

OPENDOC SOCIETY.ORG



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Why?

- To unite the whole ecosystem of ODF end-users and producers
- Both individuals and organizations welcome
- for anybody involved with ODF in any way:
 - Writers and publishers
 - ICT departments
 - Government
 - Training companies
 - Independent Software Developers
 - Vendors and integrators





Not tied to products

- Strict separation of the file-format and the tool(s) to create the files
- People can create ODF files with any tool **they** prefer
- Huge offering already, from office suites to browser based editors
- Anyone can create new tools to solve their problem



End-user choice

- ODF will become the standard method for storing and exchanging documents:
Document Neutrality (independent of platform, software, year of origin)
- There are many different use cases, situations and uses:
 - commercial Office suites
 - open source and online editors
 - embedded hardware (e.g. phones)
 - server-side / batch tools
- **May the best ODF offering win.**



Sharing expertise

- Many countries need to rapidly build a network of experts that understand the unique capabilities of ODF
- We all have limited perspectives so we can learn from many different disciplines and domains; academic, legal, technical, commercial
- OpenDoc Society is about learning from each other and building a loosely-knit network of experts.



Related organisations

- OASIS
 - the mothership of our preferred standard
- the ODF Alliance
 - building awareness at the policy level
- the Open Document Fellowship
 - a focal point for development
 - contributes directly to OASIS TC
- SGML/XML user groups
 - deal with a lot of upstream/downstream expertise needed



Organization

- Model proven by the internet world (cf. ISOC), applied to ODF as a future proof technical embodiment of our cultural heritage, business and government information
- Lots of different subcommunities
 - Working groups on mass deployment, accessibility, Enterprise Content Management, etc.
 - Taskforces
 - Special Interest Groups
- Advisory Board to be set up



Proposed board

- **Bert Bakker - chair**
(director Centrum voor Merk en Communicatie, former MP)
- **Michiel Leenaars - secretary**
(director ISOC.nl, manager Nlnet Foundation)
- **Bob Goudriaan (Gendo) – Treasurer**



Join us!

Register as member, participant or sponsor at:

<http://opendocsociety.org/join>

Or contact us at:

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- 24th october, Masterclass ODF
- 14th november, OpenDoc Society launch Belgium

More events to follow, check our website



Supporting organisations

