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# The challenge of a regional LibreOffice Conference

The experience of the first Latin American Conference

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# The Challenge...

- The first Latin American Conference!
  - Rome, 2017... (LibreOffice Conference)
  - Brussels, 2019... (FOSDEM)



# Gather a core team

- Three people who...
  - have the same objective and different skills/responsibilities
  - Daniel (Argentina)
  - Gustavo (Brazil)
  - Olivier (Brazil)



# But... what was the objective?

- An event to
  - Reach local communities
  - Make new connections among Latin American members
  - Stimulate new contributions





# Look around the benchmarks

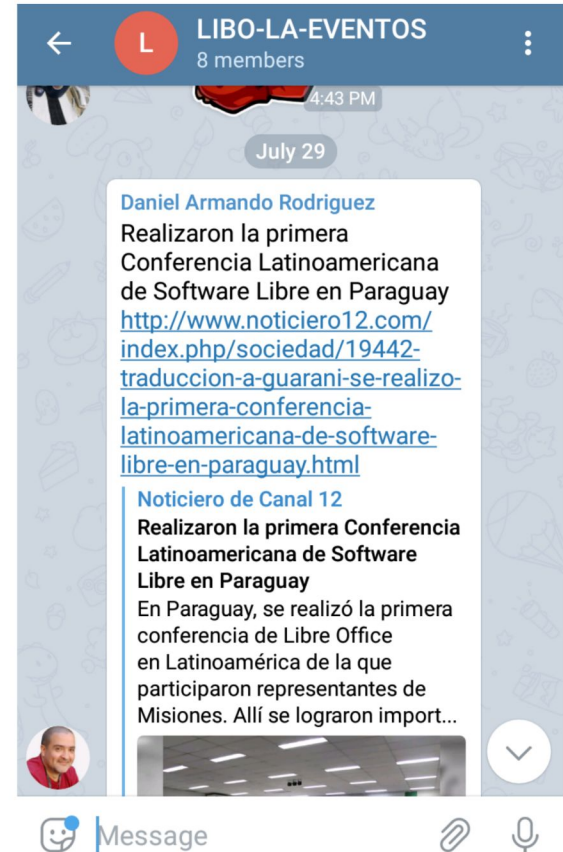
- LibreOffice Conference
- LibreOffice Asia Conference
- FISL (Brazil)
- Latinoware (Brazil)
- Local events





# Create communication channels

- Telegram group
  - For quick communication
- Mailing list
  - For normal communication
  - Archiving
  - Contact infra team (readmine)
- Jitsi room
  - For weekly project meetings and discussions
- NextCloud folder
  - Marketing materials
  - Meeting minutes







# Check alternatives for venues

- Local community?
- Academic supports?
- Easy logistics?
- **PARAGUAY!**
  - Alcides Torres Gutt
  - National University of Assunción
  - A translation to resume → Guaraní





# Build a simple website

- Contact infra team (readmine)
- SilverStripe
- Multi language?
  - Spanish
  - Portuguese
  - Guaraní





# Build an event agenda

- Think about the dates!
  - Plan some months ahead
  - Based in the schedule of the venue
- Checkpoints!
  - Announce the event and the website
    - Announce keynote speakers (anytime)
  - Open the Call for Papers
  - Open the Registration
  - Close the Call for Papers
  - Announce the Program



# Spread the news

- For every checkpoint, a news in the community channels:
  - LibreOffice (blogs, lists, channels,...)
  - Local
- Interviews, announcements, videos,...



# Build a conference program

- Invite key members
  - Spanish speakers!
    - Italo
    - Xisco
    - Henry





# Build a conference program

- Check available rooms & infrastructure
- Look at the budget
- Have alternatives for no show
- Involve local speakers
  - Speakers from 9 countries!
  - Main track in the auditorium
  - 14 activities in the official program
  - 2 workshops (Calc & Macros) in the laboratory room

Sexta-feira 19 de julho		
	Auditório Aula Magna	Oficinas Laboratório
9:00 a 10:00	Registro	
10:00 a 10:50	Cerimônia de abertura	
11:00 a 11:50	Painel Comunitário Latinoamericano Alcides Torres (PAR), Daniel Rodriguez (ARG), José Gonzalez (PAR), Selene Yang (PAR)	
----- Almoço -----		
13:30 a 14:20	LibreOffice Online Henry Castro (BOL)	
14:30 a 15:20	Univ. Costa Rica - Implementación FOSS y formatos abiertos Xiomara Céspedes (CRC)	Hands on Macros Mauricio Baeza (MEX)
15:30 a 16:20	Migración a LibreOffice en un colegio vulnerable José Gatica (CHI)	
16:00 a 17:20	Ofimática libre en la Fac. Cs. Económicas - Univ. Nacional de Misiones (UNAM) Renato Barsotti (ARG)	
Happy hour & Foto oficial		



# Engage people

- Guaraní translation





# Engage people

- Engage the people!
  - Four new members
  - Two new certified professionals
  - Two lectures in LibOCon

**Migración a LibreOffice**  
*Taller Online*

Experiencia en el proceso de la migración a LibreOffice en la Universidad de Costa Rica

**Ing. Xiomara Céspedes**  
Universidad de Costa Rica  
Consultora Certificada de Migración por The Document Foundation



<https://meet.jit.si/taller-migracion>  
Agenda: <https://pad.documentfoundation.org/p/taller-migracion>

**30 de Agosto**  
**16:00 hs. UTC**

Organiza:  LibreOffice  
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# Plan the budget

- Stay tuned for the annual TDF planning cycle
  - Make a proposal
  - If approved, reserve budget for travels
  - Check refund process for all people involved





# Say thanks!

- To TDF staff
- To local community
- To local authorities
- To the partners
- To the speakers
- To the attendants
  - More than 60 certificates!





# Review your conference!

- Check what could be better
  - More engagement of the local ecosystem
  - Better communication of activities
  - Dates?



# Aguyje!

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