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Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, four cases have been brought before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; and *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga, Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and Callixte Mbarushimana 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. The confirmation of charges hearing in the case *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana* is scheduled to start on 4 July 2011.

Decisions taken between 31 January - 4 February 2011

Lubanga case

Redacted Decision on the disclosure of information from victims' application forms (a/0225/06, a/0229/06 and a/0270/07)

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 4 February 2011

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

Décision relative à la Notification du retrait de la victime a/0381/09 de la liste des témoins du représentant légal

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 31 January 2011

Decision on Agreements as to Evidence

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 3 February 2011

Mbarushimana case

Decision on the Defence Request for an Order to Preserve the Impartiality of the Proceedings

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 31 January 2011

Situation in the Republic of Kenya

The Republic of Kenya ratified the Rome Statute on 15 March 2005, becoming a State Party. On 6 November 2009, upon receiving a letter from the Prosecutor indicating his intention to submit a request for the authorisation of an investigation *proprio motu*, the International Criminal Court's Presidency issued a decision assigning the situation in the Republic of Kenya to Pre-Trial Chamber II. On 26 November 2009, the Prosecutor submitted a request to Pre-Trial Chamber II for the authorisation of an investigation into that situation in relation to the post-election violence of 2007-2008. On 31 March 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber II granted the Prosecutor's request. On 15 December 2010, the Prosecutor requested the Judges to issue summonses to appear against six Kenyan citizens. The Chamber's decision is pending.

Decisions taken between 31 January - 4 February 2011

Second Decision on Application by Nine Persons to be Questioned by the Office of the Prosecutor

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 31 January 2011

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](#)

The ICC's activities can also be followed through [Twitter](#)

Events

Georgia preliminary examination: OTP concludes second visit to the Russian Federation



OTP delegation meets with senior officials of the Russian Federation © ICC-CPI

A delegation from the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court concluded a two-day visit to the Russian Federation on 4 February 2011.

The main purpose of the 2-4 February visit was to follow up on the OTP's previous mission to Moscow, and to gather further information from Russian authorities regarding on-going national investigations into crimes allegedly committed in the context of the armed conflict in South Ossetia, Georgia in August 2008. The Court has jurisdiction over ICC crimes allegedly committed in the territory of Georgia by all parties to the conflict, including forced displacement of civilians, directing attacks against protected persons and widespread destruction of civilian objects.

The delegation met with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the Prosecutor-General's Office of the Russian Federation, and received a comprehensive update on the progress of national investigations undertaken by the investigative committee.

"We commend the Russian authorities for their cooperation and for their willingness to share their preliminary conclusions with the Office" said the Prosecutor.

The OTP made public the preliminary examination in August 2008. Georgia has been a State Party to the Rome Statute since 5 September 2003. Both the Russian and Georgian authorities provided substantial information on their respective national investigations. The Office conducted a previous visit to Russia in March 2010, and to Georgia in June 2010.

Other situations under preliminary examination by the Office include Afghanistan, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Honduras, Nigeria, The Republic of Korea and Palestine.

The Office of the Prosecutor is currently investigating in five situations: The Democratic Republic of Congo, Northern Uganda, the Darfur region of Sudan, the Central African Republic, and Kenya.

Source: Office of the Prosecutor

Interacting with communities

Outreach Unit continues support for lectures on the International Criminal Court in universities in North and South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo



Students in Goma attending an ICC lecture © ICC-CPI

From 18 to 22 January 2011, the Outreach Unit of the International Criminal Court (ICC) organised a second round of lectures on the Court at the *Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs* in Goma, North Kivu. This year, the Faculty of Law held a theoretical and practical seminar on the ICC for final-year undergraduate students.

Around thirty students attended the three-day event offering presentations on the key aspects of the Court – criminal law and procedure, the Court's structure and jurisdiction, and the obligations of States Parties. Discussions focused mainly on the sovereignty of States Parties and complementarity between the Court's mandate and that of national courts; relations between the United Nations Security Council and the Court; the Court's independence; the role of individuals in referring matters to the Court; and the issuance of warrants of arrest by the Court and their execution.

In the practical part of the seminar, students were split into seven groups, each of which had to prepare a topic to be presented in a public session. A total of seven topics were presented, including an analysis of the similarities and differences between the ICC and the ad hoc tribunals, an analysis of the irrelevance of official capacity, and the importance of legislation to implement the Rome Statute in a country with a monistic government.

The object of this practical exercise was to enable the students to exchange ideas by asking each other questions, with the representative of the Court intervening only to explain specific issues or to settle differences in opinion. The exercises enabled the students not only to increase their knowledge about the Court but also to gain a firmer grasp of certain concepts of international law and Congolese procedural law.

The Outreach Unit started organising these training sessions on the International Criminal Court in late 2010 in four universities in the DRC – in Goma, Bukavu, Lubumbashi and Kisangani. This year, the Unit plans to offer the programme in six universities in the country. Once all of the training sessions have been held, it intends to organise a moot court competition.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7	8	9 Deputy Prosecutor to participate in a West African Regional Roundtable Discussion on ICC Implementation, Monrovia (Liberia)	10	11 ICC to hold ceremony to welcome Moldova as a new State Party	12	13
14 President Song to lecture at UN Regional Course in International Law in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) ----- Prosecutor to participate in the Cinema for Peace event, Berlin (Germany)	15	16	17	18	19	20
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MARCH 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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7 Prosecutor to deliver the inaugural lecture of the new Master on Governance and Human Rights at the Universidad Autónoma, Madrid (Spain)	8	9	10	11	12	13
15 March - Deputy Prosecutor to participate in the international colloquium "Women's rights, Migrant women's rights and international humanitarian law", Dakar (Senegal)						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.