

Bonn, 19 February 2015

Support of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs to FOSS4G in Bonn 2016

Dear Mr. Adams,

I am contacting you on behalf of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) from the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to acknowledge the interest of UN-SPIDER to support the proposal of FOSSGIS e.V. to host the Open Source Geospatial Foundation's (OSGeo) annual FOSS4G conference in Bonn, Germany, in 2016.

UN-SPIDER was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2006 to provide universal access to all countries and all relevant international and regional organizations to all types of space-based information and services relevant to disaster management to support the full disaster management cycle. The programme provides technical advisory support to developing countries in Africa, Asia, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, it contributes to institutional strengthening through capacity building activities; it serves as a gateway to space-based information, and serves as a bridge to link the space community and those communities involved in disaster risk reduction and emergency response.

For the proposal I agree to include UN-SPIDER Bonn staff in the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). In case the proposal is successful and FOSS4G will be hosted in Bonn, I agree to support the organization of the event with ideas for the agenda, and possibly by co-organizing a session on a topic of interest to UN-SPIDER. We would like to acknowledge that UN-SPIDER cannot provide any financial support to the conference.

Please also note that the above contributions are contingent on the understanding that UN-SPIDER will participate in the conference under the rules and regulations of the United Nations and will be subject, where applicable, to the UNOOSA guidelines on partnerships with the private sector.

Yours sincerely,



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