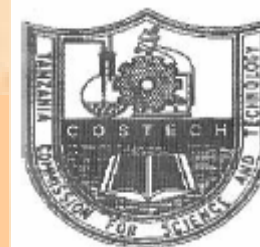# TAFOSSA WORKSHOP
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Tanzania Free and Open Source Software Association TAFOSSA
An Overview

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Agenda

- Background/Introduction
- Vision/Mission
- Accomplished Activities
- Further Presentation and discussion

Introduction

- FOSS is providing ICT Communities worldwide with a valuable tool to address certain aspects of the so called digital divide and social economic development in general

- There is an increasing momentum in Africa and Tanzania in specific for migrating to FOSS & in fact several initiatives/projects are in place

- However to have a significant impact to the country social economic development a broad based association needs to be established, as a platform for coordinating and developing initiatives aimed at nurturing the hitherto spontaneous emergence of FOSS in and around Tanzania Community.

- The TAFOSSA is such broad based association and is a proposed non-profit organization to advocate and promote FOSS for rapidly developing access to, and utilization of, Information and Communication Technologies(ICT) in Tanzania

Introduction…

- The idea was born during the OSS Seminar at UCC 4th February, 2004

- First brainstorming session to further the idea was done at COSTECH 10th march, 2004 where the Interim Secretariat were put in place

- This was followed by the full day workshop on 31st march, 2004 at Protea Apartments that defined the direction of TAFOSSA

- Several meetings/works followed and now we have draft constitution and Draft Roadmap in place and have been brought for discussion/validation in this workshop

- Parallel to this several activities have been done under umbrella of TAFOSSA

Accomplished Activities

- **Various Training seminars at DIT, ADEM and UCC**

- **Distribution of Free and Open Source Software(FOSS) at DIT, ADEM and UCC**

- **Development and updating of TAFOSSA Website and mailing Open Source Mailing list(www.tafossa.or.tz)**

- **Mobilizing support/Collaborations**

- **Promotion of TAFOSSA**

- **Preparation of the documentation for launching TAFOSSA Legally**

TAFOSSA's Interim Secretariat

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- Mr. Atanas Cosmas*(Secretary)* – UCC
- Mr. Ali A. Kalufya – COSTECH
- Mr. David Sawe – President's office Public Service Management
- Mr. Jacob Mtui –UDSM
- Mr. Simbo Ntiro – Private Sector
- Mr. Rafih Sarehe – Tanzania Development Gateway
- Mr. William Sangiwa -- Private Sector
- Dr. Hashim Twaakyondo--UDSM

Vision

Tanzania in which people have free (cost effective) access to software tools and opportunities to improve their capacity to utilize them to reduce poverty and improve livelihood on terms set forth by the National Vision 2025 and reiterated in the National ICT Policy.

Mission

.**Establish a sustainable network of partners institutions combining concerted efforts and resources available within Tanzanian community, and possible from external development partners, towards prolific availability, formidable support and high quality training of free and open source software.**

Further presentation and discussion

- *TAFOSSA Road Map*
  - *Main Areas for TAFOSSA leadership*
  - *Challenges for TAFOSSA to address*
  - *TAFOSSA Strategies*
  - Etc
- TAFOSSA Constitution
  - Legal establishment of TAFOSSA

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Thank you for listening

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