

Q2 Report – Vice President OSM

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Discussions and efforts continued to bring an external consultant onboard. This seemed to take longer than hoped for and the consultant had to engage with her personal projects.

There was some confusion around the expectations of the coaching. At the beginning there was a misunderstanding in what was being presented and related pricing structure.

Once that was all clarified, I worked on getting the project moving on. Unfortunately, the coach decided that we were not ready to proceed. The time it took for us to organise was seen as a lack of commitment and enthusiasm. The timelines that the consultant had in mind and the rate of progress on the board meant the consultant was no longer free to deliver the coaching.

The coach has told us she would likely help us in the future, when we are in a good place to take up the offer in a timely manner. There have been no further discussions.

In the second quarter I attended two events. African CMS Developers meetup organized by Google on **14th- April 2021** in which both Brian Mitchell and I were speakers. The discussion was about the CMS developer ecosystem through collaboration, education and funding. An ideal outcome of this meetup would be having 1-2 project ideas for Joomla! In Kenya that could be funded through Google's Open-Source Fund.

If such projects get off the ground and are completed then such meetups as the one we attended will continue fostering further engagement with the local community in Kenya and other countries of the continent.

The second event was African CMS developers meetup @ I/O 2021 on **20th-May 2021**

The discussion was about Google forming a closer alliance with CMS Developers to understand their needs, challenges and what can be achieved together. I and Jagero (Head of CMS Africa) had an opportunity to share the issues we have in Africa, such as:

- Connectivity issues
- Difficulty in adapting to different time zones and the issues this causes with collaboration.
- Keeping up with frequent new version/feature releases
- Use of free, potentially virus infected themes from unofficial or cloned sites.
- Reluctance to meet virtually rather than in person events

Suggestion was that CMS-Africa / Google / Chrome should support CMSs Dev. in Africa through local funding with focus on local developers and hosters.

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