

AFRICA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The DRC Coalition for the ICC plans to hold discussions with civil society actors about Congolese perceptions of the Rome Statute of the ICC.

Arche d'Alliance, an NGO member of the DRC National Coalition for the ICC, will organize 2 major conferences in the province of South Kivu in eastern DRC. The conferences will take place in Uvira and Baraka respectively, where authorities, political and civil society leaders, and various agents of justice will meet to discuss the role of the ICC in the global fight against impunity and the ICC's impact on and role in building peace in societies. Furthermore, Arche d'Alliance will host radio programs broadcast in local languages to dispel misunderstandings and spread knowledge of the Court among the rural population.

AFEDE, an organization based in South Kivu that supports women and children for the development of an endogenous environment, will participate in activities planned by Arche d'Alliance. AFEDE also plans to organize a meeting with peasants in Fizi territory to discuss the activities of the ICC and its role in promoting peace and human rights by fighting against impunity for serious crimes. The meeting will demonstrate an effort to dispel misunderstandings about the ICC, especially the belief that the Court was created solely to pursue Congolese politicians.

SYCOVI, a group of Congolese NGOs, including members of the DRC Coalition for the ICC, such as **LIPADHO, FOCDP, CADEP, ACADOSHA**, among others – plans to hold a panel discussion for students at the University of Kinshasa. The discussion will focus on the challenges of international justice in the DRC in relation to victims. In addition, there will be a brief presentation on the process of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the ICC, and a reenactment of the Review Conference which was held in Kampala.

Following the disappearance of civil society actors such as Floribet Chebeya (**VSV**), Pascal Kabungulu (**Heritier de la Justice**), Serge Maheshe, and journalist Radio Okapi, **Pax Chrsti Goma** has organized two events to raise awareness on: (1) the merits of the ICC, its mandate, and understanding of DRC's ratification of the Rome Statute; and (2) the jurisdiction and membership of the Court, and reasons to support the institution and to positively understand its work. The target of these events include community

leaders, opinion leaders, students, and political and military authorities. Pax Christi Goma further plans to use independent and public media outlets to broadcast its work (especially through radio shows), post banners, and perform skits or scenarios to further demonstrate its solidarity for international justice.

Mr. Muamba Kalul, a lawyer at the **Court of Appeals in Kinshasa**, plans to hold a marathon for international justice on 17 July, on behalf of certain lawyers in the DRC. The marathon will demonstrate lawyers' commitment to supporting and promoting the activities of the ICC in (and for) the DRC.

UGANDA

The **Northern Uganda Transitional Justice Working Group (NUTJWG)**, in partnership with the **North East Chili Producers Association (NECPA)**, plans to hold a series of activities and celebrations at Alang Primary School in Kole District, which will culminate in a curtain raiser football match between civic leaders, cultural, religious and civil societies, and victims. Following these activities, victims' groups will participate in a final football game on 17 July 2010. Other activities will include the mobilization of leaders to embrace justice, peace and reconciliation, a consultative meeting with stakeholders in Lango sub-region, and the mapping of Transition Justice activities in Uganda. There will be music, dance, and drama to punctuate the events.

On 1 July, 2010, representatives of civil society organizations in Uganda – which included unions of persons with disabilities, women's groups, local leaders, and many more – joined in Soroti to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the entry into force of the Rome Statute. Events included: a march through the main streets of the municipality, a town-hall style meeting with various key note speakers, an ICC moot court demonstration or role model play, and two interactive radio talk shows. *For more information please visit this ICC Press Release at <http://www.icc-cpi.int/menus/icc/press%20and%20media/press%20releases/pr553>.*

COTE D'IVOIRE

The **Cote d'Ivoire National Coalition for the ICC (CI-CPI)** has the pleasure to invite you to its 3rd edition of "Les Grands Debats de la CI CPI pour la Justice," to be held on 17 July 2010 at 9 a.m. at Pullman Hotel (formerly Hotel Sofitel), in Abidjan. The event will include an introduction on the ICC on behalf of Ali

Ouattara, president of CI-CPI, a discussion on Cote d'Ivoire's position on the ICC, and justice as a vector for lasting peace.

SUDAN

Zarga Organization for Rural Development will hold a workshop for human rights activists on July 17 to highlight the plight of civil war victims who have suffered from genocide and rape among other crimes.

BENIN

On 22 July 2010, the **Benin Coalition for the ICC** will be discussing the ICC and the outcomes of the Review Conference during a one hour segment broadcast on national TV stations.

EUROPE

TURKEY

The **Turkish Coalition for the ICC** will organise a meeting (the 3rd one of a series) to introduce the Victims rights manual will take place on 17 July in Ankara titled "Global Justice and Rights of the Victims." The TCICC will issue a PR on that day. It will take place on Saturday July 17, 2010 from 10:00 to 13:00 at the Best Hotel, Ankara. The agenda of the meeting will include:

- 10:00 to 10:30: Presentation of the work of the Turkish Coalition for the International Criminal Court;
- 10:30 to 11:15 Universal Justice for Victims;
- 11:15 to 11:30 Break
- 11:30 - 12 00 Presentation of the Victims' Rights Manual;
- 12:00 to 13:00 The ICC in Turkey: ratification and implementation.

GEORGIA

On Saturday 17 July, the **Georgian Coalition** will issue a press release in Georgian (to be translated in English) to commemorate International Justice Day.

Weekly Regional Newspaper "Kartlis Khma" (The Voice of Khartli) has dedicated to issue to International Justice and the ICC.

There will also be a roundtable with affected communities (targeting two age groups: adults and youngsters from 13-17 who will be addressed separately) titled “Justice after the War: How do people see it?” in Gori (date and time to be confirmed).

On Friday 23 July, Ana Natsvlishvili of the **Georgian Coalition** will conduct a training of journalists organised by **Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)** and **Georgian Human Rights Center (HRIDC)** on how to cover issues related to ICC.

LUXEMBOURG

On 17 July, Amnesty International - Luxembourg will organize an information stand in the Place Piquet in the centre of the city between 9am and 2pm to raise awareness on the importance of IJ and fight against impunity. See: <http://www.amnesty.lu/spip/index.php>.

MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA

JORDAN

The **Sisterhood is Global Institute**, in cooperation with the Jordanian National Coalition for the ICC is organization a celebration to commemorate “International Justice Day and Nelson Mandela Day” on 17 July 2010 at 11am in the Al-Hussein Cultural Center under the patronage of HE Mr. Taher Hikmat in order to shed light on the national and global efforts in establishing justice and promoting human rights and to support the International Criminal Court for the performance of its role in international criminal justice.

EGYPT

On 5 July 2010, the **Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and Legal Profession (ACIJLP)** issued a press release commemorating International Justice Day and celebrating the anniversary of the Rome Statute. ACIJLP called on Arab governments to take effective action to join the ICC and urged the Arab League to urge its members to ratify the Rome Statute. It also called on Arab Coalition for the ICC members to place the ICC at the top of their agendas.

MOROCCO

On 14 July 2010, the **Moroccan Center for Human Rights** (OMDH) sent a letter for the Prime Minister of Morocco commemorating the anniversary of the Rome Statute and calling for Morocco to ratify. The letter followed an training session held on 10-11 July on the ICC organized by OMDH in coordination with the **International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)** and the **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation**. It was attended by members of the Moroccan Coalition and journalists as well and was followed by a screening of “The Reckoning.”

ASIA/PACIFIC

BANGLADESH

On July 17, the **Bangladesh Coalition for the ICC** will have an internal meeting to commemorate International Justice Day and reflect on developments since the adoption of the Rome Statute, twelve years ago. The national coalition will also evaluate the outcomes of the Review Conference.

INDONESIA

In commemoration of International Justice Day, the **Indonesian Coalition for the ICC** carried out a roundtable discussion on the ICC. The Coalition reported its participation in the Review Conference in Kampala, and government officials, including representatives from the Ministry of Law and Human Rights, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Parliament, as well as members of the academia, shared the development of their work, as well as opinions on the ICC. The roundtable also provided an opportunity to come up with a strategy for advocacy to continue pushing for Indonesia’s ratification of the Rome Statute.

The **Indonesian Coalition for the ICC** will offer a screening of The Reckoning in commemoration of International Justice Day.

On 20 July 2010, there will be a book launching for “Jalan Panjang Menuju Ratifikasi ICC di Indonesia”. The book records all the experiences and journey of Indonesian Civil Society’s campaign towards ratification of the Rome Statute in Indonesia, as a basis for reflection and learning process of the Coalition’s work for a better justice and human rights protection in Indonesia.

NEPAL

To mark International Justice Day, the **Nepalese Coalition for the ICC (NCICC)** and the **Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC)** will hold a discussion with political parties and representatives of the international community including diplomatic missions in Nepal. This meeting is planned for 20 July.

On 17 July, **the NCICC** will issue a press release, and **INSEC's** regional offices in five development regions plan to organize demonstrations/sit-in programs to create pressure for the immediate accession to the RS.

On 25 July, to mark the fourth anniversary of the unanimous resolution of the former legislature in Parliament which approved the accession to the RS, the **Nepalese Coalition** will be publishing appeals in national newspapers demanding the immediate implementation of the directives of the former legislature.

AMERICAS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On July 17, Rommel Santos, General Coordinator of the **Dominican Coalition for the ICC** (*Coalición Dominicana de Apoyo a la Corte Penal Internacional*) will offer a TV interview at the program "Visión Ciudadana", where he will share some views on Dominican Republic's role before the ICC. The **Dominican Coalition** will also launch a Press Release to mark International Justice Day.

MEXICO

The **Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos**, a member of the **Mexican Coalition for the ICC**, is organizing, together with the **Human Rights Commission of the Federal District of Mexico**, and the **Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Penales**, a forum to commemorate International Justice Day. The forum titled "Mexico Frente a la Justicia Internacional" (Mexico and International Justice) will be held on July 15 and will include four speakers, among them Hector Carreon on behalf of the Mexican Coalition for the ICC and Humberto Guerrero on behalf of the Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos.

PERU

The **Grupo de Interés en el Estatuto de Roma** in Peru will be issuing a Press Release in commemoration of International Justice Day where they will call on

the Peruvian State to complete the implementation of the Rome Statute within domestic legislation, a process that has been stalled for several years in Congress. Noteworthy, the Press Release refers to one of the pledges made by the Peruvian delegation during Kampala, where the country committed itself to finalizing said implementation process.

USA

On Tuesday July 13th the NYC Bar Association held a panel on International Justice Day and the ICC which included as speakers the Hon. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel H. E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, President of the ICC Assembly of States Parties David Tolbert, President, International Center for Transitional Justice. The speakers offered an overview of the developments of the ICC during its years of operation, as well as the outcomes of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute. The event was sponsored by the Council on International Affairs and Committee on International Human Rights. It was co-sponsored by the **American Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC); Committee on International Criminal Law, ABA Section of International Law;** and the **Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC).**

AMICC has also prepared a document with proposed bullets and talking points for individuals who wish to write an Op-Ed or a Letter to the Editor in their local newspapers, on the subject of International Justice and/or the ICC.

There will also be rally for International Justice in Union Square, NYC which is sponsored by **AMICC, Amnesty International USA, Student World Assembly, Council of American Students in International Negotiations** and the **United Nations Association of the USA.**

AMICC is sponsoring three workshops on “Yoga and Justice” to be celebrated on July 16, 17 and 18.

On July 17, **International Justice Central (IJ Central)**, an outreach initiative of Skylight Pictures) will launch a new section on the site called "Ask the Prosecutor", where Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo will answer questions from the general public concerning the ICC. The Prosecutor will also be posting monthly video updates on the cases and investigations moving their way through the ICC.

ONLINE

On Friday, 16 July 2010, the **Coalition for the ICC** Secretariat will host a LIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION with CICC Convenor, William R Pace, on FRIDAY 16 JULY 2010 from 4 to 5 p.m. CET (10-11 a.m. EST) on the Coalition's blog at <http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/blog>. CICC Convenor William R. Pace will answer questions on the Rome Statute system and reflect on key outcomes of the recent ICC Review Conference. To follow the live discussion, visit the Coalition's blog "In Situ: See Justice through the Eyes of Civil Society", at: <http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/blog>. We kindly invite you to submit your questions during the live event or in advance to: communications@coalitionfortheicc.org.

The **American Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for the ICC (AMICC)** has posted to its website a guide to "Organizing a Celebration for July 17, International Justice Day", available online at <http://www.amicc.org/docs/July17.pdf>.