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To all Joomla Volunteers.

We all believe in Joomla, we believe Joomla is love, togetherness and community. We believe that we are creating something that is impacting and changing every part of the world. Something special. We believe and so we are, otherwise we would be somewhere else.

I request your vote for the position of DC Events.

I have been a Joomla volunteer for 9 years, 8 years of Organizing JoomlaDay Kenya. I have been a Joomla Events Team member since 2015 and Joomla Events Team Leader since 2018. I am also a member of the VET team.

I continued to champion the use of Open Source Software in Africa, in Institutions and government through CMS Africa Summit, a yearly event that hops from one African city to another. This event is in its 7th year now. I have had a wonderful time in the Joomla project, and am sure many of you have. I have developed knowledge and love for this project, working with many wonderful people.

Building Joomla Together.

Since I joined the Joomla project, I have continued to give my time, skills and support to my team and community at large. I have committed myself to evangelizing the use of Joomla to young people in Africa. I have monitored how Joomla is performing in ALL African countries and shared that information for the betterment of the project.

During my time at Events Team, we have set timelines to ensure that we liaison well with the Joomla Event's Organizers making sure that events are approved on time, Funding is accessible for those in need of funding and that Financial reports are made public. We have continued to support the events with guidance and emotional support while looking for ways to make it better.

What lies ahead.

It's unfortunate that Joomla Events are on decline. This is caused by many factors, competition being one of them. My desire is that we increase Joomla participation in countries that give us room to do so, by encouraging JUGs and JoomlaDay events. Find ways of growing Joomla use especially in Africa, where the majority are young people who are always interested in looking for new experience. With Joomla 4 on the horizon, encouraging engagements that will help make J4 popular and acceptable to users.

We are living in difficult times of Covid19, which makes it difficult to have some of these events, but it also will be important to change the way we keep people engaged on what is happening on the project. The months ahead will see increase in Online engagements as far as events are concerned. Working with other Events thought the world would be supported, making sure that Joomla is well represented. We will have

to encourage online engagements, Support community engagements through JUGs and make PBF20 bigger and better.

Conclusion

Ten years ago, if you wanted to create a website in Kenya, it would be built on Joomla. Joomla is what people knew and even with the entry of other competitors, Joomla still has kept a name. It is our responsibility to build on that, making bold steps that can help us achieve that and putting trust in the people that help us in achieving that. The first bold step I am asking from you is your nomination, for the position of Events Department Coordinator.

In the end, it will take a community to make Joomla better.