



# Software Freedom Day

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## The TAFOSSA Roadmap

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# Open Source & the Tz ICT Policy

- Not under a specific header but accommodated in priority areas
- Acknowledged as being “on the lower side” in the country
- Highlighted as a challenge for promoting local ICT industry, so includes commitments among others to:
  - *Promote flexible standard information processing methods and facilities*
  - *Foster the growth and technological sophistication of ICT industry to support the extensive and innovative application of ICT, and the export of competitive ICT products and services*
  - *ICT deployment is to be especially inclusive*
  - *All productive sectors to incorporate ICT in their development plans*
  - *Make ICT related goods and services affordable and accessible to more citizens.*

# Introducing TAFOSSA

## TANZANIA FREE & OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION

- a non-profit organisation to advocate + promote Free & Open Source Software (FOSS) for rapidly developing access to, and utilisation of, ICT in Tz ([www.tafossa.or.tz](http://www.tafossa.or.tz))
- will be Tanzania's link into *FOSS Foundation for Africa* ([www.fossfa.net](http://www.fossfa.net)) alongside other African countries
- to provide a platform for initiatives aimed at nurturing the hitherto spontaneous emergence of FOSS in and around Tz's ICT community within country and around the world
- assist Tz to recover pace that was lost due to "Prohibition of the Importation of Computers" Ordinance (1974-1993).

# TAFOSSA – Vision & Mission

## **THE VISION:**

A Tanzania in which people have free 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.

## **THE MISSION:**

Establish a sustainable network of partner institutions combining resources, available within the Tanzanian community, and possibly from external development partners, towards prolific availability, formidable support and high quality training of Free & Open Source Software.

# TAFOSSA – Areas of Leadership

- 3.1 Promoting FOSS for affordable access, choice and empowerment
- 3.2 Build local ICT skills, capacity and content through the use of FOSS
- 3.3 Quantify & enhance the economic benefits offered by FOSS
- 3.4 Develop & support the community of local FOSS users
- 3.5 Foster the development of a Tanzanian FOSS community

# TAFOSSA – Challenges to be faced

4.1 Lack of Awareness

4.2 Position of Govt and Sensitising of Political Will

4.3 Lack of Local Support Capacity

4.4 Increasing the pace of change

4.5 Sustainability of TAFOSSA

# TAFOSSA – Proposed Strategies

- 5.1 Creating Awareness of FOSS
- 5.2 Promoting the Awareness of FOSS
- 5.3 Capacity Building and Promoting the Use of FOSS
- 5.4 Development and Support
- 5.5 FOSS Community Development
- 5.6 Sustainability of TAFOSSA

# TAFOSSA – Organisation

- 6.1 Management Board
- 6.2 Strategic Advisory Panel
- 6.3 Secretariat
- 6.4 Anticipated Sources of Income
- 6.5 Anticipated Expenditures
- 6.6 Corporate Logo



# TAFOSSA – Next Steps

- Revise this Roadmap, the TAFOSSA Constitution, Budget and WorkPlan 2005 following Steering Committee's deliberations and eventual instructions
- Finalise then broadcast [www.tafossa.or.tz](http://www.tafossa.or.tz) and act on feedback
- Finalise Work Plan 2005 and Budget into a detailed Activity Plan
- Table detailed Activity Plan to the Steering Committee
- Begin to engage potential partners for their support
- Register the Association
- Launch the Association in a public event with stakeholders
- Operationalise the Association
- Have a membership drive
- Convene the first AGM
- Sustain, support and promote relevant ongoing FOSS projects

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION!**

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