



**Public Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Calendar of Activities – March 2010**

**Overall objectives:**

- Show videos of audio-visual programmes produced by PIDS and broadcast radio programmes;
- Publicise judicial proceedings before the Court, and in particular present Thomas Lubanga's line of defence and the ongoing trial of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui;
- Hold classes at university law faculties in Lubumbashi, Bukavu, Goma and Kisangani;
- Strengthen the capabilities of partner NGOs and intermediaries in terms of victim participation;
- Provide information about the decision to postpone the start of Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial;
- Strengthen partnerships with the Lendu and Ngiti communities.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
<b>Media briefing on the decision to postpone the Bemba trial</b>	5 March	Bunia; Ituri	Inform journalists about the decision to postpone the Bemba trial and answer their questions.  <b>20 participants</b>	Meeting report  Questions asked  Radio broadcasts
<b>Outreach session for students from the <i>Institut Panafricain</i> [Pan-African Institute] (part one)</b>	5 March	Bunia; Ituri	Inform students about the latest developments before the Court and answer their questions; give a presentation on the history of the Court. <i>In partnership with the NGO "le Centre Pélican".</i> <b>80 participants</b>	
<b>Outreach session for students from the <i>Institut Panafricain</i> [Pan-African Institute] (part two)</b>	6 March	Bunia; Ituri	Inform students about the latest developments before the Court and answer their questions; give a presentation on the history of the Court. <b>120 participants</b> <i>In partnership with the NGO "le Centre Pélican".</i>	Activity report
<b>Information session for community leaders</b>	10 March	Bankonko, Ituri	Inform the public in Bankonko about the various cases before the Court and answer their questions. <b>56 participants</b>	Attendance sheet  Activity report

<b>Seminar for students at Lubumbashi University</b>	From 9 to 12 March	Lubumbashi, Katanga	<p>Further the knowledge of final-year law students on the subject of international criminal law. Greater in-depth knowledge about the International Criminal Court by Congolese students is justified for several reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of the Rome Statute by the DRC incorporated the International Criminal Court in the Congolese judicial order.</li> <li>- The DRC has undergone several armed conflicts likely to have resulted in the commission of serious crimes; the Congolese courts are required to take cognisance of these crimes. Future judges, prosecutors and lawyers must have the necessary knowledge to enable them to deal with cases of this kind.</li> <li>- Globalisation generates stiff competition from a professional point of view; Congolese students must be able to compete with their counterparts from other universities who receive in-depth training on international criminal justice</li> </ul> <p><b>Participants: 250</b></p>	<p>Attendance sheet</p> <p>Activity report</p> <p>Press release</p>
<b>Seminar for women human rights activists and lawyers</b>	10 March	Kinshasa	<p>Organised under the auspices of International Women's Day, this seminar addressed the following issues in front of more than 90 law professionals and human rights activists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The position of victims of sexual violence in the Rome Statute, in parallel with relevant Congolese law;</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting report</p> <p>Questions asked</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Defence of victims by their legal representatives;</li> <li>- Victims' participation and reparations.</li> </ul> <p>By including this seminar in the chosen theme for women's month: "Equal rights – Equal opportunities: Progress for all", the Outreach Unit in Kinshasa sought to emphasise, in particular by their choice of speakers at this seminar, which included two women, that "full respect for and enforcement of the rights of female staff are core values of the Court and are essential to its progress". Another way of encouraging applications for inclusion on the list of ICC Counsel from those women present.</p> <p><b>90 participants</b></p>	
<b>Weekly media briefing with local journalists</b>	11 March	Bunia; Ituri	<p>Provide journalists with information about the status of the trials before the Court and answer their questions.</p> <p><b>18 participants</b></p>	Attendance sheet
<b>Information session on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga &amp; Ngudjolo Chui trials for members of the CNCA Church in Bunia</b>	12 March	Bunia; Ituri	<p>Inform religious leaders and members of their congregations about the latest developments before the Court and answer their questions.</p> <p><b>89 participants</b></p>	<p>Attendance sheet</p> <p>Questions asked</p> <p>Activity report</p>
<b>Briefing for journalists</b>	12 March	Kinshasa	<p>Inform the media about the decision by the judges to postpone the commencement of the Bemba trial and answer their questions.</p> <p><b>35 participants</b></p>	<p>Attendance sheet</p> <p>Questions asked</p>
<b>Information session on the ICC for higher education establishments in Bunia</b>	13 March	Bunia; Ituri <i>Centre Universitaire de Bunia</i>	<p>Communicate information on the progress of trials to members of higher education establishments in Bunia and answer their questions.</p> <p><b>150 participants</b></p>	<p>Questions asked</p> <p>Activity report</p>

<b>Information session on the ICC for students from the <i>Institut supérieur pédagogique de Bunia</i> [Bunia Teacher Training College]</b>	14 March	Bunia, <i>Institut supérieur pédagogique de Bunia</i> ; Ituri	Communicate information on the progress of trials to members of higher education establishments in Bunia and answer their questions.  <b>Total participants: 200</b>	Questions asked
<b>Information session on the ICC for students from the <i>Institut supérieur de Management</i> [Management Higher Education Institute]</b>	15 March	Bunia, <i>institut supérieur de Management de Bunia</i> ; Ituri	Communicate information on the progress of trials to members of higher education establishments in Bunia and answer their questions.  <b>Total participants: 150</b>	Idem
<b>Conference for students from the <i>Université Protestante du Congo</i> [Protestant University of the Congo]</b>	15 March	Kinshasa	Three topics were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the Court and status of cases before it;</li> <li>- Victim participation in proceedings before the Court;</li> <li>- The specific features of the principle of individual criminal responsibility under the Rome Statute.</li> </ul> <b>350 participants</b>	Meeting report  Questions asked  Radio broadcasts
<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	16 March	Bunia; Gezi and Bankonko districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions.  <b>180 participants</b>	Questions asked  Activity report
<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	17 March	Bunia; Sukisa and Saio districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions. <b>230 participants</b>	Questions asked

<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	18 March	Bunia; Simbiliabo and Lembabo districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions.  <b>180 participants</b>	Questions asked
<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	19 March	Bunia; Salongo and Kindia districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions.  <b>290 participants</b>	Questions asked
<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	20 March	Bunia; Lumumba and Rwambuzi districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions.  <b>280 participants</b>	Questions asked
<b>Information campaign in the twelve Bunia districts on the ICC and the progress of ICC trials</b>	21 March	Bunia; Nyakasanza and Yambi Yaya districts; Ituri	The public in all areas of Bunia were provided with information on the progress of the Lubanga and Katanga & Chui trials, and also on the Bemba case. The team answered questions.  <b>240 participants</b>	Questions asked
<b>Seminar for students from the Catholic University of Bukavu, UCB</b>	From 17 to 20 March	Bukavu; South-Kivu	Further the knowledge of final-year law students on the subject of international criminal law. Greater in-depth knowledge about the International Criminal Court by Congolese students is justified for several reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of the Rome Statute by the DRC incorporated the International Criminal Court in the Congolese judicial order.</li> <li>- The DRC has undergone</li> </ul>	Meeting report  Questions asked  Radio and television broadcasts

			<p>several armed conflicts likely to have resulted in the commission of serious crimes; the Congolese courts are required to take cognisance of these crimes. Future judges, prosecutors and lawyers must have the necessary knowledge to enable them to deal with cases of this kind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Globalisation generates stiff competition from a professional point of view; Congolese students must be able to compete with their counterparts from other universities who receive in-depth training on international criminal justice</li> </ul> <p><b>13 participants</b></p>	
<b>Training session for journalists</b>	17 March	Bukavu; South-Kivu	<p>The Outreach Unit organised a training session for journalists in Bukavu with the aim of furthering their knowledge. The training was conducted in partnership with the Canadian NGO, <i>Journalists for Human Rights</i>. Unit staff gave a detailed presentation on the ICC, during which journalists were brought up to date on all the recent legal developments before the Court. A lively question and answer session on the fundamental principles of the ICC and the cases currently before the Court followed the presentation.</p> <p><b>17 participants</b></p>	<p>Attendance sheet</p> <p>Activity report</p>
<b>Media briefing</b>	18 March	Bunia; Ituri	<p>Provide information on the progress of trials before the Court.</p> <p><b>15 participants</b></p>	Questions asked

<b>Two-day training session on the ICC for human rights activists from Bunia</b>	22 and 23 March	Bunia; Ituri	Information was provided about the latest developments before the Court, as well as on the mechanisms established to promote human rights in the DRC.  <b>50 participants</b>	Questions asked  Activity report
<b>Seminar for students from the faculty of the <i>Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs</i>, Goma</b>	From 22 to 25 March	Goma, North-Kivu	Further the knowledge of final-year law students on the subject of international criminal law. Greater in-depth knowledge about the International Criminal Court by Congolese students is justified for several reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of the Rome Statute by the DRC incorporated the International Criminal Court in the Congolese judicial order.</li> <li>- The DRC has undergone several armed conflicts likely to have resulted in the commission of serious crimes; the Congolese courts are required to take cognisance of these crimes. Future judges, prosecutors and lawyers must have the necessary knowledge to enable them to deal with cases of this kind.</li> <li>- Globalisation generates stiff competition from a professional point of view; Congolese students must be able to compete with their counterparts from other universities who receive in-depth training on international criminal justice</li> </ul> <b>40 participants</b>	Meeting report  Questions asked  Radio broadcasts
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<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	25 March	Tchari; Ituri	<p>Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.</p> <p><b>50 participants</b></p>	Activity report
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	25 March	Rwampara; Ituri	<p>Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.</p> <p><b>50 participants</b></p>	Activity report
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	26 March	Fataki; Ituri	<p>Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.</p> <p><b>150 participants</b></p>	Idem
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	27 March	Mandro; Ituri	<p>Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.</p> <p><b>200 participants</b></p>	Idem



<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	28 March	Drodro; Ituri	Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.  <b>100 participants</b>	Idem
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	29 March	Tchomia; Ituri	Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.  <b>109 participants</b>	Activity report
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	30 March	Kasenyi; Ituri	Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.  <b>110 participants</b>	Idem
<b>Information tour on victims' rights</b>	31 March	Bogoro; Ituri	Inform affected communities about victim participation and reparations before the ICC. Gather the views of communities regarding the type of reparations sought in the Lubanga case.  <b>131 participants</b>	Idem