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President Byron and Vice President Khan Re-elected

During the 21st Plenary Session of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda on 8 May 2009 the Judges re-elected Charles Dennis Byron (Saint Kitts and Nevis), President, and Khalida Rachid Khan (Pakistan), Vice-President, for a second term of two years.

Both were re-elected by acclamation in a closed session.

Judge Byron arrived at the Tribunal in June 2004 and is a member of Trial Chamber III. Prior to joining the Tribunal, he served as a judge and later as the Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. He began his career in private practice as a Barrister in 1966. In 2000, Judge Byron was conferred the honour of Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In 2004, he was appointed to be a member of the Privy Council (UK).



Judge Charles Dennis Byron (right) and Judge Khalida Rachid Khan

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Judge Khan has been a judge at the Tribunal since August 2003 and is the presiding Judge of Trial Chamber III. Prior to joining the Tribunal, she served as a judge of the High Court of Peshawar, where she was the first Pakistani woman ever appointed. She began her career as a civil judge

in 1974 and later became the Deputy Secretary in the Law Department of the Government of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan. She was also the first woman to be appointed as Sessions Judge in the Indian subcontinent.



ICTR Judicial Activities

Judicial Calendar

Case	Bench	Prosecution	Defence	Party presenting his/here case
Karemera et al. E. Karemera M. Ngirumpatse J. Nzirorera	Judges Byron (Pres.), Kam, Joensen	D. Webster A. Frankson-Wallace I. Morley S. N'Dow G. Visser S. Ballah-Conteh T. Sendze D. Mbutu	D. Diagne/ F. Sow P. Robinson/ P. Ngimbi C. Hounkpatin/ F. Weyl	Defence for Karemera (continued)
Setako	Judges Møse (Pres.), Egorov, Arrey	I. Ojemeni-Okali, C. Fomenky, S. Mawere	L. Hinds C. Lussia-Berdou	Defence
Ntawukuliyayo	Judges Khan (Pres.), Muthoga, Akay	C. Adeogun-Phillips I. Babajide T. Segoeete N. Ka	M. Diabira D. Le Fraper du Hellen	Prosecution

Work of the Trial Chambers and the Appeals Chamber between 1 and 29 May 2009

1. Trial Chamber I

Ongoing trials

Setako

The Defence case in this trial opened on 4 May 2009. The Chamber heard 24 witnesses before the first segment of the trial concluded on 27 May. The case will resume on 15 June for the final set of Defence witnesses. The testimony phase is expected to conclude at the end of June.

Munyakazi

The Trial started on 22 April 2009 before Judges Arrey (presiding), Rajohnson and Akay. The trial was adjourned on 28 April 2009 to allow the Presiding Judge to sit for the first part of the Defence case in the Setako trial.

On 25 May 2009, the Chamber granted a Prosecution motion to reduce its witness list. On 29 May 2009, pursuant to Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, a deposition of a Prosecution witness will be taken in Kigali. The trial is scheduled to resume on 3 June 2009. The Prosecution will close its case after its last three witnesses have testified.

Cases where judgement delivery is awaited

Renzaho

Deliberations in this case are ongoing. The Chamber will announce the date of judgment in due course.

Nsengimana

Deliberations in this case are ongoing. The Chamber will announce the date of judgment in due course.

Trials to commence within the next months

Gatete

The Defence filed a motion on 22 May alleging defects in the form of the Indictment. TC I as pre-trial bench will be issuing a decision shortly.

2. Trial Chamber II

Ongoing trials

Hategekimana

The first session of the trial of Ildephonse Hategekimana, a commander at the Ngoma Camp in Butare Préfecture, extended from 16 March until 04 May 2009, when the Prosecution closed its case, after calling twenty witnesses. During the month of May, Trial Chamber II issued four oral decisions and one written decision, for a total of 32 decisions since the beginning of the trial. The Chamber is presently drafting a written decision in relation to the Defence Motion for acquittal of all four counts in the Indictment against the Accused.

Trials in Judgement Drafting Phase

Nyiramasuhuko et al. (Butare)

After hearing the oral Closing Arguments from 20 April to 30 April 2009, the Chamber is now involved in judgement drafting.

Military II

Final Closing arguments will be heard on 24, 25, 26 June 2009. Judgement drafting is in progress.

Bizimungu et al.

The Chamber is currently considering pending interlocutory motions and is engaged in the judgement drafting.



Trials to Commence Soon

Kanyarugika

The case was scheduled to commence on 1 June 2009.

On 29 May 2009, the Trial Chamber granted, in part, an urgent Defence Motion for postponement of the scheduled trial date in light of co-counsel's resignation and postponed the commencement of the trial to a later date.

Ngirabatware

The start of the trial in this case was scheduled for 18 May 2009. On 12 May 2009, the Appeals Chamber granted an appeal from the Defence concerning the 18 May 2009 trial date. The Appeals Chamber reversed the 21 April 2009 Decision and remanded the determination of a trial date to the Trial Chamber. Submissions regarding the appropriate trial date have been filed and the Chamber is currently addressing them. The Chamber is also seized of a Defence motion objecting to the pre-trial brief.

3. Trial Chamber III

Ongoing trials

Karemera et al.

Since 1 May, the Chamber has been hearing three witnesses in the defence of the first of the three accused, Edouard Karemera, including the Accused himself. Six decisions have been rendered by the Trial Chamber. The appeal on the severance Decision issued on 3 March 2009 is still pending before the Appeals Chamber. After the end of Mr. Karemera's testimony, the Chamber will have a break in the proceedings which will resume on 22 June 2009 with the beginning of the presentation of his case by Joseph Nzirorera.

Ntawukulilyayo

The Prosecution case was scheduled to commence on 4 May 2009, but following a short adjournment due to amendments to the Indictment, commenced on 6 May 2009. It closed on 26 May 2009. The Chamber heard the evidence of 12 Prosecution witnesses over 12 trial days. During this month, the Chamber issued two decisions, one scheduling order, and one oral warning to the Prosecution. At the close of the Prosecution case, the Chamber held a pre-Defence conference scheduling the filing of, among other things, a pre-Defence brief, in preparation for the Defence case which is scheduled to commence on 14 September 2009.

Trials in Judgement Drafting Phase

Kalimanzira

The Chamber is now in deliberations and judgement writing phase. The judgement delivery is scheduled for 22 June 2009.

Nshogoza

The Defence case closed on 31 March. Closing briefs were filed on 17 April and closing arguments were heard on 29 April. Judgement delivery is expected in the first half of 2009. In May, the Chamber rendered

three decisions, including a decision denying the Defence motion for stay of proceedings due to interference with Defence witnesses.

Trials to commence soon

Muvunyi

The Prosecution case in the retrial has been scheduled from 17 to 19 June. On 20 May 2009, the Appeals Chamber denied Muvunyi's appeal regarding the Trial Chamber's Decision to dismiss his request for provisional release. In May 2009, the Trial Chamber issued various orders in relation to the preparation of the trial and issued warnings against the Senior Trial Attorney in the case for not observance of the Chamber's orders. The Prosecution will present its case from 17 to 19 June 2009.

4. Appeals Chamber

The Appeals Chamber is seized of fourteen matters, including five cases involving appeals from judgement.

In the *Bikindi* case, where the Notices of Appeal were filed on 31 December 2008, the briefing is completed and the case is being prepared for a hearing.

In the *Zigiranyirazo* case, both parties filed notices of appeal in January 2009. The briefing is in progress and the case is being prepared for a hearing.

In the *Nchamihigo* case, the appellant filed his notice of appeal on 6 March 2009, the briefing is in progress, and the case is being prepared for a hearing.

In connection with the *Bagosora et al.* Trial Judgement pronounced on 18 December 2008 and issued in writing on 9 February 2009, the Appeals Chamber decided that Theoneste Bagosora's notice of appeal is to be filed no later than 30 days from the date of the filing of the French translation of the Trial Judgement (expected in December 2009). Aloys Ntabakuze and Anatole Nsengiumva filed their notices of appeal in March 2009.

In the *Rukundo* case, in which the Trial Judgement was rendered on 27 February 2009 and issued in writing on 13 March 2009, the prosecution filed its notice of appeal on 14 April 2009 and the Appeals Chamber granted an extension of time to Emmanuel Rukundo to file his notice of appeal within 30 days of the French translation of the Trial Judgement.

The Appeals Chamber is also seized of three interlocutory appeals: an appeal concerning the continuation of the *Karemera et al.* trial; an appeal from Leonidas Nshogoza concerning sanctions imposed on counsel; and an appeal from Joseph Nzirorera concerning admission of evidence rebutting adjudicated facts.

In addition to these appeals, the Appeals Chamber is seized of a request for review relating to the *Media* case Appeal Judgement, filed by Jean-Bosco Barayagwiza; as well as applications from Georges Rutaganda, Emmanuel Ndindabahizi, Alfred Musema, Eliezer Niyitegeka, and Jean Kamuhanda concerning



post appeal matters.

In the month of May, the Appeals Chamber decided two interlocutory appeals and one appeal concerning provisional release, and issued thirteen pre-appeal orders or decisions.

From the beginning of 2009, the Appeals Chamber has rendered one Judgement, in the *Karera* case, seven decisions on interlocutory appeals, six decisions concerning post appeal matters, and seventy-three preliminary decisions or orders.

To date, the Appeals Chamber has delivered twenty-one Appeal Judgements, concluding the appellate proceedings in respect of twenty-seven persons.

Closing Arguments in 'Butare' Case



I-r Ndayambaje, Kanyabashi, Nyiramasuhuko



I-r Ntahobali, Nsabimana, Nteziyayo

The Prosecution and the Defense on 1 May 2009 concluded their respective cases in the joint trial of six persons charged with Genocide, Crimes against Humanity and Serious Violations of the Geneva Conventions, in what is called "*the Butare case, or Pauline Nyiramasuhuko et al. trial*".

Appearing before Trial Chamber II composed of Judges William Sekule (Tanzania), presiding, Arlette Ramaroson (Madagascar) and Solomy Balungi Bossa (Uganda), the Prosecution called for the conviction and imposition of life imprisonment for the accused while the Defence prayed for their acquittal.

The accused in the trial are Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, former Rwandan Minister for Family and Women Affairs, (the first woman to be indicted by an international criminal tribunal and the only woman to be indicted by the ICTR so far), her son and former leader of the Interahamwe militia, Arsène Shalom Ntahobali; former Governor of Butare, Sylvain Nsabimana; former Commanding Officer of the Military Police and former prefect of Butare, Alphonse Nteziyayo; former Mayor of Ngoma, Joseph Kanyabashi; and former Mayor of Muganza, Elie Ndayambaje.

The Prosecution stated that the defendants committed the killings in a calculated, cold blooded and methodical manner. She added that the Prosecution

had also proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused played a prominent role in the commission of the crimes in Butare, a famous religious and academic centre in Rwanda.

Through the presentation of documentary evidence, and evidence from expert and factual witnesses, the Prosecution said it had proved that the accused caused action, made speeches, used the media, distributed arms and trained militia, in committing the crimes.

Defence lawyers however, called for the acquittal of the accused persons stating that the Prosecution had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt of the charges preferred against them.

Judgement of the case will be made on a date to be announced later. All the accused pleaded not guilty during their initial appearance on 3 September 1997. Hearing of the case began on 12 June 2001.

Trial of Ntawukulilyayo Begins

The trial of Dominique Ntawukulilyayo, the former *sous-préfet* in Butare Prefecture began on 6 May 2009 before Trial Chamber III composed of Judges Khalida Rachid Khan, Presiding, Lee Gacuiga Muthoga and Aydin Akay. Ntawukulilyayo is charged with three counts of genocide, or in the alternative complicity in genocide, and direct and public incitement to commit genocide.



In its opening remarks the Prosecution stated that it was going to present evidence proving that the accused who was in charge of the Communes of Ndora, Muyaga, Kibayi, Muganza, and Nyaruhengeri, planned with others, ordered, instigated, aided and abetted, failed to prevent, and failed to punish genocide in all these Communes.

The Prosecution explained that Ntawukulilyayo committed the crimes with members of the government, influential persons from Butare, civil servants, and officials such as, communal officers, communal police, gendarmes, soldiers, local militia (*Interahamwe*), and ordinary citizens. Three categories of witnesses will prove the prosecution case; participants, observers of aspects of, and the survivors of the crimes.

The Prosecution further stated that these witnesses will testify on the meetings held by and with the accused to plan the genocide, his instructions to officials to stop the escape of refugees to Burundi; his presence and instructions to refugees who assembled at the Gisagara market, that he lured to Kabuye Hill under the pretext of offering them food and protection. He thereafter, also instructed the hunting down like animals and killing of those who escaped death at Kabuye Hill. "He was the merchant of death," it stated.



The Defence will make its opening statement at a later date. pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Ntawukulilyayo was arrested in the French town of Carcassonne in October 2007 on the basis of a warrant issued by the ICTR. He fought his extradition in the French courts but was at the end of the proceedings transferred to the UN Detention Facility in Arusha on 5 June 2008 and on 10 June 2008 he

The Prosecution is led by Senior Trial Attorney, Charles Adeogun-Phillips, assisted by Trial Attorneys Ibukunolu Alao Babajide and Monica Thembile Segoete, and Case Manager, Marie Ndeye Ka, while the Defence is led by Counsel Maroufa Diabira (Mauritania), who is assisted by Dorothee Le Fraper du Hellen, Iain Edwards and Chloé Gaden.

Judicial Decisions of the ICTR from 1 – 31 May 2009

Date	Record Number	Title	Trial Chamber
01/05/2009	ICTR-99-54-0142	NGIRABATWARE - PROSECUTOR'S RESPONSE TO AUGUSTIN NGIRABATWARE'S APPEAL OF THE TRIAL CHAMBER'S DECISION DENYING THE DEFENCE MOTION TO VARY TRIAL DATE OF 18th MAY 2009 (Pusuant to rule 73(C) of the RPE)	AC
01/05/2009	ICTR-05-82-0054/1	NTAWUKULILYAYO - PROSECUTION'S COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS IN THE DECISION ON DEFENCE PRELIMINARY MOTION ALLEGING DEFECTS IN THE INDICTMENT	TC 3
01/05/2009	ICTR-05-82-0054/2	NTAWUKULILYAYO - EXECUTION PAR LE PROCUREUR DES MESURES PRESCRITES DANS LA DECISION RELATIVE A LA REQUETE PRELIMINAIRE DE LA DEFENSE INVOQUANT LES VICES DE L'ACTE D'ACCUSATION	TC 3
04/05/2009	ICTR-00-55B-0133	HATEGEKIMANA - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION TO RECONSIDER TRIAL DATE	TC 2
05/05/2009	ICTR-99-54-0144	NGIRABATWARE - DR. NGIRABATWARE'S REPLY TO THE PROSECUTOR'S RESPONSE TO DR. NGIRABATWARE'S APPEAL OF THE TRIAL CHAMBER'S DECISION DENYING DEFENCE MOTION TO VARY TRIAL DATE OF 18 MAY 2009	AC
05/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3908	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF TC III DENYING THE DISCLOSURE OF A COPY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE'S WRITTEN ASSESSMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE PROSECUTION TEAM	AC
06/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3909	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S 24TH NOTICE OF RULE 66 VIOLATION AND MOTION FOR REMEDIAL AND PUNITIVE MEASURES	TC 3
06/05/2009	ICTR-96-14-0494	NIYITEGEKA - REQUÊTE AUX FINS D'UNE CLARIFICATION SUITE AU DESSAISSEMENT DE LA CHAMBRE D'APPEL DU TPIR DANS SA " DECISION ON FOURTH REQUEST FOR REVIEW " (ARTICLE 19 ET 20 DU STATUT)	Trial Team IV
06/05/2009	ICTR-98-44D-0029	NZABONIMANA - CORRIGENDUM TO DECISION ON PROSECUTOR'S MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE	TC 3
07/05/2009	ICTR-00-56-1072	NDINDILYIMANA ET AL - DECISION ON NZUWONEMEYE'S REQUEST TO FILE A CORRIGENDUM TO HIS CLOSING BRIEF	TC 2
07/05/2009	ICTR-99-54-0145	NGIRABATWARE - DECISION ON PROSECUTION 'S MOTION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR PROSECUTION WITNESSES AND OTHERS	TC 2
11/05/2009	ICTR-05-82-0060	NTAWUKULILYAYO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES	TC 3
11/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3919/1	KAREMERA ET AL - REPLIQUE DE MATTHIEU NGIRUMPATSE A LA REPOSE CONSOLIDEE DU PROCUREUR SUR L'APPEL DE LA "DECISION ON CONTINUATION OF TRIAL" DU 3 MARS 2009	AC
11/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3917	KAREMERA ET AL - REPLY BRIEF: JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S APPEAL FROM DECISION TO SEVER CASE OF MATHIEU NGIRUMPATSE	AC
11/05/2009	ICTR-05-82-0061	NTAWUKULILYAYO - PROSECUTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE DEFENCE MOTION THAT THE AMENDED INDICTMENT DID NOT CONFORM TO THE CHAMBER'S DECISION OF 28 APRIL 2009	TC 3



Date	Record Number	Title	Trial Chamber
11/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3919/2	KAREMERA ET AL - MATHIEU NGIRUMPATSE'S REPLY TO THE PROSECUTOR'S CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL FROM THE "DECISION ON CONTINUATION OF TRIAL" OF 3 MARCH 2009	AC
12/05/2009	ICTR-01-63-0311	NCHAMIHIGO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED THE WORD LIMIT	AC
12/05/2009	ICTR-99-54-0148	NGIRABATWARE - DECISION ON AUGUSTIN NGIRABATWARE'S APPEAL OF DECISIONS DENYING MOTION TO VARY TRIAL DATE	AC
14/05/2009	ICTR-05-86-0113	BAGARAGAZA - DECISION ON MICHEL BAGARAGAZA'S MOTION FOR ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL	Trial Team IV
14/05/2009	ICTR-00-56-1074	NDINDILYIMANA ET AL - REASONS FOR THE CHAMBER'S ORAL RULING OF 17 APRIL 2009 DENYING BIZIMUNGU'S MOTION NOT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROSECUTION'S SUBMISSION REGARDING THE SITE VISIT TO RWANDA	TC 2
14/05/2009	ICTR-01-73-0724	ZIGIRANYIRAZO - APPEAL - DECISION ON PROTAIS ZIGIRANYIRAZO'S MOTION FOR VARIATION OF THE WORD LIMITS	AC
14/05/2009	ICTR-02-78-0155	KANYARUKIGA - DECISION ON THE PROSECUTION MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE (Rules 94 of the RPE)	TC 2
14/05/2009	ICTR-01-73-0726	ZIGIRANYIRAZO - APPEAL - DECISION ON MICHEL BAGARAGAZA'S MOTION FOR ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL	AC
14/05/2009	ICTR-01-73-0725	ZIGIRANYIRAZO - APPEAL - DECISION ON PROSECUTOR'S MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF PROTAIS ZIGIRANYIRAZO'S RESPONDENT'S BRIEF	AC
14/05/2009	ICTR-07-91-0269	NSHOGOZA - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL KAMUHANDA DEFENCE MOTION	TC 3
15/05/2009	ICTR-98-41-2340	[MILITARY I] - BAGOSORA ET AL - DECISION ON ALOYS NTABAKUZE'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO THE 16 APRIL 2009 DECISION	AC
18/05/2009	ICTR-05-82-0064	NTAWUKULILYAYO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION ALLEGING NON COMPLIANCE OF THE AMENDED INDICTMENT WITH THE CHAMBER'S DECISION OF 28 APRIL 2009	TC 3
19/05/2009	ICTR-99-50-2099	BIZIMUNGU ET AL - DECISION ON JEROME BICAMUMPAKA'S SUBMISSIONS FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE CONCERNING WITNESS GKB	Trial Team IV
20/05/2009	ICTR-00-55A-0424	MUVUNYI - DECISION ON APPEAL CONCERNING PROVISIONAL RELEASE	Trial Team IV
20/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3926	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION TO APPEAL DECISION ON 24TH RULE 66 VIOLATION	TC 3
20/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3925	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE OF ADJUDICATED FACTS: BAGOSORA JUDGEMENT	TC 3
20/05/2009	ICTR-97-36A-0100	MUNYAKAZI - DECISION ON PROSECUTOR'S EXTREMELY URGENT MOTION FOR THE DEPOSITION OF WITNESS BWW	TC 1
22/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3927/1	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION ON EDOUARD KAREMERA'S MOTION FOR THE ADMISSION OF AN EXPERT WITNESS	TC 3
22/05/2009	ICTR-98-44-3927/2	KAREMERA ET AL - DECISION SUR LA REQUETE D'EDOUARD KAREMERA AUX FINS D'ACCEPTATION D'UN TEMOIN-EXPERT	TC 3
25/05/2009	ICTR-98-41-2344	[MILITARY I] - BAGOSORA ET AL - DECISION ON PROSECUTION MOTION REGARDING NSENGIYUMVA'S AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED ON 23 APRIL 2009	Appeals Chamber
25/05/2009	ICTR-04-81-0137	SETAKO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION TO VARY ITS WITNESS LIST	TC 1
25/05/2009	ICTR-04-81-0138	SETAKO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF CLOSED SESSION TESTIMONY	TC 1

Date	Record Number	Title	Trial Chamber
25/05/2009	ICTR-97-36A-0104	MUNYAKAZI - DECISION ON PROSECUTOR'S MOTION TO VARY ITS WITNESS LIS	TC 1
28/05/2009	ICTR-04-81-0139	SETAKO - DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR VIDEO-LINK TESTIMONY	TC 1
29/05/2009	ICTR-02-78-0164	GASPARD KANYARUKIGA - DECISION ON THE EXTREMELY URGENT DEFENCE MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE START OF THE TRIAL	TC 2

News from Kigali

• As Tribunal's Mandate Nears Completion

Members of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), in collaboration with the Rwanda Bar Association, met in Kigali for a week-long seminar on International Criminal Law from 11-16 May, 2009.



Roland Adjovi, Vincent Karangwa and other delegates at the opening of the seminar

The workshop which was organized within the framework of cooperation between the ICTR and the government of Rwanda, aimed at the capacity building of the Rwandan judiciary in a move to raise competitiveness on the international scene.

The President of Kigali Bar Association, Vincent Karangwa, who officially opened the seminar, described the meeting as very important for the Rwandan jurists who will have to take over ICTR cases as the latter nears the ends of its mandate. The seminar is part of the Tribunal's completion strategy.

"We hope the seminar will help us to sharpen our lawyers' knowledge on international criminal law," he said, adding that Rwanda has been doing its best to prepare for the arrival of the cases.

"Rwanda is putting more efforts to align our judiciary with international standards and we do not see any other obstacle for the transfer of cases."

In this regard, among the key steps that have been taken include the abolition of the death penalty from Rwanda's legal books and the general improvement of the detention facilities across the country.

Representing the ICTR, Senior Legal Officer Roland Adjovi said the transfer of cases will be decided by a

judicial decision, but was quick to add that such a workshop is meant to increase the capacity of local practitioners in matters of international criminal law, the Arusha cases included.

"International Criminal Law is a field of expertise of the Tribunal, so that is the only thing we can offer to the Rwandan jurists," he said.

Topics to be discussed over the week included Genocide and Crimes against Humanity, Trials before the ICTR, Rights to Legal Assistance and an update on the Completion Strategy.

The first session between ICTR and Rwandan Bar Association was organised in 2007, and the seminars are funded by the European Union.

• ICTR Staff Hold Exhibitions in Rwanda

As part of the implementation process in Rwanda, the DPI in collaboration with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR) conducted exhibitions at four of the five selected locations in the country. The exercise was carried out by the staff members of the Tribunal's Information Centre based in Kigali at the Kigali Health Institute, Karongi Campus, Western Rwanda from 11-13 May 2009, National Unity and Reconciliation Centre at Nkumba, Northern Rwanda from 15-17 May 2009, Busogo Institute of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Northern Rwanda from 18-20 May 2009 and at Gicumbi Polytechnique Institute, Northern Rwanda from 27-29 May 2009.



The theme of the Exhibitions was *"Lessons from Rwanda"*, contained in the United Nations and Prevention of Genocide initiative which is an Information and educational outreach programme run by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI).

The groups consisted mainly of students undertaking



various courses at the Institutes and coffee farmers and the national coffee authority employees from all parts of the country who were attending a peace and reconciliation sensitization programme in Northern Rwanda. These target groups are among the section of the population that is coping with aftermath of the 1994 genocide.

The exhibition consisted of posters the history of the Rwandan genocide, how it was planned, the key players, the role of the United Nations and examples of other similar human catastrophes in other parts of the world.

Another exhibition will be held at Mutobo Re-Integration and Demobilization camp in Northern Rwanda from 2-4 June 2009.

The ICTR documentary, *“Justice today and Peace tomorrow”* was also screened.

News from The Hague

- **External Relations and Inter-Tribunals Cooperation**

New ICTY Registrar Sworn-in

The new ICTY Registrar, Mr. John Hocking, was sworn-in on Tuesday, 19 May 2009 following his appointment to the position effective 15 May 2009 by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon for a term of four years or until the completion of the work of the ICTY, if sooner.



Mr. John Hocking

In his address during the occasion, Mr. Hocking noted that while the Registry is regarded as a *“service provider”* supporting the President and Judges, the Chambers and the Prosecution to ensure the smooth running of proceedings, the Registrar also had his own responsibilities. He stressed that he took his role as a key player in the Tribunal's diplomatic and other external relations *“very seriously”* and added that as the Secretary-General's representative at the ICTY, he would ensure full compliance with the United Nations financial, staffing and other rules and regulations. He emphasized that the Registry is a crucial organ of the

ICTY and *“without it, the ICTY would founder”*.

Mr. Hocking joined the ICTY in 1997 and worked with Chambers until December 2004 when he was appointed Deputy Registrar, a position he occupied until becoming the new ICTY Registrar.

ICTY Launches Manual on Developed Practices

Upon the invitation of Judge Patrick Robinson, ICTY President, Mr. Koffi Kumelio A. Afandé, Head of the ICTR Office in The Hague, represented the ICTR on 28 May 2009 on the occasion of the launch of the ICTY Manual on Developed Practices prepared in conjunction with UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute).



ICTY President Robinson speaking during the launch of the ICTY Manual

During his speech, President Robinson emphasized that the ICTY Manual which is one of the key tools produced as part of the project to preserve the legacy of ICTY *“for those who can benefit from it now and in the future”* will *“no doubt be of most use to other international or hybrid tribunals”* and

have *“relevance for domestic jurisdictions, especially where international crimes are being adjudicated”*. According to Mr. Sandro Calvani, Director of UNICRI, *“Knowledge has no boundaries”* and the ICTY Manual *“is intended to be the cornerstone for the development of a programme aimed at promoting the individual and joint legacies of the International Criminal Tribunals, not only in the countries which are directly affected by the Tribunals' closure, but also in any other countries dealing with similar issues”*.

- **Hearing of witness testimonies by Video-Conference Link**

Following the oral decision rendered on 5 May 2009 by Trial Chamber III, composed of Judges C. M. Byron, President, Gberdao Gustave Kam and Vagn Joensen, the ICTR Office in The Hague coordinated the organisation and coverage of the hearings of two witnesses by video-conference on 12 and 13 May 2009.