



**Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Monthly Activity Report – March 2008**

Overall Objectives:

- Reach segments of previously untargeted populations
- Promote awareness of the Court
- Report to the public on the progress of cases at the Court

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation Tools
Dialogue with representatives from the Bunia Revival Churches	03 March 2008	Bunia, Ituri	Meeting for dialogue with representatives of churches and mosques with a view to creating a programme that seeks to organise ICC outreach days in their respective churches. They have promised to serve in the role of community liaison with their parishioners. Participants: 71 pastors, deacons et other religious representatives.	List of participants
Open Forum with Kimbanguist ¹ youth groups	20 March 2008	Bunia, Ituri	In the framework of outreach meetings with church members, 109 young Kimbanguists received information about the ICC. The objective was to provide accurate information about the Court, improving their understanding of how the Court works and creating youth networks.	Evaluation form List of participants
Open Discussion with Muslim youth groups	27 March 2008	Bunia, Ituri	In the framework of outreach meetings with church members, 23 young Muslims participated in an ICC outreach programme. The	Evaluation form List of participants

¹ Named after Simon Kimbangu, prophet and founder of the church of the same name.

			objective was to provide specific information about the Court, improving their understanding of how the Court operates and creating networks among the young.	
Two information days with police officers	24-25 March 2008	Bunia, Ituri	For two days, we brought together 300 police officers, mostly officers from the judicial police force, aiming to strengthen their knowledge of the ICC. Special emphasis was placed upon crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the ICC and upon general principles of individual criminal responsibility (lack of official immunity before the ICC and responsibility of commanders and other hierarchical superiors). The police officers committed themselves to support the dissemination of information about the ICC, particularly among youth networks, in order to discourage youth from trying to join militia groups still active in the region. This was the first meeting with officers from the Bunia garrison, many of whom fought with militia groups prior to joining the national police force.	Evaluation form List of participants
Day of Outreach in Bogoro	29 March 2008	Bogoro, Ituri	First meeting in Bogoro (25 km from Bunia), with the participation of 112 people, primarily fishers, farmers, teachers, students and customary chiefs. The message focused on general information about the ICC and on the two cases. The public expressed a strong desire to follow developments in the Thomas Lubanga trial. Questions asked concerned victim participation and rebuilding of infrastructure destroyed during the conflict; as	

			well as the fate of other militia leaders in Ituri.	
Day of training for teachers from Aru	31 March 2008	Aru, Ituri	<p>This meeting basically targeted teachers from Aru, who still constitute a respected group of individuals who have the ear of the local population. They were made aware of the Court and of the two ongoing cases. A firm promise was made to spread the information they received as well the desire to expand this type of meeting to other categories of the educational sector.</p> <p>Participants: 118 people</p>	
Radio Okapi broadcast <i>"Institution, c'est facile à comprendre"</i> [The Court: Easy to Understand!]	03-08 March	Radio Okapi Kinshasa	<p>This programme is produced by Radio Okapi, the UN radio station. Time of broadcast: approx. 5 minutes. Broadcast during the first week of every month in 5 versions: French (Monday), Swahili (Tuesday), Tshiluba (Wednesday), Kikongo (Thursday) and Lingala (Friday). Two times per day. This programme aims to explain how the Court works and to respond to listeners' questions.</p> <p>Radio Okapi's broadcasts can be heard throughout the country and reach roughly 25 million people.</p>	Radio broadcast Listener feedback
"Droit et Devoir" [Law and Duty] radio broadcast	10-15 March 08	Radio Okapi Kinshasa	<p>This programme is produced by Radio Okapi, the UN radio station. Time of broadcast: approx. 5 minutes. Broadcast during the second week of every month in 5 versions: French (Monday), Swahili (Tuesday), Tshiluba (Wednesday), Kikongo (Thursday) and Lingala (Friday). This programme aims to explain how the Court works and to respond to listeners' questions.</p>	Radio broadcast Listener feedback

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Information Day on the ICC and Humanitarian Law, organised by the Red Cross	10 March	Kinshasa	At the invitation of the Red Cross of the DRC, we participated in an information meeting on the ICC. 153 first-aid workers who were being trained in humanitarian law also learned about the ICC and the two ongoing Congolese cases.	Evaluation form List of participants
Workshop on the contribution of the media in South Kivu to spreading awareness of the ICC, organised by the <i>Coalition Nationale pour la CPI</i> [National Coalition for the ICC]	28-29 March	Bukavu, South Kivu	At the invitation of the National Coalition for the ICC we participated in a workshop discussing the contribution of the media in South Kivu to spreading awareness of the ICC. Various people who were asked to speak during this workshop were ultimately unable to attend. Initially envisioned to take place over 3 days, the workshop ultimately had just one effective working day. The 35 journalists participating received general information about the Court. They produced "A Provincial Plan" for ICC outreach, involving the production of radio broadcasts (pending approval).	List of participants