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Dear Media houses,

We are proud to announce that Kampala, Uganda will be hosting a special event on Saturday September 19th at the Software Incubator Makerere University for Software Freedom Day 2009! This is the biggest international celebration and outreach event for Software Freedom globally with hundreds of teams from all around the world participating!

In an increasingly digital age, more and more of our everyday experiences depend upon software. Software influences how we interact with each other, enjoy different media, vote, get paid, and even navigate our roads. Software underpins our very way of life, our basic freedoms such as freedom of association, freedom of thought, freedom of choice and much more, yet many people do not realise the importance and influence of software and other technologies on their lives.

What do we mean by Software Freedom? Software Freedom is about a technology future that we can trust, that is sustainable, and that doesn't negatively impact on the basic human freedoms we take for granted. Untrusted electoral systems can lead to civil unrest and a lack of trust in governing bodies. Spyware that watches what we listen to, our banking details and who we email can be installed on our computers without our knowledge. Region encoding of movies introduces an artificial barrier to the international content; where is our personal choice? Proprietary data formats can mean lockout to accessing our own information! Software Freedom can be maintained by transparent systems (such as Free and Open Source Software) that are based on open, secure and sustainable standards including data formats and communication protocols.

Software Freedom Day is a yearly celebration of Software Freedom and why it is important; our purpose is public education about these important issues. Information about the Software Freedom Day event in Kampala, Uganda can be found at <http://www.linux.or.ug/node/34> and we invite you to come along to a fun day with competitions and demonstrations of Free and Open Source Software.

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Yours Sincerely

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