

Speaker Presentation Profile

1. PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

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2. PRESENTER'S BACKGROUND

De Wit Coetsee has spent the past 21 years in the IT Arena within Government. He is currently the Deputy Director for ICT Infrastructure Provisioning, Maintenance and Support in the Dept Public Service and Administration. He was responsible for Wide Area Network Technology Research in the Commission for Administration and developed a Technology White Paper for input to the Electronic Communications Act. In response to the Sasser Virus that infected government departments in 2004 he led a team (on request of Cabinet) that investigated vulnerabilities on the government networking technology. He was Chairperson of the Government National Networking Forum for 2 years and chairperson for the Technical Task Team of the GITOC Standing Committee on Procurement.

3. TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

FOSS Initiatives in the DPSA

4. PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT

Brief summary of content and focus of the presentation:

This session will present an overview of the FOSS Survey conducted in the DPSA and the outcomes thereof. It will review FOSS initiatives in the department to date and mistakes made. The DPSA's approach to FOSS will be discussed and the way forward.

Key points for discussion include:

- FOSS Survey, was it worth the exercise?
- Learning from DPSA's mistakes
- How to approach FOSS responsibly
- Call for wider cooperation and coordination in the wider government