



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

Overall Objectives:

- Report to the public on the progress of cases at the Court and provide public access to the main hearings, namely the confirmation hearing in the case of Katanga and Chui and the start of the Lubanga trial;
- Explain the decision to stay the proceedings in the Lubanga trial: dispel misunderstandings and clarify the situation;
- Take measures to ensure that outreach activities can continue throughout the trial and during the confirmation hearing.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
Explanation of the decision to stay the proceedings in the case of Lubanga Dyilo	From 16 June	Kinshasa and Ituri	On 13 June 2008, Trial Chamber I ordered a stay of proceedings in the case of <i>The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo</i> . Unless the Chamber orders otherwise, the entire proceedings will remain suspended. Given these circumstances we have, as of this date, played a proactive role in explaining this decision to a variety of audiences: NGOs, students, etc. In particular we have worked with the media, giving an average of two interviews a day.	
Production of video as an outreach tool (with the participation of the Registrar)¹	17 June 2008	Kinshasa	Videos are among the new outreach tools being put to use in preparing people for the upcoming cases. To this end we have produced a video of a discussion between the Registrar and a group of students on a variety of topics. Participants: 17	
Open discussion with representatives of civil society	17 June 2008	Kinshasa	The discussions covered such topics as recent judicial developments at the Court, particularly the decision of 13	List of participants Evaluation forms

¹ We spent a number of days filming numerous interviews for the videos, which will be broadcast on television and radio.

organisations, victims' organisations and women's organisations based in Kinshasa (with the participation of the Registrar)			<p>June to stay the proceedings in the case of Thomas Lubanga Dyilo. Other issues addressed were the preparations being made for the confirmation hearing in the case of Katanga and Ngudjolo, victim participation before the Court and the concept of a fair trial, and the Bemba case.</p> <p>Participants: 28</p>	
Briefing with the network of women's NGOs, "Action Femme, RAF"	24 June 2008	Kinshasa	<p>155 people attended this meeting which lasted for the greater part of a day. The high attendance and the debate which followed would indicate a strong interest on the part of the participants. The participants are facilitators and trainers in their respective organisations. One of the participants was a former minister for women's affairs. The network includes almost 60 NGOs.</p> <p>The Court gave a presentation and addressed current issues of interest such as the stay in the proceedings in the Lubanga case, the Bemba case, and the start of the confirmation hearing for Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui.</p> <p>Participants: 155</p>	Evaluation forms
Civil society briefing	25 June 2008	Kinshasa	<p>45 participants, including representatives from primary and secondary education, trade unions, and human rights organisations. The audience were clearly divided between those who strongly supported the ICC and those who thought it had been politicized. Poor understanding of the proceedings compounded fears that victims might hesitate to make use of their right to participate in the proceedings before the ICC.</p> <p>Participants: 45</p>	Programmes recorded and broadcast Discussions at listening clubs
Briefing with churches (Kimbanguists and Protestants)	25 June 2008	Bogoro, Ituri	<p>A meeting was held to explain the confirmation hearing to the congregations in question.</p> <p>Participants: 150</p>	Evaluation forms

Briefing with NGOs, community leaders and local authorities	25 June 2008	Bogoro, Ituri	A meeting was held to explain the confirmation hearing to community leaders and local authorities. Participants: 66	Evaluation forms
Briefing with students of the University of Kinshasa	26 June 2008	Kinshasa	The students showed particular interest in discussions on the ICC and the latest judicial developments. Although most of the audience understood the confirmation proceedings and the stay in the Lubanga trial, many expressed fears with regard to United Nations involvement in cases before the Court and a trend towards politicization of the Court. Questions were also taken on Bemba. Participation: 1730	Evaluation forms
Briefing in Kasenyi with female victims of war, local authorities, teachers and fishermen	26 June 2008	Kasenyi, Ituri.	On the eve of the confirmation hearing a meeting was held to explain the proceedings to female victims of war, local authorities, teachers and fishermen. Participation: 73 people	Evaluation forms
Briefing in Nyakunde with civil society and in Tchomia	26 June 2008	Tchomia and Nyakunde, Ituri.	Meeting held to explain the confirmation hearing with civil society, journalists and community representatives. Participation: 107 personnes	Evaluation forms
Briefing with journalists and communication of summaries	27 June 2008	Kinshasa	A weekly briefing will be held for journalists for the duration of the confirmation hearing. A summary of the week's hearings will be given at these briefings. The Court's video and audio recordings were made available to television and radio journalists respectively. In the evening of 27 June, most television and radio channels used our images or this video for their news. RTNC and Digital TV showed the whole video. Congo web TV, antenne A and RTGA used excerpts. Participants in the briefing: RTNC, RTGA, Digital FM and TV, Congo web TV, Tropicana TV, Uhuru, Télé et Radio 7, Le Phare, L'Observateur, ACP, APA	

			Participation: 16	
Briefing on confirmation hearing for religious communities	27 June 2008	Bunia, Ituri.	A meeting was held to explain the confirmation hearing to members of the Muslim community (112), and community representatives (160). Participants: 272	
Questions and answers on the confirmation hearing published in the media and to NGOs. Publication of Registrar's article in the following newspapers: le Potentiel, L'Avenir, le Phare, la Référence Plus, Africa News, Forum des As, l'Observateur	27 June 2008	Kinshasa	At the start of the confirmation hearing in the case of <i>The Prosecutor v. Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui</i> , an article written by the Registrar was published in the newspapers along with a question-and-answer section on the hearing.	
Introductory video (and audio) on the confirmation hearing broadcast on television and radio	27 June 28 June	Kinshasa Bunia	An explanatory video has been made to educate the public with regard to this stage of the proceedings and was broadcast on the day the confirmation hearing started.	
"Connaître la Cour Pénale Internationale" broadcast by Ituri radio	1-25 June 2008	Radio Amkeni (Mambassa), Radio Colombe (Mahagi), Radio Tempête du Lac (Kasenyi), Radio Océan (Aru)	Programmes about the Court were broadcast in French and in local languages. "Connaître la Cour Pénale Internationale" was produced by the ICC's Outreach Unit.	

NB: See also the report on outreach activities in the DRC with regard to the confirmation hearing of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui.