it@foss – A Case Study of Private Sector Development through Capacity-Building in ICTs in Southeast Asia

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InWEnt: Who we are

A not-for-profit Corporation of the Federal Government of Germany, the German States and German Business and Industry

Our mandate:

International human resource development and organizational development in international cooperation
Our development objective:

- Promoting peoples international problem-solving and action competence
- Fostering social and ecological responsibility
- Systematically organizing access to knowledge as a strategic development
Capacity Building: Target groups

InWEnt’s range of activities is aimed at specialist and management staff, as well as decision makers from business, politics, administration and civil society.

InWEnt works in equal measure with partners in developing, transition and industrialised countries.

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Capacity Building: Competence

Our services equip decision-makers with the methodological tools they need to initiate and implement development processes efficiently and effectively.
InWEnt’s sectors

- Good Governance and Reform Processes
- Peace and Security
- Social Development
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Sustainable Business Development
- Foreign Trade and International Relations
- Regional Development and Urbanization
- Development Education
it@foss, it@coops, it@ab, ict@innovation - our main projects in Africa, Asia & the Middle East

**it@foss** Free and open source software in Southeast Asia – promoting the use of free and open source software for development in fields such as business development and e-governance.

**it@coops** Information Technology for Southeast Asian cooperatives – providing poverty-oriented cooperatives with ICT skills and stimulating virtual cooperation.

**it@ab** Southern African Network on “Information Technology in African Business” – supporting SMEs, IT training institutions and universities in the field of ICT training, e-business development and regional cooperation.

**ict@innovation** - providing access to knowledge and local innovation for businesses, educational institutions & administrations (planned for 2008ff in Asia, Africa, Middle East / input welcome at ict@inwent.org)

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it@foss - Promoting Free and Open Source Software for Development in Southeast Asia

Business Development – Innovation – Poverty Reduction
The it@foss Project

- it@foss is a 4 years-project of InWEnt for the BMZ
- it@foss supports the development and application of local innovative software solutions and business models based on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)
- it@foss targets the following countries within the ASEAN region: Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam
- it@foss contributes to sustainable economic development within the region
Some components of it@foss

- Regional: Dialogue events for FOSS developers and SMEs like asia-wide "Asia Source II" (Indonesia, Jan 07), FOSS@work (Philippines, Nov 06), CosGOv (Vietnam 05)

- Regional and national 'Train the Trainers' courses in FOSS certification

- Vietnam: FOSS Bridge EU Vietnam - boost co-operation with Europe through innovative collaboration on FOSS for FOSS companies

- Cambodia: FOSS Training in Khmer

- Indonesia: Training on Free/Open Source Software-based Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Management

- Regional: OSHCA-InWEnt-IOSN Developer's Training in the context of the Open Source Health Care Alliance (OSHCA)
How it@foss contributes to private sector development - the example of FOSS-Bridge EU-Vietnam 2007 - 2008

- Goal: Strengthen Southeast Asian software industries and boost cooperation with Europe through innovative collaboration on free and open source software (FOSS) and business development.

- Training for selected IT-SMEs through twinning between Europe and Asia. Status: more than 70 applications

- Capacity Building for small and mediums-sized IT-enterprises (SMEs) and associations in Vietnam on technical regulations

- Building networks of key players of free and open source software (FOSS): → www.foss-bridge.org
How it@foss contributes to empowerment - the example of it@foss in Cambodia

- localication in Khmer & training =>
- economic & social empowerment & cultural diversity through
- affordable software in local language
Why use FOSS for development cooperation?

For our partner countries, FOSS is:

- Legality
- Low Cost
- Adaptability + Localization
- Local Economic Development
- Employment Opportunities
- Independence
- Cultural diversity
- Improved Governance & Administration
- Access to International Learning Networks

For our cooperation, FOSS is:

- Partnership-based cooperation
- Adapted as far as possible to local conditions and tailored to local needs
- Cooperation with all groups within society
- Empowerment
- Non-Discrimination
- Transparency
Promotion of Technological Innovations in SE Asia

- Program 2007-2010 with Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam
- Supports technology oriented business incubators at regional and national level
- Through training, coaching and dialogue
- Staff exchange with TBI’s in Thailand
- Conferences on “Promotion of Innovative Entrepreneurship through TBI”
- Network support through GlobalCampus21 platform
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