

Meraka Institute at Eclectic Tech Carnival in Austria



Thotyelwa Mncongwane introducing learners to the Open Source Software concept during the 2005 National Science Week.

Thotyelwa Mncongwane, an intern at the Meraka Institute's Open Source Centre (OSC), will fly the Institute's flag high at the [Eclectic Tech Carnival](#) to be held in Graz, Austria from 11 to 15 July 2005. The carnival will take the form of a computer skills sharing workshop, where women IT specialists in the field of Free and Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) from around the world will gather to exchange their computer and cultural skills.

As part of her presentation, Mncongwane will present an overview of the Meraka Institute's OSC, while outlining some of the projects that the Centre is involved in currently. These include the [Go Open Source initiative](#) as well as the Translate.org project.

The theme for the carnival is, "Networking both physically and technically; with Translocal Communication tools from open source chatting and blogging software to building secure local area networks for organising both locally and globally." Programme topics to be covered at the workshop include the concept of Free and Open Source Software, Linux installation, Web Development, PC Hardware and Networking and Security Issues.

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