



AfricaFOSSGIS2010

An OSGeo Africa Local Chapter Event

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Dear Tyler and Members of the OSGeo Board

1) AFOSSGIS2010

We are planning to hold an African FOSSGIS conference in September 2010 at the Monash University Campus, Krugersdorp, South Africa. The aim of the conference will be to foster adoption and spread awareness of the choices FOSSGIS (and by extension the member projects of OSGEO) offer to GIS practitioners in Africa.

There is much to organise and we are hoping to attract delegates from all around the continent. This letter is to ask you to provide your official endorsement of the conference. Having your endorsement will help to legitimise the conference as we proceed on to the difficult aspects such as organising and streamlining visa applications, approach sponsors and so on.

I know you are all busy, so I am including a pro-forma letter below that could be placed onto an OSGeo letter head and signed by a relevant board member.

2) We would like to formalise the formation of the OSGeo-Africa chapter, and would like to ask for guidance on how we can complete this process as soon as possible. I am happy to act as the local contact person for the chapter.

Many thanks in anticipation

Regards

Tim Sutton

Pro Forma Endorsement Letter:

To whom it may concern

OSGeo is an international organisation created to support and build the highest-quality open source geospatial software. Our goal is to encourage the use and collaborative development of community-led projects. The organisation consists of a board of directors, numerous member projects that produce, quality, well maintained software, and a number of local chapters providing local representation of OSGeo around the world.

The OSGeo-Africa local chapter is hosting a conference in September 2010 in collaboration with Monash University, Krugersdorp, South Africa. The aim of the conference is to promote the use of Open Source geospatial software within the African continent. The underlying motivation is to foster innovation and collaboration within Africa within the are of geospatial applications.

The OSGeo board of directors would like to offer our endorsement of this conference and in so doing request that where possible government and non-government organisations provide such assistance as needed in order to facilitate the hosting of a successful conference with the maximum possible benefit to the inhabitants of the African continent.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Very Important Person Put Your Name Here and Sign Above!!!