



International Criminal Court

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In this situation, three cases are being heard before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; and *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui 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.

Lubanga Dyilo case

Issued by the Trial Chamber I on the 20th January 2010

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 19th January 2010

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 22nd January 2010

Video summaries can be found at our [Youtube channel](#).

Two newly elected ICC judges sworn-in

On 20 January, 2010, two new International Criminal Court (ICC) judges, elected by the Assembly of the State Parties (ASP) in November, 2009, took up judicial office during a swearing-in ceremony held in open court at the ICC, in The Hague.



Judges Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi and Kuniko Ozaki swear an oath during their solemn undertaking as new ICC judges ©ICC-CPI/AP

The new judges, Ms Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi (Argentina) and Ms Kuniko Ozaki (Japan) swore their oaths in the presence of the other ICC judges, including President Sang-Hyun Song. Also in attendance were the Prosecutor, Luis Moreno Ocampo and the Deputy Prosecutor, Fatou Besouda, as well as the Registrar, Silvana Arbia and the Deputy Registrar, Didier Preira. The Vice-President of the ASP, Jorge Lomónaco witnessed the event in accordance with the Court's Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

Judge Fernández de Gurmendi brings to the Court over 20 years of international and humanitarian law as well as extensive practice of human rights issues. Whilst Judge Ozaki, using her vast

experience as an academic lawyer also has specialist knowledge of international criminal law, humanitarian law and human rights law.

Opening the ceremony, President Sang-Hyun Song welcomed those present to the "heart of a fully functioning judicial institution [where] the once nascent concept of individual responsibility for international crimes is made manifest: the Prosecution and the Defence present their evidence; witnesses and victims tell their stories."

The ASP Vice-President, Jorge Lomónaco, reporting on the election of the new judges, underlined that "the requirements set out in the Rome Statute take due regard of an equitable geographical representation and seek to ensure that this Court, and by extension the international community, can count on having judges of the utmost integrity and professionalism, as well as an equally unwavering commitment to the application of the law".

During their solemn undertaking the new judges took the oath to exercise their functions impartially and conscientiously, respecting the confidentiality of investigations and the secrecy of deliberations.



The courtroom during the ceremony ©ICC-CPI/AP

Later the same day, the Court held a closed plenary session during which the new judges were assigned to the judicial divisions.

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, joined the Pre-Trial division, while Judge Kuniko Ozaki was assigned to the Trial division. The judges will decide at a later stage which Pre-Trial and Trial Chamber Judges Fernández de Gurmendi and Ozaki, respectively, will be part of.

The International Criminal Court has a bench of 18 judges who are nationals of States Parties and persons of high moral character, impartiality and integrity with the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointment to the highest judicial office.

- [Programme of the ceremony](#)
- [Solemn Undertaking and the biographical notes of the judges](#)
- [Statement by Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court](#)
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Interacting with communities

Outreach Team trains journalists in Bukavu, South Kivu, in DRC



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As part of the programme launched in August 2009 together with the Canadian NGO *Journalists for Human Rights*, the Outreach Team based in DRC conducted its second joint mission with the NGO to train journalists in the Kivus. During the two-day training session in Bukavu, South Kivu, the Field Outreach Coordinator gave a presentation on the ICC, followed by an expose by two representatives of Journalists for Human Rights. At the end of day one the participants were asked to prepare a feature story, and on day two the stories were discussed and journalistic techniques examined.

Calendar

JANUARY 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25	26 Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui trial resumes	27	28	29	30	31
FEBRUARY 2010						
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Future events: 27 April: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start 31 May – 11 June: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.