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Dear InWent it@ab Alumni, dear it@ab Network Partners,

This newsletter has taken quite some time to produce, but we're happy to have it out. There has not been much happening in the it@ab Network, since the Seniors Workshop in South Africa in September 2006.

InWent General Alumni Conference

Exciting NEWS!

There will be an InWent General Alumni Conference in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania in 12-14 November 2007.

The 3 day Conference is aimed at strengthening the Alumni Network as well as thematic exchanges on sustainable development for the Sub-Saharan African countries.

For more info: visit [http:// news of it-ab.net](http://news.of.it-ab.net)

Online Communications

We are however proud to announce that we will be having some online communication on the it@ab website, this will be communicated in due time so please keep visiting the website for updates (www.it-ab.net).

It@abers on the move

Three It@ab Specialists from Malawi are currently in Oslo, Norway.

Dickson Chinguwo, Tiwonge Manda and Patrick Chikumba just started with the first part of a Master's Degree in Health Systems.

The degree is a 2 year degree and the second part of the programme which will start in January 2008 will be either in Maputo, Mozambique or in Malawi.

Our Specialist received sponsorship from NORAD. Congratulations!

Pictures and graphics

it@ab Family tree growing

The newest additions to the it@ab family.



The Chinguwo's



Fausta Nguzo and Baby Nashon



Events and more news

Celebrating the Software Freedom Day in Namibia

Software Freedom Day is a global grassroots effort to educate the public about the importance of software freedom and the virtues and availability of Free and Open Source Software.

LinuxChix Namibia and SchoolNet Namibia celebrated Software Freedom Day by setting up camp in their capital city Windhoek (Namibia).



Wireless Roadshow [it@ab]

DIT in collaboration with The Royal Swedish Institute of Technology (KTH) will host the 5th International Conference on Open Access between 14th and 16th November 2007 in Bagamoyo, Tanzania.

It will be at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology Tanzania - November 18 - 28, 2007. This will be in conjunction with the 5th International Conference on Open Access between 14th and 16th November 2007.

For more info, please visit: <http://www.wideopenaccess.net/>

Angolan Government Choses Mandriva to Develop Information Society

News on Angolan government and the Linux distro Mandriva. This is a huge step for Angola and we believe they have taken the right step in bridging the digital divide in their country with Open Source Software.

For more info, visit:

http://www.linuxtoday.com/it_management/2007091900126NWMDPB

For more ICT activities in Africa, please visit the following links:

1. CENFOSS: Celso´s effort in Mosambique

One of it@ab's own specialist Celso Timana is implementing FOSS as pionier in Mosambique...

For more info, visit: <http://www.cenfoss.co.mz>

2. The FSFE and the EU decision

<http://mail.fsfeurope.org/pipermail/press-release/2007q3/000186.html>

3. E-Learning in Africa 2008 (ELA 2008)

<http://www.elearning-africa.com/newsportal/english/index.php>

4. Hole in the Wall

<http://www.hole-in-the-wall.com/index.html>

“this news could be also with the integration of the following link:”

<http://www.liftconference.com/2007/people/participant/546>

5. Global Digital Solidarity Fund

http://www.dsf-fsn.org/cms/component?option=com_magazine/func,show_magazine/id,11/Itemid,194/lang,en/