

International Criminal Court

Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Calendar of Activities – August 2009

Overall Objectives:

- Show videos of summaries of hearings of the Lubanga trial and broadcast radio and television programs;
- Publicise the judicial proceedings before the Court, in particular the news relating to Mr. Bemba and interim release, as well as the latest developments in the case of the Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo;
- Enhance relations with key target groups and make proceedings before the ICC more accessible to people, particularly in the Kivu provinces;
- Prepare people for the upcoming commencement of the Katanga & Chui trial.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
Open discussion with university students in Bukavu	1 August	Bukavu; Sud Kivu	Strengthen the network in the field; Provide information on the latest developments in the cases before the ICC; Fight disinformation and encourage students to adopt a positive attitude toward the Court; Enhance the capacities of Congolese students and improve their understanding of the International Criminal Court.	Attendance sheet, evaluation forms
Open discussion with human rights NGOs and representatives of civil society	3 August	Bukavu; Sud Kivu	Participants: 120 students Strengthen the network in the field; Provide information on the latest developments in the cases before the ICC; Fight disinformation and improve the participants' understanding of the Court; Organise radio listening clubs. Participants: 100	Attendance sheet, evaluation forms

Open discussion with an association of young people and students	3 August	Bukavu; Sud Kivu Province Bunia; Ituri	Strengthen the network in the field; Provide information on the latest developments in the cases before the ICC; Fight disinformation and improve the participants' understanding of the Court. Participants: 115 Explain the content of the press	Attendance sheet, evaluation forms Attendance
session on the Lubanga trial	Ü		release announcing the end of the first part of the trial. Participants: 50 members of RADHIT	sheet
Information session on the Lubanga trial	3 August	Bunia; Ituri	Explain the content of the press release announcing the end of the first part of the trial. Participants: 30 members of various women's associations in Bunia	Attendance sheet
Information day on the first part of the Lubanga trial	5 August	Bunia; Ituri	Explain the content of the press release announcing the end of the first part of the trial. Participants: 70 religious leaders, journalists and students	Attendance sheet
82 broadcasts on the ten ICC partner radio stations regarding the Lubanga, Bemba and Katanga & Chui trials	1 to 27 August	Ituri	Provide correct information to the people of Ituri and respond to their concerns. Listeners: General public, estimated at 2 million people	Interviews recorded
Press briefing on the decision regarding interim release of Mr Bemba	14 August	Bunia; Ituri	Inform journalists about the scope of the judges' decision; Request that they become involved in disseminating the decision. Participants: 15 journalists	Attendance sheet
Press briefing	14 August	Kinshasa	Inform journalists about the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II regarding the interim release of Jean-Pierre Bemba. Participants: 30 journalists	Attendance sheet, interviews broadcast, articles published

Meeting and briefing with the radio listeners' clubs	14 August	Mahagi, Zengu, Akonjikani, Jagidhu and Ukadu; Ituri	Inform people in all these villages about the various cases; Show the summaries of the Lubanga trial and the decision on the interim release of Mr Bemba; Monitor the activities of the radio listeners' clubs. Participants: 100 members of radio	Photos, attendance sheet and reports from radio listeners' clubs.
Meeting with the representatives of the women's associations in Mahagi	15 August	Mahagi; Ituri	listeners' clubs General presentation on the ICC (establishment, structure, crimes falling under the jurisdiction of the Court, victims and witnesses, other information about the Court); Videos of various summaries of the trial and the hearings; Question and answer session; Distribution of documents relating to the ICC (Mieux Comprendre la CPI).	Photos and film
Activity with the general public in the village of Akonjikani	15 August	Akonjikani; Ituri	Participants: 72 Inform the public about the participation of victims and answer questions; Show videos of various summaries of the trial and the hearings. Participants: 180 (163 adults and 17 children)	Photos and other images
Information meeting on the interim release of Mr Bemba	15 August	Bunia; Ituri	Inform partners about the judges' decision on the interim release of Mr Bemba. Participants: 35 delegates from human rights NGOs	Attendance sheet
Information meeting on the interim release of Mr Bemba	15 August	Bunia; Ituri	Inform partners about the judges' decision on the interim release of Mr Bemba. Participants: 26 religious leaders	Attendance sheet
Information meeting for neighbourhood leaders and other dignitaries	17 August	Bunia; Ituri	Provide information about the decision regarding the interim release of Mr. Bemba. Participants: 63 neighbourhood leaders and other dignitaries	Attendance sheet and photos taken during the meeting

Meeting with students from the various universities in Aru	18 August	Aru; Ituri	General presentation on the ICC and cases before the Court; Videos of various summaries of the trial and the hearings; Question and answer session; Distribution of documents (<i>Mieux Comprendre la CPI/RDC</i> , Rome Statute). Participants: 80	Attendance sheets, photos and other images
Meeting with Congolese National Police (PNC) in Aru	19 August	Aru; Ituri	General presentation on the ICC and cases before the Court; Videos of various summaries of the trial and the hearings; Question and answer session; Distribution of documents (<i>Mieux Comprendre la CPI/RDC</i> , Rome Statute). Participants: 25	Attendance sheet, photos and other images
Seminar on the ICC for military officers in Bunia	21 and 22 August	Bunia; Ituri	Inform officers about the ICC's mission and role, as well as the various cases before the Court. Participants: 60 officers	Activity report, attendance sheet, photos
Meeting with the general public	25 August	Mungwalu; Ituri	Inform and raise the awareness of the population regarding the ICC's mission; Distribute documents (<i>Mieux Comprendre la CPI/RDC</i> , the Rome Statute, an audio CD translated into the national language); Broadcast information from the local radio station that operates right in the centre of the city. Participants: 130 people (general public, local NGOs, police)	Photos and attendance sheets
Information session with NGOs and organizations within civil society	25 August	Kisangani; Tshopa	Inform participants about cases before the ICC. Participants: 45	Mission report

Information session with officers from the FARDC	26 August	Kisangani; Tshopa	Inform officers about ongoing cases; Explain specific legal concepts in the Rome Statute (criminal responsibility of military commanders, superior orders and prescription of law, legitimate defence); Answer questions. Participants: 55	Mission report
Information	26	Kisangani;	Inform students about the cases	Mission report
session with students	August	Tshopa	before the ICC and answer questions.	-
			Participants: 100	
Seminar on the protection of victims	27 August	Bunia; Ituri	Inform judges about the role of victims at the ICC and answer questions. Participants: 50 judges	Photos
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Information session for provincial deputies	28 August	Kisangani; Tshopa	Inform deputies about the cases before the ICC and answer questions.	Mission report
			Participants: 100	
Information day	28 August	Kinshasa	Strengthen the network in the field; Inform participants about the latest developments in the cases before the ICC; Fight disinformation and encourage participants to adopt a positive attitude toward the ICC. Partner: RODHECIC (a network of NGOs that advocate for human rights and civic education) Participants: 102	Attendance sheet, evaluation forms
Information session with military judges, civilians and lawyers	29 August	Kisangani; Tshopa	Inform participants about cases before the ICC; Explain specific concepts in the Rome Statute, such as the principle of complementarity, etc.; Answer questions. Participants: 100	Mission report