

International Criminal Court

Public Information and Outreach in Uganda Calendar of activities – June 2009

Objective: Increase understanding of the ICC, its mandate and activities in Uganda amongst diverse constituencies.

Activity	Date	Place	Summary	Means of
				Verification
School Outreach	8 June	City High School,	The team held a successful	Quality of
activity		Nakawa division,	interactive session with students	questions raised
		Kampala	and teachers; outreach provided	
			information about the activities	
			of the Court and the question	
			and answer session clarified a	
			lot of misconception about its	
			mandate and operation.	
			It is important to note that this	
			activity marks the first school	
			outreach programme to be	
			conducted in Kampala.	
			A total of 1,300 students,	
			including teachers were reached.	
School Outreach	8 – 16 June	Soroti	As a follow-up to the schools	Feedback from
(Quiz		municipality,	outreach programme that was	the field
competition)		Teso sub region,	launched last year, outreach	
		north eastern	organized quiz competitions in	Number and
		Uganda	five secondary schools within	quality of
			the Soroti district (Light	correct answers
			Secondary school, JERESSAR	provided by
			High school, Community	participants

			Secondary school, Central	
			Secondary school and Soroti	
			secondary school) The objective	
			of the quiz competitions was to	
			encourage pupils to fully	
			understand the mandate of the	
			Court through friendly	
			competitions, thereby enhancing	
			their knowledge in international	
			criminal justice systems.	
			Altogether, a total of 3,950	
			pupils, including teachers	
			attended the activities.	
Media briefing	9 June	Soroti	Outreach provided updates on	Quality of
		Municipality,	the recent developments in the	questions raised
		Teso sub region,	Court, including the voluntary	
		north eastern	appearance of Mr. Bahr Idriss	Monthly
		Uganda	Abu Garda, in response to a	reports.
			summons to appear issued by	-
			the judges of Pre-Trial Chamber.	
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			15 journalists were briefed	
Live radio talk	9 & 12 June	Voice of Teso and	The 3-hour talk shows, which	
shows on Voice		Kyoga Veritus	hosted the outreach team, were	
of Teso and		radio stations,	conducted in English and Ateso	
Kyoga Veritus		Soroti district,	languages (Ateso is the most	
FM radio		Teso sub region;	spoken local language in area).	
stations		north eastern	The informative and interactive	
		Uganda	discussions provided general	
			update on the Court's current	
			activities, including the on going	
			trial of Mr. Thomas Lubanga	
			from the DRC situation; listeners	
			were also informed about the	
			voluntary appearance before the	
			Court, of Mr. Abu Garda, in	
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Bilateral meeting with an official from MONUC and an opinion leader from the Acholi	11 June	PIDS office Kampala	response to a summons to appear. During the phone in session, listeners requested to know the difference between a warrant of arrest and a summons to appear. Estimated listeners reached is 2.5 million people To provide updates about recent outreach activities conducted in northern Uganda	- Monthly report
Bilateral meeting with District Education Officer of Soroti	15 June	District education headquarters, Soroti municipality, Soroti district, northeastern Uganda	To explain the ongoing outreach quiz competition and strengthen support for the initiative. 1 person was met	Feedback from the field Monthly report
Meeting with Uganda Radio Network official	17 June	Kampala city, Kampala district, central Uganda	To access database of journalists/ contributing reporters in order to assess their latest information needs. 1 person was met	Monthly report Enhanced media contact list
Meeting with a representative of the group Public International Law and Policy	19 June	PIDS office, Kampala	The PILPG representative informed the outreach team about the focus of their work in Uganda, which includes providing expert advice to the Government on the content of	- Monthly reports.

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(PILPG)			necessary legislation, as well as	
			the ICC Bill. The Outreach team	
			in turn highlighted its activities	
			over the years, detailing the	
			various groups that have been	
			targeted.	
			Outreach shared its best practice	
			as it relates to identifying	
			different stakeholders for the	
			purposes of conducting	
			workshops/seminars and other	
			outreach activities	
Live television	20 June	WBS TV,	At the request of the programs	Monthly report
interview		Kampala	manager of WBS, the Outreach	
			Coordinator gave an interview	
			that provided a general	
			overview aboout the mandate	
			and activities of the Court.	
			Estimated viewers nationwide	
			is 16 million people (estimates	
			provided by WBS TV)	
Media survey	18 – 30 June	Kampala	In order to support ICC media	Number of
with journalists			services, the office conducted a	forms
			random survey amongst	questionnaires
			journalists and media houses in	completed
			Kampala; an assessment	
			questionnaire designed by PIDS	Monthly
			at The Hague was distributed to	reports
			journalists/media houses in	
			Kampala that report on issues	
			related to the Court. The process	
			would continue with	
			journalists/media houses that	
			are based in the Acholi, Lango,	
			Madi and Teso sub regions.	

			Media houses in Kampala completed so far include: <i>Daily Monitor newspaper, The New Vision</i> , WBS TV, K.FM, Unity FM, Vision Voice FM, <i>Bukedde newspaper</i> , Bukedde FM, Uganda Radio Network and key freelancers.	
Outreach radio	1-30 June	Mega FM (Acholi	The outreach radio partners in	- Monthly
programmes		sub region) Unity	the Acholi, Teso, Lango and	reports from
implemented by		FM (Lango sub	Madi sub regions have	the respective
		region), Voice of	continued to implement	partners
partners		Teso (Teso sub	interactive radio programmes in	
		region) and	their respective localities.	- Audio
		Trans-Nile		recordings of
		Broadcasting	A total of 16 one hourly radio	presentations
		Services (Madi	programmes covering different	
		sub region)	topics on the Court (4 per sub	
			region) have been presented	
			during the month of reporting.	
Outreach SMS	1- 30 June	Kampala	The outreach team launched a	Number of text
project			pilot Short Message Service	messages
			(SMS), giving members of the	received
			public the opportunity to send	
			questions/enquires directly to	
			the Kampala Outreach Unit.	Number of
			Outreach also uses the same	responses to
			channel to update the public on	questions/enqui
			key Court developments	res
			through bulk messages.	
			During the period of reporting,	
			the unit has responded to	
			hundreds of questions, seeking	
			clarification on several issues	
			related to the work of Court.	