

Invitation to Participation at the

Regional Open Source Conference – Central Asia

October 15 – 18, 2011

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is our great pleasure to invite you to our 1st Regional Open Source Conference 2011 (ROSCCA 2011) taking place on October 15 – 18, 2011 in Kabul, Afghanistan. ROSCCA is the leading forum of Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) technologies in Central Asia. Held every year at one of the Central Asian cities, it brings together the most influential business leaders, academics, researchers, experts, policymakers, and government officials to discuss the current state and future of FOSS technologies in the region.

About 500 delegates and speakers from over 15 countries are coming together at ROSCCA 2011 to discuss today's most pressing technology issues at national, regional and international levels. The Regional Forum is led by the prominent professionals from the global ICT community to discuss, debate and consider technology solutions and policy proposals for the future of FOSS in Central Asia.

By participating in this event, you will return home with many new insights, knowledge and experience that you can apply to enhance your works, foster your businesses, and develop your economies. The Conference showcases innovative Open Source tools, applications and technologies that once adopted will transform your daily business operation. It provides the participants with a unique opportunity to network with their peers and share the latest information and practices on Open Source technologies.

You are invited to take part in the ROSCCA 2011 plenary, thematic breakout session, hands-on training workshops, each chaired and led by renowned industry leaders, academics and practitioners and its exciting cultural evening and dinner. The evening will be a fun place, and each participant will be required to come wearing their traditional dresses and volunteering to present their talents. So do not forget to bring your favorite local dress and your country flag. For more information on the Regional Conference Program, please visit our website at www.nictaa.af/roscca2011/agenda.

ROSCCA 2011 is organized by Open Source Afghanistan (OSA) and National ICT Alliance of Afghanistan (NICTAA) in partnership with and support of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) and United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Afghanistan. Among its outcomes are well-informed individuals and institutions on FOSS technologies and their benefits for socio-economic development programs; highly skilled young professional on variety of Open Source platforms; network of FOSS users and professionals, individuals and institutions, in Afghanistan; and regional alliance of FOSS in Central Asia.

ROSCCA 2011 Registration

We are pleased to offer the conference delegates an opportunity to participate free of charge. Delegates can obtain a ROSCCA 2011 ticket by filling in our delegate registration form. We encourage all of you to register now.

Please use the attached form for registration and send it to register@opensource.af and a copy to roscca2011@nictaa.af. The reservation is final when the registration is approved by the conference committee. We will send you a confirmation to finalize your registration.

Don't miss ROSCCA 2011!

ROSCCA 2011 is a milestone event you should not miss. You are invited to build a larger delegation to the Regional Conference. You also have an opportunity to host your own thematic session and or training workshop at ROSCCA 2011. Firms can have their own booth at our FOSS marketplace, the OpenIT Platform. To reserve your OpenIT booth, contact us at OpenIT@opensource.af. For more information please visit our website at www.nictaa.af/roscca2011/OpenIT.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Kabul at ROSCCA 2011!

Sincerely,

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Minister of Communications
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Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi
NESCO Representative to
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