



# FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE CONFERENCE



## FOSSC-Oman

SQU-ITA, MUSCAT, OMAN  
14-15 FEBRUARY, 2017

### FOSS DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES & PRACTICES



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#### INTRODUCTION and GOAL

The **FOSSC-Oman'2017** Conference will be jointly organized by the Communication and Information Research Center at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) and the Information Technology Authority (ITA), on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) to support the National Initiative on this theme. It will be for two days and aims to promoting awareness and disseminating the use and development of FOSS for professionals, staff, students, and the community in Oman. The FOSSC-Oman'2017 event will be an opportunity to discover, discuss, and exchange ideas on FOSS in Oman and beyond. The event will also provide the opportunity to network different groups of FOSS users, benefit from insightful lectures delivered at the conference, and share mutual experiences and discuss potential implementations of FOSS. The goal of this is to bring FOSS to Oman.

The organizing committee is inviting all who have passion, students, educators and experts from companies, public and private organizations to share their successes in the vast array of free FOSS that is transforming information and communication technology across the globe.

#### MAIN TOPICS

The range of targeted topics is very broad, but priority is given to subjects on real world applications in home, education, research and business. Based on this, the program committee is inviting proposals for paper presentations, demonstrations and poster contributions on any topic relevant to FOSS. These include but not limited to the following:

##### Migration and Adoption:

Migration to FOSS, licensing and legal issues, and innovations.

##### Public Sector:

FOSS in government and public sectors such as health, transport, and education.

##### Safety and Security:

Risks and solutions using FOSS.

##### Business and Marketing:

Local FOSS projects, products and support, challenges and opportunities.

##### Best practices:

Existing expertise and future demands of FOSS projects and products.

##### Knowledge and Education:

Creation, sharing and transferring knowledge, materials and tools.

##### Applications and Algorithms:

FOSS applications and algorithms (from consumer to enterprise).

##### Hardware and Platforms:

IoT, embedded, mobile, high performance open platforms.

##### Infrastructure and Cloud:

FOSS hardware and software architectures, networks and storage.

##### Collaborations and communities:

Leadership and collaborations in FOSS projects.

##### Localization:

Language and regional support in open source software.

#### TARGETED AUDIENCE

ICT directors and professionals, ICT companies and anyone interested in Free and Open Source Software.

#### LOCATION

Conference Hall,  
Sultan Qaboos University  
Al-Khoud,  
Muscat,  
Sultanate of Oman

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission deadline: **Oct. 31, 2016.**  
Notification of acceptance: **Nov. 30, 2016.**

#### REGISTRATION

Registration Opening: **Dec. 04, 2016**  
Registration Closing: **Jan. 26, 2017**

#### INFORMATION

Any comments or requests should be submitted:  
[circ@squ.edu.om](mailto:circ@squ.edu.om)

#### SUBMISSIONS

Submission should include the following details:

- Name, title, work address, email and phone number,
- Short biography of the main contributor (including qualification, occupation, achievement and affiliations about 100 words).
- Summary or abstract of the contribution up to 200 words.
- Electronic copy of contribution / paper

#### INVITED SPEAKERS

A Number of distinguished keynote speakers will be invited to the event and present talks on FOSS Research, Development, applications, economic opportunities and others.

#### PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

In parallel with the conference event, an exhibition and a workshop will be organized on a number of specialized subjects for FOSS developers and end-users.

Also an exhibition of FOSS products developed in Oman will be presented.



FOSS Other sponsors will be added.

Submission Instructions: Submission of papers to be done electronically via (e-mail) to [circ@squ.edu.om](mailto:circ@squ.edu.om) ... ..

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