UNITAR SYMPOSIUM ON ICT POLICY ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT

DAY 1

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT:
FREE OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE (FOSS)
Organized in Collaboration with the Intel Corporation and
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Tuesday, 29 August 2006
Conference Room 8, UN Headquarters, New York

MORNING SESSION: INTRODUCTION AND FOSS ROUNDTABLE

9:00 – 9:30 am	**Registration**
9:30 – 9:45 am	**Opening Remarks** *Colleen Thouez, Chief, UNITAR* *Genevieve Feraud, Head, ICT and E-Business, UNCTAD*
9:45 – 11:00 am	**Introduction to FOSS** *Danese Cooper, Open Source Diva, OSI (Open Source Initiative)/Intel* *Richard Stallman, President, FSF (Free Software Foundation)*
11:00 – 1:00 pm	**Roundtable: FOSS – An Information Society Development Paradigm?** **Moderator**: David Pogue, *Technology Columnist, The New York Times* **Participants**:

- Dapo Ladimeji, *Treasurer, Free Open Source Software for Africa (FOSSFA)*
- Kirk Klasson, *Vice President of Strategy, Novell*
- Randy Ramusack, *United Nations Technology Advisor, Microsoft*
- Michael Laing, *Coordinator, UN Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)*
- Dr. Robert Sutor, *Vice President of Standards, IBM*
- Tom Rabon, *Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Red Hat*

1:00 – 3:00 pm	**Lunch Break** – *Computers operating on FOSS: GNU/Linux, Open Office and Firefox will be available for participants to use*

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AFTERNOON SESSION: FOSS: TOPICAL ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT	
3:00 – 3:10 pm	**Opening Remarks** *Genevieve Feraud, Head, ICT and E-Business, UNCTAD*
3:10 – 3:30 pm	**FOSS and the UN System** *Michael Laing, Coordinator, ICT Board, UN ITSD*
3:30 – 3:50 pm	**FOSS and Government** *Carlos Castro, General Director, Government of Extremadura, Spain*
3:50 – 4:10 pm	**FOSS and Human Capacity Building** *Glen McKnight, Director of Operations, Linux Professional Institute (LPI)*
4:10 – 4:30 pm	**Interactive Discussion**
4:30 – 4:50 pm	**FOSS and the Commercial Environment** *Kirk Klasson, Vice President of Strategy, Novell*
4:50 – 5:10 pm	**Proprietary Software and Foss: Interoperability and Integration** *Randy Ramusack, United Nations Technology Advisor, Microsoft*
5:10 – 5:30 pm	**What "Open" Means to You: Innovation, Interoperability, Independence** *Dr. Robert Sutor, Vice President of Standards, IBM*
5:30 – 5:50 pm	**Interactive Discussion**
5:50 – 6:00 pm	**Concluding Remarks / Evaluation** *Amy Weesner, Coordinator, ICT Programme, UNITAR*

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