



FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY :
**Seminar for Parliamentarians on measures to implement the principle of
complementarity between national courts and the ICC**

12-13 June 2013
Banquet Hall
Palais du Peuple

Program of Activities

1st Day – Wednesday 12 June 2013

08:30-9:00 Arrival of participants

9:00-10:45 **Opening of the Seminar**

- **Honorable Dieudonné UPIRA SUNGUMA**, President of PGA DRC Group
- **Jean-Michel DUMOND**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in the DRC
- **Deputy Alain DESTEXHE**, Member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium
- **Honorable KOMBO NKISI**, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-13:00 **Session 1 – Establishment of an effective legal framework for the fight against impunity**

Panel I:

1. **Presentation of the draft law implementing the Rome Statute**

By **Honorable Boniface BALAMAGE, N'KOLO**, MP, Member of PGA and author of the law implementing the Rome Statute

2. The ICC bill and the Mixed Chambers: appropriate framework for the prosecution of serious crimes in the DRC? Expert legal advice.

By Professor **Paul Gaspard NGONDANKOY**, Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Kinshasa and Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat of the Cabinet of the President of the Senate.

Chair: Alain DESTEXHE, MP, member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium

Question and answer session with parliamentarians

13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-16:00 **Session 2 – Allocation of budgetary and human resources to support national investigations, prosecution and adjudication bodies.**

Panel II:

1. Budget allocation: an essential tool for the effectiveness of jurisdictions to prosecute international crimes

By Mr Willy Wenga ILOMBO, Lawyer at Kinshasa Gombe

2. Participation of civil society in the fight against impunity: New Challenges for the prosecution of international crimes in the DRC.

For Ms. Pelagie EBEKA, Program Officer, ICTJ

Chair: Honorable Dieudonné UPIRA SUNGUMA, President of the PGA Group DRC

Question and answer session with parliamentarians

2nd Day – Thursday, 13 June 2013

08:45-10:45 **Session 3 - Implementation of reparation programs for victims**

Panel III:

1. **The rights of victims in the proceedings before the International Criminal Court.**

By **Paul Madidi**, *Spokesperson of the Office of the ICC in Kinshasa.*

2. **Reparation for victims : experiences of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Special Chambers of the Supreme Court of Kosovo**

By **Mr. Armel Luhiriri Byamungu**, *Liaison Officer of the Coalition for the ICC / Francophone countries and Situations*

Chair: Honorable Serge MAYAMBA, MP, Member of PGA/ RDC

Question and answer session with parliamentarians

10:45-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-13:00 **Session 4 - Establishment of programs for the protection of witnesses and victims**

Panel IV:

1. Protection of victims and witnesses in ICC proceedings: analysis of the rules of the Rome Statute.

By **Mr Joseph KETA ORWINYO**, *Legal Representative of Victims before the ICC Lawyer in Kisangani and Kinshasa Gombe.*

2. Protection of victims and witnesses in the case of Thomas Lubanga case.

By **Ms Carine BAPITA**, *Legal Representative of Victims before the ICC Lawyer in Kinshasa Matete.*

Chair: Mr. Jerome NENGOWE, Deputy Coordinator of the League for Peace, Human Rights and Justice (LIPADHOJ)

Question and answer session with parliamentarians

13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-16:00 **Session 5 - Political support for the fight against impunity and the establishment of accountability mechanisms.**

Panel V:

1. The role of Congolese politics in the fight against impunity through the reform of the Congolese judicial system.

By **Professor Garry SAKATA**, *Lawyer*

2. Political will: the necessary tool to build the Rule of Law in the DRC.

By Professor **Honorable Arsene MWAKA**, *Political Scientist*

Chair: Dr. Jok OGA, Doctor in political science and Researcher at the Centre for the Study of international crises and conflicts of the Catholic University of Louvain (Brussels)

Question and answer session with parliamentarians

16:00-17:45 **Closing Session**

Honorable Dieudonné UPIRA, MP

Senator Jean-Pierre LOLA KISANGA, Deputy Rapporteur of the Senate

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