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Contact Your ISO/IEC National Standardization Body Today: Vote "No" on OOXML!

Each member body of ISO and the IEC is entitled to vote on Draft International Standard (DIS) 29500, commonly known as Office Open XML (OOXML). Send your National Standardization Body a letter urging them to vote "No" (disapprove) on OOXML. By voting "No", they are voting "Yes" for true openness, choice, and interoperability. Ballots are due no later than September 2, 2007.

[DIS 29500/OOXML Fact Sheet](http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/DIS%2029500-OOXML%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf) - <http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/DIS%2029500-OOXML%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

[The Technical Case Against DIS 29500/OOXML](http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/The%20Technical%20Case%20Against%20OOXML.pdf) - <http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/The%20Technical%20Case%20Against%20OOXML.pdf>

[DIS 29500/OOXML: Six Questions To National Standardization Bodies](http://fsfeurope.org/documents/msooxml-questions) - <http://fsfeurope.org/documents/msooxml-questions>

[Preserving Legacy Files with OOXML](http://www.odf-eag.eu/repository/white-papers/preserving-legacy-files-with-ecma-open-office-xml-msooxml) - <http://www.odf-eag.eu/repository/white-papers/preserving-legacy-files-with-ecma-open-office-xml-msooxml>

[Dual Standards: More Choice or Less?](http://osacademy.hosting.amaze.nl:9090/odformat/repository/white-papers/dual-standards-2013-more-choice-or-less) - <http://osacademy.hosting.amaze.nl:9090/odformat/repository/white-papers/dual-standards-2013-more-choice-or-less>

[Achieving Openness: a closer look at ODF & OOXML](http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/Achieving_Openness.pdf) - http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/Achieving_Openness.pdf

Germany's Governing Coalition Considering ODF As Means To Open Competition In the Market for Office Productivity Suites

According to Heise Online's reporting from the LinuxTag 2007 conference held in Berlin May 30-June 2, the governing coalition in Germany is considering a mandate for open standards in general and ODF in particular. Key goals are improving the competitive situation and strengthening the position of smaller companies. According to the article, the governing coalition sees ODF as a standard that can help increase competition in the office productivity market.

Heise Online (de) - <http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/90460>

Denmark Decides On Trial Period for Both ODF and OOXML in 2008; Parliamentary Evaluation To Follow in 2009

Following up on the passage of a law (B103) by the Danish Parliament on June 2, 2006 requiring the use of open standards in the public sector, Denmark's Minister of Science, Helge Sander, after lengthy negotiations with the IT spokespersons of the Danish Parliament, announced a plan making both ODF and OOXML obligatory for a one-year trial period in 2008. During this period the public authorities should be able to receive both ODF and OOXML, and new purchases should be able to handle at least one. The trial period will be evaluated in the first six months of 2009 by a third party, with a view towards a new evaluation by the parliament.

Danish Gov't Announcement (dk) -

<http://videnskabsministeriet.dk/site/forside/nyheder/pressemeddelelser/2007/vigtigt-politisk-fremskridt-for-aabne-standarder>

Swiss Scientific Body Recommends ODF

The Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) has endorsed ODF. Noting the support that exists for ODF in 20+ commercial applications, SATW recommended its use in Switzerland in both the private and public sector as well as in education.

SATW (de) - <http://www.satw.ch/aktuell/odf>

NZZ (Krieg der Standards) - <http://www.nzz.ch/2007/06/20/ft/articleF9VMC.html>

New Applications Support for ODF

1) OpenOffice.org for Mac OS X: The development version of OpenOffice.org for Mac is now available for download.

<http://porting.openoffice.org/mac/download/aqua.html#bittorrent>

Upcoming ODF-Related Conferences/Events

Aug. 5-9, 2007

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Annual Meeting - Boston, MA

<http://www.ncsl.org/annualmeeting/registration.htm>

Sep. 19-21, 2007

OpenOffice.org Annual International Conference (OOoCon 2007)- Barcelona, Spain

<http://marketing.openoffice.org/ooocon2007/>

Sep. 19-21, 2007

EU 4th Ministerial eGovernment Conference - Lisbon, Portugal

<http://www.megovconf-lisbon.gov.pt/>

Oct. 15-16, 2007

Government Open Source Conference (GOSCON 2007) - Portland, Oregon

Call for Speakers (July 20 deadline)- <http://goscon.org/node/466>

Conference Site - <http://goscon.org/>

Nov. 12-15, 2007

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

<http://www.igfbrazil2007.br/index.htm>

New Alliance Members

The Alliance now includes 412 member organization in 52 countries. Please welcome the following new members: City of Freiburg (Germany); S&T - Sistemas e Tecnologia Informática,Lda (Portugal); OpenQuest - Sistemas de Informação, Lda (Portugal); Jaspal Kaur Public School of Delhi (India); Association of Public ICT Tools Access Providers (India); Compugen Inc. (Canada); Janmedia Interactive (USA, Poland); Abiss.gr (Greece); Patchcom Services (Ireland); Informedia Technologies (India); SC Lightway Software SRL (Romania); Consulting1x1 (Germany); and VIRTUA, s.l. (Spain).

ODF In the News

New York state to debate open document format legislation

Eric Lai, ComputerWorldUK, June 12, 2007

<http://www.computerworlduk.com/technology/operating-systems/nix/news/index.cfm?newsid=3447>

10 Downing Street Talks Document Formats

Glyn Moody: open source, open genomics, open content; 07 June 2007

<http://opendotdotdot.blogspot.com/2007/06/10-downing-street-talks-document.html>

Some Journals Rejecting Office 2007 Format

Slashdot; Posted by kdawson on Saturday June 02, @08:15PM

<http://science.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=07/06/02/2119253>

Comparing OpenDocument (ODF) with MS-XML (OOXML/EOOXML) - and why Multiple Competing Standards are a Bad Idea

David A. Wheeler's Blog; Tue, 05 Jun 2007

<http://www.dwheeler.com/blog/2007/06/05/#odf-msxml-ooxml-compare>

In Other Words, Open Formats Surging Ahead

Illuminata Perspectives; June 4th, 2007 at 10:01 am by Jonathan Eunice

<http://www.illuminata.com/perspectives/?p=318>

ODF and Web 2.0

CIO; By Bernard Golden Wed, Jun 6, 2007 13:37 EDT

http://advice.cio.com/bernard_golden/odf_and_web_2_0

Microsoft Lobbies Legislatures to Kill ODF Bills: Time to Tackle The Issue Elsewhere

IT Business Edge; Posted by Ken Hardin on June 4, 2007 at 2:42 pm

<http://www.itbusinessedge.com/blogs/bpi/?p=493>

The Pointless Office Converter Delay

eWeek Microsoft Watch; May 29, 2007 10:28 PM

[http://www.microsoft-](http://www.microsoft-watch.com/content/business_applications/the_pointless_office_converter_delay.html?kc=MWRSS02129TX1K0000535)

[watch.com/content/business_applications/the_pointless_office_converter_delay.html?kc=MWRSS02129TX1K0000535](http://www.microsoft-watch.com/content/business_applications/the_pointless_office_converter_delay.html?kc=MWRSS02129TX1K0000535)

Connecting Military Nets Through Open Source Collaboration

eCommerce Times; By Henry S. Kenyon; 05/30/07 4:00 AM PT

<http://www.ecommercetimes.com/story/iHK5ZQv6Zpc8PM/Connecting-Military-Nets-Through-Open-Source-Collaboration.xhtml>

Google to launch Powerpoint rival

By John Fontana, Network World, 15 June 2007

<http://www.techworld.com/applications/news/index.cfm?newsID=9172&pagtype=all>

Ubuntu distributor Canonical to not enter agreement with Microsoft

By Justin Mann, TechSpot.com; Published: June 18, 2007, 10:58 AM EST

<http://www.techspot.com/news/25745-ubuntu-distributor-canonical-to-not-enter-agreement-with-microsoft.html>

OpenOffice Sports All-Around Improvements

eWEEK; By Tiffany Maleshefski

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2146421,00.asp>

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