



Proposal to Host **UbuCon Asia 2023**

Proposed City
Kathmandu, Nepal

Proposed Date
September 2023

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Community**

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Overview



As a community initiative to harmonize the open-source movement, we, on behalf of Nepal, would like to apply for the event, UbuCon Asia 2023. Nepal is actively expanding its horizons and pursuing complete digital transformation. Hosting UbuCon Asia in Nepal will help attract attention towards the SAARC region, aid in global representation & promote an ecosystem of learning and sharing.

If we are given the opportunity to host, the event shall take place in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The valley is home to a number of ancient cultural and historical locations such as the Patan, Basantapur and Bhaktapur Palace Squares, the Swayambhunath and Boudhanath Stupas, the Pashupatinath temple and so on. Kathmandu Valley is not only a popular tourist destination but also the center of infrastructural & technological development in Nepal.

Objectives

The objectives of Ubuntu Conferences, such as Ubucon, are typically to bring together the Ubuntu community to share knowledge, collaborate on projects, and discuss the future of Ubuntu and open-source software.

Some of the possible objectives of Ubucon 2023 may include:

- Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among Ubuntu users, developers, and enthusiasts.
- Showcasing the latest developments in Ubuntu and related open-source software.
- Encouraging the use and development of Ubuntu and open-source software in Nepal.
- Building a stronger community of Ubuntu users and contributors in Nepal.
- Providing training and education on Ubuntu and open-source software.

It is likely that the actual objectives will be announced by the **FOSS Nepal Community** closer to the date of Ubucon 2023.

Organizing Committee



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Date & Venue



Start Date

September 18, 2023

End Date

September 19, 2023



Venue

Institute of Engineering

Harihar Bhawan, Pulchowk
Kathmandu Valley 44600, Nepal



Social Day

September 20, 2023

Excursion around the valley to
different heritage sites

****Note:** The event location & dates are tentative and may change with further planning*

Activities Schedule

| Day 1 | Time | Details |
|----------|----------------------|---|
| | 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM | Registration and Check-in |
| | 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM | Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address |
| | 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM | Session 1: [Talk] Introduction to Ubuntu and the Ubuntu Community This session will provide a brief overview of Ubuntu and its features, as well as the mission and goals of the Ubuntu community. |
| | 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM | Session 2: [Workshop] Getting Started with Ubuntu This hands-on workshop will guide participants through the installation and basic configuration of Ubuntu, including working with the Unity desktop and the Ubuntu Software Center. |
| | 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM | LUNCH BREAK |

| Day 1 | Time | Details |
|-------|--------------------|--|
| | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM | Session 3: [Talk] Ubuntu for Enterprise and Government This session will discuss the use of Ubuntu in enterprise and government environments, including security, compliance, and deployment strategies. <i>Includes a Q&A session.</i> |
| | 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM | Session 4: [Talk] Lightning Talks Short, fast-paced talks on a variety of Ubuntu-related topics, such as tips and tricks, new features, and community projects. 5 minutes for each talks. |
| | 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM | Session 5: [Birds of a Feather] Ubuntu for Universities An informal gathering of conference attendees interested in discussing the use of Ubuntu in academic settings. |
| | 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM | Networking Reception An informal networking reception will provide an opportunity for attendees to connect with each other and discuss the topics covered on Day 1. |
| Day 2 | 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM | Session 6: [Talk] Ubuntu and Open-Source Hardware This session will explore the intersection of Ubuntu and open-source hardware, including projects and initiatives that are using Ubuntu in embedded systems, IoT devices, and other hardware platforms. <i>Inc. Q&A.</i> |

| Day 2 | Time | Details |
|----------|----------------------|--|
| | 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM | Session 7: [Workshop] Developing for Ubuntu This hands-on workshop will teach attendees how to develop applications for Ubuntu using popular open-source development tools and frameworks. |
| | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Session 8: [Talk] Ubuntu infrastructure management This session will cover the various aspects of managing Ubuntu infrastructure, including monitoring, scaling, security, and backups. |
| | 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM | Session 9: [Talk] Ubuntu in the Community This session will highlight how individuals, organizations, and community groups are using Ubuntu to make a positive impact in their local communities. <i>Includes Q&A session.</i> |
| | 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM | Session 10: Lightning Talks Short, fast-paced talks on a variety of Ubuntu-related topics, such as tips and tricks, new features, and community projects. <i>5 mins each.</i> |

| Day 2 | Time | Details |
|----------|---------------------|---|
| | 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM | Session 11: [Birds of a Feather] Ubuntu for government An informal gathering of conference attendees interested in discussing the use of Ubuntu in government settings. |
| | 4:45 PM to 5:00 PM | Closing Ceremony and Awards |
| Day 3 | 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM | Bus ride to Changunarayan A short breakfast followed by a 2 hour bus ride to the beautiful Changunarayan temple |
| | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Hike to Telkot 3-hour hike to enjoy the stellar view of luscious forests, nearby mountains, Nuwakot & Bhaktapur |
| | 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| | 1:00 PM to 1:45 PM | Bus ride to Bhaktapur Palace Square After lunch, we board the bus and come down to Bhaktapur to checkout one of the most well-preserved locations of the old Nepali dynasties. Here the team will stay till evening and this will be final destination of the social day. A perfect location to cap off an amazing excursion. |

Transportation & Accommodations

All foreign attendees can fly to **Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA)** which is the closest international airport from the venue. Flights are available from all major Asian cities and connecting flights can be booked from most other cities. Visa acquisition is fairly easy from almost every nation in the world.

Transportation out of the airport to the venue or hotels can be hailed from the nearby taxi station or the bus station, which are both within walking distance (approx. 10 minutes).

As for living arrangements, there are many comfortable options in the area surrounding the location, top recommendations among them are listed below:

- **Hotel Kutumba** (*USD 50 - USD 70*) ~400 meters from venue
- **Hotel Greenwich Village** (*USD 60 - USD 70*) ~850 meters from venue
- **Hotel Himalaya** (*USD 80 - USD 110*) ~500 meters from venue

Local Support

We have the support of many groups and organizations within Nepal ranging from open-source communities such as NepalEHR, Postgres Nepal, FOSS Nepal, Ubuntu Nepal and Community Health Toolkit to government bodies such as Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MoICT) & NAST.

Our team of dedicated volunteers are hard at work collecting more and more supporters to ensure the success of the event.

Event Promotion



The event will be promoted on all possible multimedia platforms, including but not limited to website, blogs, television, newspapers and various social media outlets. A special PR team will be appointed to boost social media posts and and increase engagement with potential attendees.

Event t-shirts, mugs, stickers and other paraphernalia will also be made available as additional promotional materials.

Budget Plan

The following table provides a general breakdown of expected expenses. These amounts are highly speculative and subject to recalculation or reallocation depending on the changes in market prices or event plans.

| Items | Amount (USD) | Remarks |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Venue Rental | 500 | Includes venue setup & cleanup |
| Catering & Beverages | 5,000 | Meals & drinks for attendees, staff, speakers & volunteers |
| Audio Visual Equipment | 1,500 | Microphone, walkie-talkies, speakers, cameras, screens & projectors |
| Travel & Accomodations | 45,000 | Flights/rides & hotel rooms for speakers, staff, sponsors & volunteers |

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| Items | Amount (USD) | Remarks |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| Marketing & Promotion | 1,500 | Website, brochures, flyers, ads, etc. |
| Paraphernalia | 2,000 | T-shirts, hoodies, stickers, mugs, name-tags, souvenir, etc. |
| Staff Stipend | 1,000 | Security, event coordinators, registration staff, etc. |
| Social Event | 1,000 | Optional last day city tour for the attendees & speakers |
| Insurance | 2,000 | To cover for potential damages or accidents |
| Contingency Fund | 1,500 | Approx. 10% of the event budget |
| Total (USD) | | 61,000 |

****Note:** The table shows the maximum possible amount in each category to account for any possible price hikes or unforeseeable expenses*

Potential Sponsors

We plan to reach out to all the major players within the tech bubble in Nepal, not only to raise the necessary funds but also to increase the credibility and reach of the event. Displayed below are some of the perspective sponsors we have in mind and the list will expand in the days to come.

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Fig: Bhaktapur Palace Square (Left), Changunarayan Temple (Top Right) & Telkot Waterfall (Bottom Right)

Thank you

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