

From 8-15 January, Kalangala Island hosted Africa Source II - an event that was Africa's premier Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) specialized hands on skills development event focused on the Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector. Bringing together over 120 NGO support professionals, staff and software experts, the participants examined how information technologies and FOSS can strategically impact and build civil society organizations on the continent.

Following this event, Linux Chix Africa- Uganda chapter was born, is now in existence and is seeking membership from women in Uganda. The targeted audience is decision makers, end users as well as women computer technicians. The primary focus of Linux Chix Africa- Uganda chapter will be FOSS and women in Uganda. The chapter seeks to advocate for the use of FOSS by women at all levels i.e. both the urban and the rural woman.

Anna Badimo and Dorcus Muthoni founded Linux Chix Africa in 2004 following the FOSS for women workshop in the SADC region hosted by Women'sNet South Africa.

The mission and vision of Linux Chix Africa is to be a voice of the African woman in the area of FOSS and the mission is to empower and position the African woman within the FOSS movement.

The objectives are to

1. Contribute towards building technical linux skills among African women
2. Advocate for the use of FOSS in development with a focus on the potential contribution of FOSS for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
3. Build a network of partners with similar and complimentary interests
4. Participate in forums that are relevant to and are relevant to linux Chix Africa

With this call for membership, we hope to identify women that would be interested in being a part of linux Chix Africa- Uganda Chapter. In this regard, we do appreciate receiving contact information by Wednesday 8th February 2006.

A meeting for Linux Chix Africa- Uganda Chapter will be held on Friday 10th February 2006 at the I-Network Board Room beginning at 3:00pm. More on the vision, mission and planned activities will be shared during the meeting.

For more information about Linux Chix Africa, visit:

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