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# IDLELO 6 CALL FOR PAPERS

The **2014 Idlelo 6** Planning Committee is now accepting proposals for papers and presentations for the **IDLELO 6 Conference**. The Conference will be held in Strathmore University, Nairobi Kenya from the **24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014**.

The theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> IDLELO conference is **FOSS for Development**. Papers and abstracts can be submitted for the theme “**FOSS for Development**” under the following topics:

1. Open Innovation
  - a. Open Government
  - b. Open Development
  - c. Open Data
  - d. Open Leadership
  - e. Open Standards/Open Hardware
2. FOSS Technologies
  - a. Open Education Resources
  - b. FOSS for Education
  - c. Security of FOSS
  - d. Interoperability
  - e. FOSS for SMEs
  - f. FOSS for entertainment
  - g. FOSS and Intellectual Property
  - h. FOSS in the public sector
3. Foss and Entrepreneurship
  - a. Business Innovation

Sessions usually consist of three thirty-minute presentations, and proposals should be geared to that length. A different format for some sessions may be chosen by the Planning Committee after the proposals have been reviewed. Session organizers may wish to propose different formats for their sessions, subject to Planning Committee approval.



The Planning Committee seeks innovative proposals and sessions and hope to see cross-disciplinary participation wherever possible. For both the commissioned and the open sessions, we are looking for the broadest possible range of proposals of topics within and across all the disciplines.

**Selection procedure:** Papers and Presentations will be evaluated for promise of quality and significance of topic. Session organizers make an initial selection of papers and submit a plan to the Planning Committee, which makes final decisions by 24th February 2013. Notification of acceptance or rejection will take place shortly thereafter.

The proposal must have two parts: (1) a cover sheet containing the proposer's name, professional status, postal address, home and office telephone numbers, e-mail address, and paper title; (2) a second sheet containing the proposer's name, session for which the paper should be considered, paper title, 250-word abstract, and audio-visual equipment requirements. If the proposer will be at a different address when decisions are announced in March, that address should be included.

#### KEY DATES

The deadlines for submissions are as follows:

- Abstract ( Maximum 500 words): 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Papers: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Final papers: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Submissions must be sent to: [papers@idlelo.net](mailto:papers@idlelo.net)**

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#### ABOUT IDLELO

IDLELO is a Southern Africa word meaning "**Common Grazing Ground**". Idlelo captures the essence of FOSSFA's existence as well as the fundamental objective of the conference. The Conference is a forum for inclusive deliberations, assessments, strategies, and implementation of ICT policy, innovation, and trends. Idlelo, over the past four editions, has proved its necessity and has established beyond doubts that it is the one African event for FOSS practitioners, developers and advocates as well as governments to showcase results, share experiences, exchange challenges, review progress on the continent in diverse domains and chart a way forward for the following years.



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The primary goal of IDLELO 6 is to increase the awareness, integration and adoption of free and open source software (FOSS) in Africa within the IDLELO 6 theme (FOSS FOR DEVELOPMENT) emphasizing how such Free and Open Source solutions are being (can be) used to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. Whether we work as individuals or with a multilateral or bilateral donor, an international corporation, consultancy or nonprofit group, we should all be contributing toward an unprecedented worldwide effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

More information about the conference can be found at [www.idlelo.net](http://www.idlelo.net)