



Web2forDev Conference Wiki

<http://wiki.web2fordev.net>

Why are we using a wiki for the conference?

A Wiki is a web site that allows you to easily edit individual pages directly from your browser.

We will use it...

- for proposing discussion topics (Open Space Methodology)
- for documenting the discussions
- as a space where participants can take notes, discuss the conference topics, and work collaboratively

The wiki does not distinguish between conference organizers and participants. Everyone is invited to use and edit the site following the simple instructions given below.

Why should you use it?

1. The wiki is an excellent space for proposing topics before the conference begins. This will help to make sure that the discussion and open space sessions build on participants' ideas and experiences
2. The wiki also provides a central space for notes of conference sessions. URLs for session notes can then be circulated, providing an enduring record of the conference, and enabling those not present to respond and participate.

What can you find on the Web2forDev wiki?

Conference Schedule

Click on the Conference Schedule link on the homepage to access the complete conference schedule

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Web 2.0 Taster Day(24 September / Monday)

Morning	Plenary	Presenter	Details
9.00	Introduction to Web 2.0 Taster Day		Why Web2.0 may have more potential for users than 'Web1.0'
	Philosophy of web2.0 (v. short) Categories of work with the tools, Participants' interest		

You can see that some of the items on the schedule are highlighted because they are active links. Click on these links to access notes and other details on particular sessions. Notes will be added as the conference progresses and they will remain online after it finishes.

Remember that the same conference schedule is published on the main conference site www.web2fordev.net where the most up-to-date version is always available.

Agenda for open spaces

If you have something to share about one of the conference topics, use **Agenda for open spaces** to list some specific examples, concepts, issues in one or more of the main topics (Shared virtual spaces; Appropriate technologies; Knowledge sharing for the research community).

Remember to Include your name and contact details next to your suggested specific examples, concepts, issues, and to Indicate the language that will be used in your session on the wiki

Participants' Space

Participants' Space

Use this space to take your notes, create your profile to be easily found by others, etc.

- Go to the [Participants' Space](#)

This space is yours! Use it to tell other participants more about yourself, and to write your comments and notes from the conference. Remember that all published information goes online so **everything you publish can be read by anyone, inside and outside the conference**. Don't publish any sensitive information on the conference wiki!

How to publish on the wiki?

Publish in two sections only:

1. [Participants' space](#)
2. [Agenda for open spaces](#)

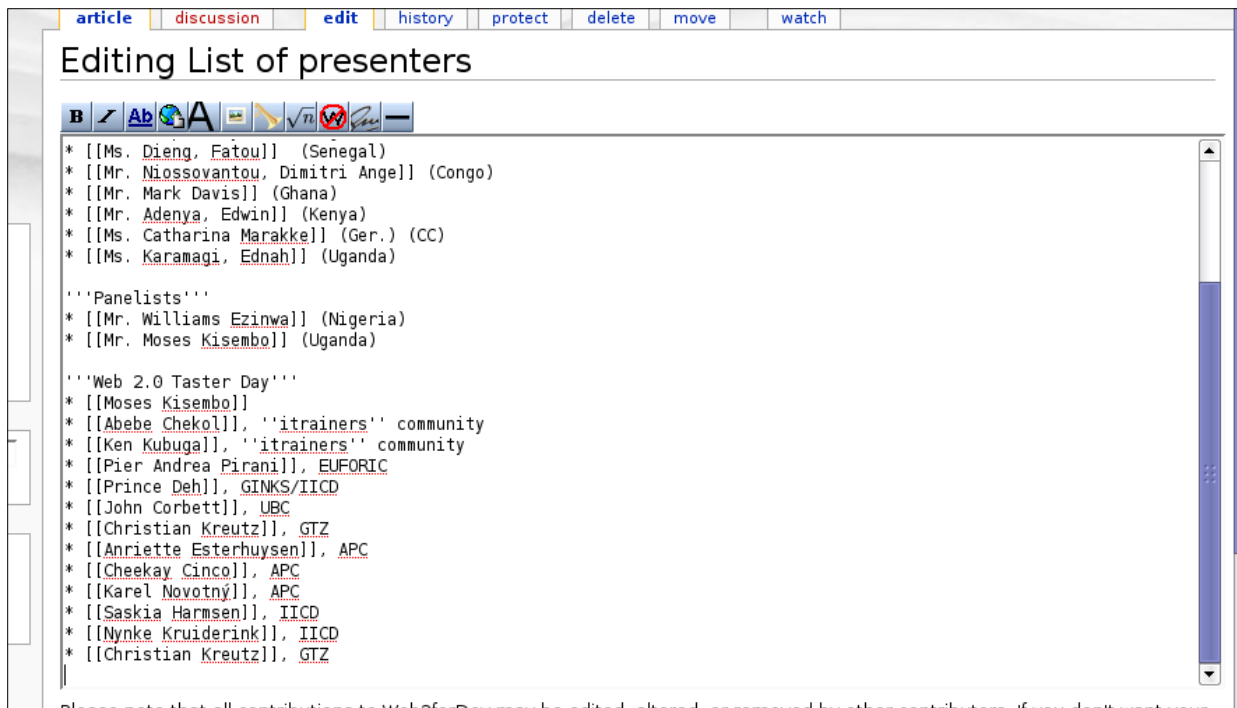
If you edit any other sections, you might accidentally alter important text published by conference organizers.

Page editing

If you want to edit the page you are looking at, click on the **Edit** tab on the top of the page (some pages might be locked, in which case the edit tab is missing).



A form will open into which you can insert your text or edit the text that is already there.



To create a new page, begin by adding a link to your new page from another page. Write that link in the form `[[link text]]`. When you save the page with all your changes, the link text that you put into the double square brackets will be highlighted in red as a new link. Clicking on the new link to access an editable version of the new page you created. The new page will be titled with the text you put into the brackets. Once you save the new page, an active link is created from the original page into the new page.

You should start with creating your own page:

1. go to the **Participants' Space** section
2. click on the **Edit** tab
3. insert your name in double brackets `[[your name]]` under the names of other participants
4. save the page

5. click on your name which is now highlighted in red
6. insert your text into the form
7. save your new page

(your page will now be linked from the list of participants)

Don't worry if you make a mistake or you need to add something to your page later. You can come back to editing it at any time.

Your text is saved when you click on the **save** button on the bottom of the page. **Make sure you don't overwrite text published by others before you!!!!**

You can remove the link to your new page from the participants' list by removing your name (in brackets) from that list. Your page will continue existing but it will not be linked from anywhere. The wiki has its own input format, simpler than the one used in html pages. In most cases you change the format of a word by adding some special characters before and after that word or expression.

The basic input format for is as follows:

Description	You type	You get
<i>applies anywhere</i>		
Italic text	" <i>italic</i> "	<i>italic</i>
Bold text	" bold "	bold
Bold and italic	" <i>bold & italic</i> "	<i>bold & italic</i>
Escape wiki markup	<nowiki>no "markup"</nowiki>	no "markup"
<i>only at the beginning of the line</i>		
Headings of different sizes	<pre> ==level 1== ===level 2=== ====level 3==== =====level 4===== </pre>	<p style="text-align: center;">Level 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Level 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Level 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Level 4</p>
Bullet list	<pre> * one * two * three ** three and one-third ** three and two-thirds </pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one • two • three • three and one-third • three and two-thirds

Source: <http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Formatting>

There are buttons on top of the text entry form which help with basic formatting. Their use is similar as that of word processors: Mark the text you want to format and click on relevant button.

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If you need to do anything more sophisticated (and yes, there are many formatting tricks you can do) go to the help in the left menu bar where you will find most detailed instructions. Feel free to play around with your page as much as you wish.

Not with the other ones, though :-)

When you are editing a page where others have published their text before you (for example ***Agenda for open spaces*** page), look at the way they formatted their text as a guide for formatting your entry.

The wiki is open to all participants and outsiders as well. Conference organizers can't guarantee that your text will not be altered or deleted by someone else. If that happens, we can try to roll back the history of the page to find the original text, but only during the duration of the conference.

If you have troubles with formatting the wiki during the conference, write to Karel Novotny at karel@apc.org

More Information

If you want to know more about what are wikis and what they are good for, read

1. Entry on Wikis on Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>

2. Article Progressive Communications, wiki style

Part I: <http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5038198>

Part II: <http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5038761>



Now..... log-in and work with us!