



Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) ratified the Rome Statute on 11 April 2002. On 3 March 2004, the Government of the DRC referred the situation in its territory to the Court. After a preliminary analysis, the Prosecutor initiated an investigation on 21 June 2004. In this situation, six cases have been brought before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga*; *The Prosecutor v. Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*; and *The Prosecutor v. Sylvestre Mudacumura*. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Bosco Ntaganda are currently in the custody of the ICC. Sylvestre Mudacumura remains at large. The trial in the case *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo* started on 26 January 2009. On 14 March 2012, Trial Chamber I **convicted** Mr Lubanga Dyilo and he was **sentenced** on 10 July 2012 to a total period of 14 years of imprisonment. On 7 August 2012, Trial Chamber I issued a **decision** on the principles and the process to be implemented for reparations to victims in the case. All three decisions are currently subject to appeal. The trial in the case against Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui started on 24 November 2009 and closing statements were heard from 15 to 23 May 2012. On 21 November 2012, Trial Chamber II decided to sever the charges against Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and Germain Katanga. On 18 December 2012, Trial Chamber II acquitted Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui of the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity and ordered his immediate release. On 21 December 2012, Mr Ngudjolo Chui was released from custody. The Office of the Prosecutor has appealed the verdict. The verdict regarding German Katanga will be delivered at a later stage. On 16 December 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges in the case *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. Mr Mbarushimana was released on 23 December 2011. On 22 March 2013, Bosco Ntaganda surrendered himself voluntarily and is now in the ICC's custody. His initial appearance hearing took place before Pre-Trial Chamber II on 26 March 2013. The confirmation of charges hearing in the case is scheduled to start on 10 February 2014.

Decisions and orders

Ntaganda Case

Decision on the "Demande de participation de neuf victimes admises dans le process de M. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo"
Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 26 June 2013

Katanga Case

Décision relative aux requêtes présentées par la Défense dans ses observations 3379 et 3386 des 3 et 17 juin 2013 (+ Dissenting Opinion by Judge Van den Wyngaert and its official French translation)
Issued by Trial Chamber II on 26 June 2013

Situation in the Central African Republic

The situation was referred to the Court by the Government of the Central African Republic in December 2004. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in May 2007. In the only case in this situation, *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, Pre-Trial Chamber II confirmed, on 15 June 2009, two charges of crimes against humanity and three charges of war crimes, and committed the accused to trial before Trial Chamber III. The trial started on 22 November 2010.

Decisions and orders

Bemba Case

Order rescheduling a status conference
Issued by Trial Chamber III on 25 June 2013

Decision on the admission into evidence of items deferred in the Chamber's "Decision on the Prosecution's Application for Admission of Materials into Evidence Pursuant to Article 64(9) of the Rome Statute" (ICC-01/05-01/08-2299) | (+ Partly Dissenting Opinion of Judge Ozaki)
Issued by Trial Chamber III on 27 June 2013

Audio-visual material

'In the Courtroom' audio-visual programme



Weekly summary of the proceedings, 17-21 June 2013 | [French](#)

Situation in Darfur, Sudan

There are four cases in the situation in Darfur, Sudan: *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Muhammad Harun* ("Ahmad Harun") and *Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman* ("Ali Kushayb"); *The Prosecutor v. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir*; *The Prosecutor v. Bahar Idriss Abu Garda*; *The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain and Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus*; and *The Prosecutor v. Abdel Raheem Muhammad Hussein*. Five warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Messrs Harun, Kushayb, Al Bashir and Hussein. The four suspects remain at large. A summons to appear was issued for Mr Abu Garda who appeared voluntarily before the Chamber on 18 May 2009. After the confirmation of charges hearing, in February 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges. Two other summonses to appear were issued against Mr Banda and Mr Jerbo who appeared voluntarily on 17 June 2010; the confirmation of charges hearing took place on 8 December 2010. On 7 March 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber I unanimously decided to confirm the charges of war crimes brought by the ICC Prosecutor against Mr Banda and Mr Jerbo, and committed them to trial. On 16 March 2011, the ICC Presidency constituted Trial Chamber IV and referred the case to it. The trial in the case *The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain and Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus* is scheduled to start on 5 May 2014.

Decisions and orders

Banda and Jerbo Case

Public Redacted Version of the "Third Decision on Article 54(3)(e) documents"

Issued by Trial Chamber IV on 21 June 2013

Order scheduling a status conference

Issued by Trial Chamber IV on 28 June 2013

Relevant Links

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the ICC website: www.icc-cpi.int, where you can also consult the [hearing schedule](#).



Interacting with communities

ICC Registrar concludes first visit to DRC

On Wednesday, 26 June 2013, the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Herman von Hebel concluded a three-day visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where he met with key stakeholders to discuss issues related to the ICC's operations in the country. The ICC has had ongoing investigations and cases in the DRC since 2004. This visit – the Registrar's first, since he took office in April 2013, to a country where the ICC is investigating – will be followed by other travels to strengthen the Court's operations in countries where there are investigations.

From 23 to 26 June 2013, the Registrar met in Kinshasa (DRC) with representatives of local and national authorities, embassies and international organisations, non-governmental organisations, bar associations, and the media. In particular, the Registrar met the Ministers of Justice and Human Rights, Defence, and Interior, as well as with the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Registrar also met with the General Prosecutor of the DRC, a representative of the High Military Court, and the ICC focal point in the Cabinet of the President.

Throughout these meetings, Registrar von Hebel recalled the significant support and cooperation provided by the DRC, and the importance of continued cooperation in all situations before the Court. "Since the ICC does not have its own police force, it heavily relies on cooperation from States, including the DRC", Registrar von Hebel said. "It is only with the substantial cooperation of states that the ICC can succeed in helping to end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes".

The Registrar also noted with interest the ongoing efforts to enhance the Congolese national justice system lead by MONUSCO and the European Union delegation in cooperation with the DRC authorities. Meeting with representatives of civil society, the Registrar insisted on the importance of their work in helping the Court to fulfil its mandate, adding that the Registry would seek to strengthen its partnership in a transparent manner.

When meeting with the staff of the Court's office in Kinshasa, the Registrar stressed the importance of the Court's offices in countries where the ICC is conducting investigations. "Field offices are the face of the ICC", Registrar von Hebel stated. "This visit marks the beginning of a process of strengthening the communication between the Court's headquarters in The Hague and field offices, including in the DRC".

On 27 June, the Registrar is traveling to The Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) for a series of high-level meetings.

The Court's investigation in the DRC was opened on 21 June 2004, following a referral by the DRC Government on 3 March 2004. Six cases stemming from the DRC situation have been brought before relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga*; *The Prosecutor v. Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*; and *The Prosecutor v. Sylvestre Mudacumura*. The Court has opened offices in Kinshasa and Bunia.

[Pictures of the ICC Registrar's visit to the DRC](#)

Events

3rd annual Iberoamerican week of International Justice and Human Rights to open in The Hague on 8 July 2013

Español

On Monday, 8 July 2013, at 09:00, the 3rd annual Iberoamerican Week of International Justice and Human Rights will kick off with an Opening Ceremony at The Hague University's main auditorium, with speeches by Ambassador Tiina Intelmann, President of the Assembly of States Parties, and Mr Herman von Hebel, Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC), among others.

The week of events, organised by the International Criminal Court and the Iberoamerican Institute for Peace, Human Rights and International Justice (IIH), is held annually to bring together students and experts from the Iberoamerican region and practitioners in The Hague. This year's activities are supported by the Embassies of Argentina, Ecuador and Mexico.

From 8 to 12 July, a number of events and activities will take place throughout The Hague to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of international law and human rights. Experts and interested members of the public are welcome to participate. For complete details, see the week-long programme [here](#).

The week's activities will conclude on 12 July 2013 with the final round of the ICC Trial Competition 2013 - Spanish version, starting at 09:30 in Courtroom I of the International Criminal Court. The top three universities from the regional competitions will compete on a fictional case in an open session of Court. The competition is open to the public and will also be webstreamed live on the ICC website (www.icc-cpi.int). ICC Trial Competitions play a critical role in galvanising interest in the Court's work with academic communities and enhancing global respect for international criminal law.

For more information, contact: iccevents@icc-cpi.int or info@iberoamericaninstituteofthehague.org.

ICC holds Seminar for Fostering Cooperation in Nuremberg, Germany



From 17 to 21 June 2013, the International Criminal Court (ICC) held a Seminar for Fostering Cooperation, which took place in Nuremberg, Germany. The Seminar was designed as a platform for high-level discussions on issues relating to cooperation between States and the ICC as well as the role of intergovernmental organisations in that context.

The Seminar commenced with a welcome video message from ICC President Sang-Hyun Song, followed by opening statements by Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, Deputy Registrar Didier Preira, Mr Pascal Hector of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, Judge Ewald Behr Schmidt, Vice-President of the High Court of Nuremberg, and Ms Djeneba Diarra, who spoke on behalf of the African Union. A large number of officials, representing 16 national governments, as well as regional and international organisations, attended the Seminar to discuss matters including the principle of complementarity, strengthening national capacity, the role of victims, as well as witness protection and relocation. The Seminar serves as a platform for participants to share their experiences and challenges in regard to cooperation, as well as to gain in-depth knowledge on practical matters with a view to facilitating future collaboration.

This event was made possible in large part through the support of the European Commission, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie as well as voluntary contributions from the governments of Germany, The Hanns Seidel Foundation and the Municipality of Nuremberg.

Calendar

Judicial developments

- **19 July - 12 August 2013**
Judicial Summer Recess 2013
- **10 September 2013**
Scheduled opening of the trial of *William Samoei Ruto* and *Joshua Arap Sang*
- **12 November 2013**
Scheduled opening of the trial of *Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta*
- **10 February 2014**
Scheduled start of the confirmation of charges hearing in the case against *Bosco Ntaganda*
- **5 May 2014**
Scheduled opening of the trial of *Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain* and *Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus*

View the online [ICC hearing schedule](#)

Forthcoming events

- **8 July 2013**
ASP President Ambassador Tiina Intelmann and ICC Registrar Herman von Hebel to open Ibero-American Week of International Justice and Human Rights (The Hague, Netherlands)
- **8 July 2013**
Official celebration of the International Criminal Justice Day at The Hague Institute for Global Justice (The Hague, Netherlands) with interventions by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights H.E. Navi Pillay, ASP President Ambassador H.E. Tiina Intelmann, Ambassador of Croatia to the Netherlands H.E. Vesela Mrđen Korać, and ICC President Judge Sang-Hyun Song.
- **12 July 2013**
ICC to host Spanish version of the ICC Trial Competition (The Hague, Netherlands)
- **15 July 2013**
ICC President Sang-Hyun Song to give keynote speech at IBA roundtable "Witnesses under threat?" in The Hague (Netherlands). Panellists include Judge Howard Morrison and ICC Registrar Herman von Hebel.
- **17 July 2013**
International Criminal Justice Day

The calendar is subject to last-minute changes.