

**UNESCO - Government of Kerala International Conference on
Public Sector Software and OSS calling it OSS can create controversy - let
us use the term FOSS which is accepted by both free software and open
source people in Education or we can say "Conference on
Public Sector Software with focus on public education"
May 27- 29 Kochi 2010**

The UNESCO - Government of Kerala International conference on Public Sector software is being held from 27 to 29 April 2010, at Kochi, Kerala, India. Building on the draft '**Guiding principles for policy on software for the public sector**' discussed in Bangalore¹, the conference will encourage practitioners and policy makers to take this discussion forward to finalise the draft. This would be a key step in rejuvenating, strengthening and reforming the public sector, so that it may fulfil its mandate to society.

Agenda:

26 May 2010 Arrival of Participants	
15:00 hrs	Arrival in Kochi
19:30 hrs	Registration & Network dinner
27 May 2010 Day one: Field Visit	
09:00 -09:10	Brief about the visits to the field and allocation of group coordinators
09:00-	Leave for field visit
10:00	Reach field venue
10:00 -12:00	Interaction and field discussions
12:00	Leave field venue
13:00	Reach Riviera suites (accommodation venue)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
15:30 - 17:30	River cruise
18:00 -19:30	Debrief of the visit by the field trip coordinators Moderator - James Verghese, Secretary, Govt. Of Kerala (GOK)
19:30 - 20:30	Network dinner at Le Meridian

28 May 2010 Day Two	
09:00 -09:30	Opening remarks and setting of the day's agenda. Mr. Indrajit Banerjee, - Chief of Section for ICT, Information Society Division, UNESCO Paris MC: Rajen Varada, Moderator and resource person, UN solution

1 South India regional workshop in Bangalore on February 1 and 2, 2010, which was coorganized by UNESCO, e-Governance Department, Department of Public Instruction and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (Government of Karnataka), Karnataka Jnana Aayoga (Karnataka Knowledge Commission) and IT for Change

	exchange, ICT Community		
09:30 -10:00	Session one: Public Sector Software: Presentation of the Draft "Guidelines in public sector software" developed in the Bangalore, Report of the South India Regional Workshop at Bangalore and brief on the expected outcomes of the day's agenda. - Mr. Gurumurthy Kasinathan, Director ITFC		
10:00 -11:00	Plenary session: Formal inaugural of the conference Welcome address Mr. Md Hanish, IAS, Director Education Chair persons address: Shri Parusuramen Armoogam, Director UNESCO Chief Guest address: Shri M.A. Baby, Minister of Education, GOK.		
11:00 -11:15	Tea break		
Break away work groups on finalisation of the "Guiding principles for public sector software." 11:15-13:00			
Work Group A Moderator :Ms. Piush Antony, Social policy officer, Unicef Ownership and sharing (nature of social contract)	Work Group B Moderator: Shri. Vikas Kanungo, Society for promotion of e-governance - Ensuring highest public interest and realization of citizen's right (purpose)	Work Group C Moderator : Shri. Narendra Core technology issues (methods)	Work Group D Moderator: Naimur Rahman Software development (process)
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30-14:45	Submission of the four group's reports for finalisation of the 'Guiding Principles for Public Sector software' document.		
14:45 -16:45	Public Sector Policies & initiatives - Discussion on GOI policy on public software standards and subsequent amendments. Final comments for way forward on the guiding principles. Chair: Prakash Kumar, Director, CISCO		
Group Discussion and recommendations: Mr.Ajay Kumar, IT sec Kerala & Mr. Santosh Babu, MD, Elcot, Dr. Prem Saran, IAS, Commissioner, Information Technology, Govt. of Assam, Mr. Naimur Rahman, Director, One World South Asia, Mr.Md Hanish,IAS, Dr. Amita Singh, JNU, Satish Babu			
16:45-17:30	Experiences on Open Source in Perspectives in South Asia Moderator: Dr. Amita Singh, JNU Mr. G M Niel Gunadasa, Director of ICT Education, Sri Lanka Shri. Venkatesh Hariharan [Knowledge Commons]- International cases studies		

18:00-	Dinner at Le Meridian
29 May 2010 Day Three	
09:00 - 09:10	Report of the previous day's outcomes - Mr. Gurumurthy Kasinathan, Dir, ITFC
9.30 - 9:45	Release of educational resource material (english), using FOSS tools, Shri. M.A. Baby, or Chief Minister of Kerala.
9:45-10:00	Presentation of the educational resource material by Shri. Md Hanish, IAS, Director, Dept of Education, GoK.
10:00- 10:30	Group discussion and feedback on the open source educational material. We may not have time/space to do a discussion imm after its release, unless we ask the District coordinators to comment on the material - uses/advantages etc. If we drop this, we can bring in day 2 session of Amita Singh since i think we wont have time on day 2 for it Moderator: Mr.G.M.Niel Gunadasa, Director of Education, Information & Communication Technology Branch, Panel members:
10:30- 10:45	Tea
10:45 - 11:45	
10:45-11:00	Free and Open Source Software in Education Chair: Davide Storti, Communication and Information Sector UNESCO Overview about ICT enabled Learning & brief of the intended Outcomes of the initiatives.
11:10-11:20	The Kerala model - Public Software in schools, local language computing initiative
11:20-11:30	ICT Enabled Mathematics teaching using Geogebra software Free Software Tools for school education
11:30-11:40	ICT Enabled Softwares for learning Physical Science
11:40-11:50	Softwares for Lesson planning and Evaluation
11:50-12:00	Multi Media Softwares for Content Creation and documentation
12:00-12:10	ICT Enabled Geography teaching using Softwares like SunClock, Marble, K Geography, Xrmap, Kstars
12:00-12:15	Questions & group discussions
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Public sector software centre website launch - Adopting the guiding principles for PSSA - Smt. Iskra Panveska, Advisor for Communication and Information for South Asia, UNESCO
14:00-14:15	Closing Remarks and way forward Mr. Md Hanish, IAS, Director Education, Govt. of Kerala(GOK)
14:15-14:30	Vote of Thanks - Shri. Anvar Sadath, Director, IT@school, Kerala