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# ICC Weekly Update

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### Situation in the Central African Republic

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 a Trial Chamber. The trial is scheduled to start on 5 July, 2010.

#### Decisions taken between 10 - 14 May, 2010

##### The Registry

#### Transmission by the Registrar of Submissions made by the Authorities of the Central African Republic pursuant to the Oral Order of the Hearing held on the 27 April, 2010

Submitted by the Registrar on the 10th May, 2010

#### Public Redacted Version of the Corrigendum to the Annex: Registrar's submission of an amended summary of the "Requête en vue de contester la recevabilité de l'Affaire conformément aux articles 17 et 19 (2) (a) du Statut de Rome" pursuant to rule 59 (2) of the Rules of Procedure

Submitted by the Registrar on the 12th May, 2010

### 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 10 - 14 May, 2010

##### Lubanga Dyilo case

#### Order on numbering of evidence

Issued by the Trial Chamber I on the 12th May, 2010

#### Decision on the press interview with Ms Le Fraper du Hellen

Issued by the Trial Chamber I on the 12th May, 2010

#### Relevant Links

**Courtroom proceedings** can be followed on the ICC website: [www.icc-cpi.int](http://www.icc-cpi.int)

You can also consult the [hearing schedule](#)

**Video summaries** can be found on our [YouTube channel](#)

### ICC and IBA jointly launch campaign to engage African women to practice in proceedings before the Court



Left to right: Carine Bapita, Silvana Arbia, Mark Ellis and Hélène Cissé ©ICC-CPI

On 12 May, 2010, the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Bar Association (IBA) jointly launched a six month campaign to increase the number of women lawyers authorised to represent defendants or victims at the ICC. In this first phase the campaign will focus on African countries. Following an evaluation of the success of the campaign, the possibility of an expansion to other regions of the world will be considered.

"Achieving equal representation of female counsel is essential for the ICC", said the Registrar of the Court, Silvana Arbia. Ms Arbia added that "The right to be assisted by counsel is a core element for both defendants and victims. While any accused and victim should be able to choose their counsel from a pool of highly qualified lawyers, they should also be able to do so with regard to their own preference for either male or female counsel. This is particularly important as it relates to victims of sensitive crimes such as sexual violence against women and gender crimes".

Experienced lawyers who wish to practice as counsel with carriage of cases before the Court must be admitted to the ICC List of Counsel. Legal professionals who are at an early stage of their career can apply to the ICC List of Assistants to Counsel. Both lists have been created to ensure that external lawyers practicing at the ICC are sufficiently qualified so that every person implicated in proceedings before the Court benefit from effective legal representation.

To date, women counsel are still under-represented on the ICC List of Counsel. While of the 63 members of the ICC List of Assistants to Counsel as many as 47.6 per cent are currently women, only 18.2 per cent of the 335 members of the ICC List of Counsel are female. In particular, the ICC recognises the need to increase the number of women counsel from African countries, including those with situations under investigation before the ICC. Currently, less than four per cent of all members of the ICC List of Counsel are African women.

IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis noted, "The under-representation of women on the ICC List of Counsel is regrettable and must be urgently addressed. The IBA fully supports all efforts by the Court to encourage more women lawyers to sign up to the List, as women lawyers play a key role in ensuring effective, balanced legal representation at the Court".

During an intense information campaign, the ICC and the IBA will organise special events and will distribute comprehensive information packages mainly through the national bar associations in a number of African and European countries. Besides general information on the Court, basic legal texts of the Court and the ICC Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel, the packages will provide detailed information on how to become a member of the ICC List of Counsel and the List of Assistants to Counsel. It is expected that this tailored information will make the application process more accessible. Electronic copies of the information package will also be available upon request via email, or can be downloaded from the newly created campaign website via [www.icc-cpi.int](http://www.icc-cpi.int).

A special event including a panel discussion and video presentation will be organised on 4 June in Kampala (Uganda) during the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. In addition, informative sessions will be hosted by the national bar associations of Brussels, Paris and London, as well as in some other African countries. Furthermore, the ICC field offices in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic will host special events to raise awareness of the campaign within their respective geographic regions and constituencies.

During the entire campaign period until the end of 2010, applications from qualified African female lawyers will be given priority.

#### Relevant Links

- \* [Calling Female Lawyers Leaflet](#)
- \* [The ICC Needs You! Calling African Female Lawyers Flyer](#)
- \* [The ICC Needs You! Calling African Female Lawyers Poster](#)
- \* [Guide for applicants to the ICC List of Counsel and Assistants to Counsel Manual](#)

Judge Baltasar Garzon requested to be a consultant for the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

The Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court confirmed on 12 May, 2010, that it has requested Judge Baltasar Garzon of Spain, to work as a consultant for seven months, helping the office improve its investigative methods.

“Judge Garzon’s extensive experience in investigating massive crimes committed by States and non state organisations will be a great contribution to my office.” Prosecutor Moreno-Ocampo said.

Mr. Garzon has already assisted the OTP in relation to the preliminary examination the Office is carrying out in Colombia.

In addition to having high level consultants, the OTP also has a Legal Advisory Board which includes Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon of the University of Michigan Law School, who was appointed Special Adviser on Gender Crimes in November 2008; Professor Juan Méndez of the American University Washington College of Law, who since June 2009 has been Special Adviser on Crime Prevention; Professor Tim McCormack of the Melbourne Law School who in March 2010 was appointed as Special Advisor on International Humanitarian Law; and Professor Jose Alvarez of New York University who in April 2010 was appointed Special Advisor on International Law. Additionally in November 2009, Benjamin Ferencz was appointed Special Counsel to the Office of the Prosecutor and honorary member of the OTP’s advisory council. The Rome Statute mandates the Prosecutor to appoint advisers with legal expertise on specific issues, and they work on a pro bono basis.

The International Criminal Court is an independent, permanent court that investigates and prosecutes persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Source: Office of The Prosecutor

Calendar

MAY 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
JUNE 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1 2 3 First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.			4	5	6
7	8 9 10 First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.			11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Future Events:						
5 July Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo scheduled to start						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.