



Sahana Software Foundation

Announcement

Sahana Community Bar Camp and 2011 Annual Meeting of the Members and Board of Directors 6-8 May 2011 in Lisbon, Portugal

All interested community members, Members and Directors of the Sahana Software Foundation are hereby notified that the (Second) Annual Meeting of the Members and Board of Directors of the Sahana Software Foundation will take place on 6-8 May 2011 in Lisbon, Portugal at multiple venues. We have scheduled several events around our SSF annual meeting to coincide with the 8th International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM), this year in Lisbon, Portugal. The ISCRAM Conference attracts key partners and stakeholders in the SSF from academia, UN and other humanitarian organizations and software projects. Many SSF Members are also active members of ISCRAM. This provides us the opportunity to include as many people as possible in our events.

We will attempt to make arrangements to provide a UStream feed and web conferencing for those who can not attend in person, but service is not guaranteed. The meetings should be considered face-to-face in person events. Proxies should be signed and returned by those not able to attend in person.

We have expanded our program this year to better serve both Sahana community members and to better engage with disaster response experts and disaster response organizations attending ISCRAM. All of the following planned events are *open* for *anyone* to participate in and are *free* to attend:

- **Friday-Saturday, 6-7 May: Sahana Community Bar Camp:** Bringing together software developers and experts in disaster management to collaborate on Sahana software projects, this is an important opportunity for our global community of volunteer contributors to work together, discuss challenges and design solutions.
- **Saturday, 7 May (afternoon): Annual Meeting of the Members (afternoon):** Reports from the Foundation's officers and projects to the community at a critical time in the organization's strategic development.
- **Sunday, 8 May (morning): Annual Meeting of the SSF Board of Directors**
- **Sunday, 8 May: Sahana Disaster Workshop and Simulation (afternoon):** Introduces representatives from government, relief organizations, academic institutions and open source software developers in how Sahana software can be used to support disaster relief operations. While a part of the official ISCRAM program, the workshop and simulation will be free to anyone who wishes to attend.

Facilities for this year's events are being generously donated by IBM Portugal on 6-7 May, and the ISCRAM Conference on 8 May. At this time, we have received some limited sponsorship to support the travel of community members to this event and are seeking additional sponsorship. We do have special supplementary funding available for up to six former GSOC students with Sahana from Google. SSF will not be able to pay for ISCRAM conference registration fees or additional accommodation expenses required for individuals to attend ISCRAM. A separate note on our sponsorship policy for this event will be circulated.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and under what conditions by filling out the following registration form: <http://bit.ly/SSF2011Register>

These events are generously sponsored by:



The Sahana Software Foundation is a non-profit corporation that manages community development of humanitarian free and open source software projects that address common coordination challenges in disaster management. The Sahana Software Foundation is dedicated to the mission of saving lives by providing information management solutions that enable organizations and communities to better prepare for and respond to disasters.