



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

Overall Objectives:

- Highlight the judicial activities of the Court, including the confirmation hearing of Katanga and Ngudjolo
- Explain the decision to stay the proceedings in the Lubanga case and the announcement of his release
- Organise video screenings of the confirmation hearing

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
News briefing	2 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	With the start of the confirmation hearing, we have instituted a weekly news briefing. 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 as to what would be 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: approximately 10	
News briefing	4 July 2008	Kinshasa	With the start of the confirmation hearing, we have instituted a weekly news briefing. 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 as to what would be 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: 27	

Public meeting for local authorities and civil society	4 July 2008	Kasenyi, Ituri	<p>The main purpose of this meeting was to explain the confirmation hearing. For many, the confirmation hearing was the trial itself. But the news of the possible release of Lubanga was cause for concern for the people who fear the triumphant return of the leader of the UPC, endangering victims. Explanations given by the ICC did not allay participants' concerns altogether.</p> <p>Participants: 300, including 106 women</p>	
Open discussion session with the general public, including video screening	5 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>This meeting, held the day after Bemba's first appearance, focused on the Bemba case. Leader of the MLC, Bemba is well known here, having set up headquarters in Bunia during his rebellion. Thomas Lubanga was one of his many ministers at the time. The public is very interested in this case which, they say, provides an answer to those who thought the ICC was only interested in Iturians.</p> <p>Participants: 182</p>	
News briefing	5 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>Weekly news briefing on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases.</p> <p>Participants: approximately 10</p>	
Open discussion session with a religious community	6 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>Discussions organised at the Tchem-Tchem chapel with 120 members of the Catholic community to dispel misunderstandings relating to the ICC and to explain the latest judicial developments.</p>	
News briefing	9 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>Weekly news briefing on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases.</p> <p>Participants: approximately 10</p>	
Consultation meeting with video screening for representatives of women's organisations	9 July 2008	Kinshasa	<p>Two videos were screened: one relating to the confirmation hearing and the other on Bemba's first appearance. Around twenty women representing a variety of organisations responded to our invitation.</p>	

News briefing (with a representative of the Office of the Prosecutor)	10 July 2008	Kinshasa	Most of the questions related to the approach and policies of the Office of the Prosecutor. Almost all the questions were about the Lubanga and Bemba cases. We can confirm that since these briefings started being held, the ICC has been getting increasingly less bad press. Participants: 29	- Evaluation forms
Two open discussion sessions with the general public, including video screening	11 July 2008	Bogoro and Kasenyi, Ituri.	Weekly discussion sessions held with the general public from the villages of Ituri (representatives of NGOs, women's groups and victims; local and religious leaders, students, and journalists), including screenings of videos produced by the Court on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 230 (108 in Bogoro, 122 in Kasenyi)	
Open discussion session including video screening at Kinshasa University (Law students)	11 July 2008	Kinshasa	Videos were screened on the Katanga and Ngudjolo confirmation hearing as well as on the first appearance of Mr Bemba. Each appearance by the President of the MLC, Mr Bemba, was met with cheering from the students. The video screenings were followed by debates. Participants: 1100	- Evaluation forms - List of questions asked
Three open discussion sessions with the general public, including video screenings	13 July 2008	Bogoro, Kasenyi, and Tchomia; Ituri	Weekly discussion sessions held with the general public from the villages of Ituri (representatives of NGOs, women's groups and victims; local and religious leaders, students, and journalists), including screenings of videos produced by the Court on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 270 (Bogoro: 80; Kasenyi: 120; and Tchomia: 70)	
Information day for Hema leaders	14 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	92 leaders attended this meeting organised with the security support of MONUC. The principal aim of this meeting was to put a stop to rumours that were being circulated and sustained by Lubanga's supporters. Participants: 92	

Information day for Lendu leaders	15 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	113 leaders attended this meeting organised with the security support of MONUC. The principal aim of this meeting was to put a stop to rumours that were being circulated and sustained by Lubanga's supporters. It also aimed to allay the concerns of the Lendus. This meeting created a forum for discussion with Lendu representatives. Participants: 113	
Video screening for representatives of civil society	16 July 2008	Kinshasa	Two videos were screened: one relating to the confirmation hearing and the other to Bemba's first appearance. The screenings were followed by a debate. As is often the case, questions focused largely on the Bemba and Lubanga cases. Participants: 60	- Evaluation forms - List of questions asked
Information day for Ngiti leaders	16 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri.	84 leaders attended this meeting organised with the security support of MONUC. The principal aim of this meeting was to put a stop to rumours that were being circulated and sustained by Lubanga's supporters. The ethnic leaders are key focus points for dispelling misunderstandings surrounding the Court. Participants: 84	
News briefing	16 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	Weekly news briefing on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: approximately 10	
News briefing	16 July 2008	Kinshasa	Weekly news briefing on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 27	
Commemoration of ICC day and end of the Katanga and Chui confirmation hearing.	17 July 2008	Kinshasa	Some sixty persons attended this event, which was marked by a number of activities including: - a video screening of the confirmation hearing of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui before the ICC; - Presentations: reflection on the achievements and prospects of the Court. The coordinator of the <i>Coalition Nationale pour la CPI</i> [National Coalition for the ICC], gave a presentation: " <i>La Cour pénale internationale, 10 ans après: Forces, Limites et défis</i> " [The International Criminal Court, 10 years later: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges]. Finally, a presentation was given by the <i>Avocat Général</i> of the High Military Court:	

			<p><i>“La justice congolaise face au Statut de Rome”</i> [Congolese justice and the Rome Statute]. The presentations were followed by a particularly lively debate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alongside these discussions, there was an exhibition of photos of the judges, outreach activities, the courtroom and the detention centre, as well as library books and legal documents of the Court, etc. - The event ended with a theatrical production on the ICC (its mandate and the crimes within its jurisdiction) <p>Participants: approximately 60</p>	
Commemoration of ICC day and end of the Katanga and Chui confirmation hearing.	17 July 2008	Bunia, Ituri	<p>125 influential representatives from the affected communities attended this event, which was marked by a number of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - video screenings of the confirmation hearing of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui before the ICC, followed by a particularly lively debate. - Following the presentations, participants asked questions relating to the next phases of the proceedings, and what would happen to the detainees if the charges were not confirmed. There were also questions relating to Thomas Lubanga’s release. - Alongside these discussions there was an exhibition of photos of the judges, outreach activities, the courtroom and the detention centre, as well as library books and legal documents of the Court, etc. <p>Participants: 125</p>	
Open days for law students	18, 22, 25 and 29 July	Kinshasa	<p>Following the briefing and the video screenings at the university, and 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.</p> <p>Participants: 120 students</p>	
News briefing	18 July 2008	Kinshasa	<p>Weekly news briefing on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases.</p> <p>Participants: 27</p>	

Two open discussion sessions with the general public, including video screening	21 July 2008	Bogoro and Kasenyi; Ituri	Weekly discussion sessions held with the general public from the villages of Ituri (representatives of NGOs, women's groups and victims; local and religious leaders, students, and journalists), including screenings of videos produced by the Court on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 185 (Bogoro: 80; Kasenyi: 105)	
Two open discussion sessions with the general public, including video screening	22 July 2008	Nyakunde and Tchomia; Ituri	Weekly discussion sessions held with the general public from the villages of Ituri (representatives of NGOs, women's groups and victims; local and religious leaders, students, and journalists), including screenings of videos produced by the Court on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 119 (Nyakunde: 66; Tchomia: 53)	
Two open discussion sessions with the general public, including video screening	23 July 2008	Komanda and Marabo; Ituri	Weekly discussion sessions held with the general public from the villages of Ituri (representatives of NGOs, women's groups and victims; local and religious leaders, students, and journalists), including screenings of videos produced by the Court on the latest judicial developments in ongoing cases. Participants: 83 (Komanda: 48; Marabo: 35)	
Training session for journalists on the ethical questions surrounding the treatment of problems suffered by children in armed conflicts	30 July 2008	Kinshasa	At the invitation of <i>Journalistes pour les droits humains</i> [Journalists for Human Rights], we gave a presentation on crimes against children under the Rome Statute. We listed and elaborated on the provisions of the Rome Statute relating to children, highlighting in particular the charges against Lubanga, Ngudjolo and Katanga, who are charged with crimes of enlisting, conscripting and using children under the age of 15 in armed conflicts. Participation: 20 journalists	

Broadcast of audio summaries/video of confirmation hearing	1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, and 17 July 2008.	Kinshasa and the DRC (RTNC and Digital Congo TV)	Videos of the confirmation hearing have been broadcast regularly on RTNC and Digital Congo TV. These videos were also made available to other television stations in Kinshasa. In the period under review, the team gave nearly 30 interviews to the media in Kinshasa, as well as making frequent guest appearances on the news and special interest programmes.	
Broadcasts of audio summaries of confirmation hearing	4-11 and 16 July 2008	Ituri Community Radios	Broadcasts on community radios of audio recordings produced by the Court throughout the confirmation hearing of Katanga and Chui: Radio Canal Révélation, Radio Candip, Radio Colombe, Radio Rtk, Radio Tempête du Lac, Radio Océan, and Radio Amkeni. In the period under review, the team gave nearly 20 interviews to the media in Bunia, as well as making frequent guest appearances on the news and special interest programmes.	