



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE TO
GIVE FULL EFFECT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPLEMENTARITY IN UGANDA AND
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Thursday 17 July 2014, 8:30am-5pm *in commemoration of International Justice Day,*

Parliament Conference Hall, Parliament of Uganda

I. Objectives

1. To discuss with relevant stakeholders, actors, institutions and experts the steps that need to be taken to give full effect to the *principle of complementarity* in Uganda and the DRC, which regulates the relationship between the primary responsibility of States to put an end to impunity for crimes against humanity and war crimes and the complementary responsibility of the International Criminal Court (ICC);
2. To analyze the legislative tools and the practical policies and means that would be necessary to overcome existing obstacles for
 - a) the adoption of the Ugandan The Transitional Justice policy (TJP) drafted by the Justice, Law and Order sector (JLOs) of the Government of Uganda
 - b) the adoption of relevant measures to attribute jurisdiction to DRC Courts, including the Implementing Legislation of the Rome Statute and measures aimed at setting up Specialized Chambers and mobile courts
 - c) the establishment and operationalization of reparation-programs for the benefit of victims in DRC and Uganda
3. To provide opportunity for Peer to Peer dialogue and strategic debate among Ugandan and DRC MPs, so they can share best practices on comparative implementing legislation, functioning justice systems (including military jurisdictions) and other efforts to put an end to impunity
4. Dialogue between DRC and Uganda as neighboring states on common strategies on how to arrest and surrender to the ICC LRA leaders and other fugitives from international justice, as well as to strengthen cooperation to end the impunity of fugitives from domestic justice
5. Strategic debate on how to address the misperceptions that ending impunity might delay peace and stabilization processes, whereby empirical evidence and common sense dictate that only by ending the impunity of persons bearing the greatest responsibility for atrocities can durable peace and respect for human dignity be attained

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Highlighting of existing obstacles for the Implementation of the TJP in Uganda and concrete measures on how to address and overcome them
2. Highlighting of obstacles for the Implementing legislation of the Rome Statute in the DRC and plan of action on final steps to overcome them
3. Identification of concrete action-points for Parliamentarians to advance the domestic prosecution of international crimes in DRC and Uganda, as well as to provide reparations and redress for victims and survivors

III. Programme

8:30-9:00 AM Arrival and Registration of Members of Parliaments (MPs)

9:00-10:00 am OPENING SESSION

Chair: Hon. Stephen Tashobya, MP Uganda; Executive Board Member, Chair, PGA Uganda National Group; Chair, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee

Welcoming Remarks & Introductions: Hon. Rt. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of Parliament, Republic of Uganda

Keynote Speakers:

Hon. Justice Moses Mukiibi, Head of International Crimes Division (ICD), High Court Uganda

Hon. Dieudonné Upira, MP, *Chair PGA DRC National Group*

Hon. Judge Mike Chibita, Director for Public Prosecutions (DPP) of Uganda

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10.00-11:30am SESSION 1: Complementarity principle in practice: where do we stand? Assessing the existing measures, their implementation and effective (or non-effective) application

Chair: Hon. Mark Pritchard, MP UK, Co-Convenor PGA ILHR Programme

Hon. Dieudonné Upira, MP, *Chair PGA DRC National Group– The DRC experiences, situation and lessons learnt*

Hon. Abdu Katuntu, MP and Shadow Attorney General, *Vice Chair PGA Uganda National Group - Ugandan experiences, situation and lessons learnt*

Interactive Discussion

11:30–11:45AM COFFEE BREAK

11:45-1:00pm SESSION 2: The DRC in focus: Measures towards domesticating the Rome Statute and establishing accountability mechanisms for international crimes”

Co-Chairs: Hon. Crispin Mutumbe, former PGA member and current legal advisor of the Speaker of the National Assembly of the DRC & **Hon. Onyango Kakoba**, MP (Uganda), Chair Committee and Justice and Human Rights, Pan African Parliament

Hon. Boniface Balamage, PGA Member, and author of the law implementing the Rome

Mr. Patrick Tshibuyi, Field Public Information and Outreach Assistant, International Criminal Court (ICC) Outreach Office in Kinshasa

Interactive Discussion

1:00-2:00pm LUNCH BREAK

2.00–3.30pm SESSION 3: Victims’ rights, including Victims’ protection and ways to achieve reparation (compensation, restitution and/or rehabilitation) and to contribute to sustainable peace

Co-Chairs: **Hon. Alice Alaso, MP**, PGA Member

Victim’s Representatives:

1. Odia Moses Ray (Lango Sub-Region)

2. Acan Susan (Acholi Sub-Region)

Hon. Wilson Adirodou Djiri, PGA Member, National Assembly of the DRC

Senator Sebastien Adambu, MP DRC, Chair of the Political, Administrative and Legal Affairs Committee of the Senate

Plenary Interventions and Open Discussion

3.30–3.50pm **Summary of deliberations and action points, drafting of the Press Communiqué –**
Rapporteur Dr. David Donat Cattin

3.50-4.00pm **Concluding Remarks:**

Hon. Stephen Tashobya, MP Uganda; *PGA Executive Board Member and Chair, PGA Uganda National Group;* Chair, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee

5.00–7.00pm **Cocktail Reception for All Participants hosted by the Honorable Madame Speaker Rt. Rebecca Kadaga**

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VISION

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