



## Invitation to Participate in an Agriculture Technology for Development Workshop

Date: **October 15, 2012**

Time: 09:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Inservice Training Institute, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya

The Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with LIRNEasia, University of Peradeniya, University of Alberta, and University of Guelph will be hosting a workshop on the use of low cost information and communication technology (ICT) for individuals working across the agricultural sector.

The workshop will provide an introduction and basic training on the use of free and open source software to enable community groups and individuals to set up very easily and then use the simple but powerful tools for communication, information collection, knowledge sharing, data visualization, and interactive mapping.

The workshop will cover three basic platforms:

- FrontlineSMS (text messaging) - [\[www.frontlinesms.com\]](http://www.frontlinesms.com)
- Ushahidi (interactive mapping) - [\[www.ushahidi.com\]](http://www.ushahidi.com)
- Freedom Fone (interactive voice response) [\[www.freedomfone.org\]](http://www.freedomfone.org)

There is no cost to attend the workshop but seating is limited. Please register your interest in participating through LIRNEasia by contacting : [nuwan@lirneasia.net](mailto:nuwan@lirneasia.net)

