the ICC, the Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case, the charges of sexual slavery and rape had been confirmed as both war crimes and crimes against humanity.

By integrating the seminar into this year's theme for Women's Month, "Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all", the Outreach Unit in Kinshasa wanted to emphasise, not least in the choice of seminar speakers, two of whom were women, that "full respect for and enforcement of the rights of female staff are core values of the Court and are essential to its progress"¹. This was another opportunity to encourage the participants to apply for inclusion on the ICC's list of Counsel.

Calendar

MARCH 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York (resumption)						
29	30	31				

APRIL 2010

			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

Future events:

31 May – 11 June: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.

5 July: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start.

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.

¹ Extract from the message given on International Women's Day by the ICC President, Judge Song.