Ushahidi v3.0 beta release testing week

We're rolling out an Ushahidi v3.0 Testing release, gearing towards a full launch set for August 19th, 2015 ! Community feedback will be collected between 7th and 13th August 2015, to help us identify bugs and collect your general feedback on the platform.

How to get started

There are two ways to test:-

- Download and Install the platform locally.
- Use our demo site
    - Use the following credentials (Username: demo, password: testing) OR
    - Register and get in touch with us for an upgrade to admin status after registration
        - Email Angela Oduor Lungati(angela AT ushahidi DOT com)
        - Ping us on IRC / Hipchat / Gitter . Posting on any one of these channels will post on all three of them simultaneously.
        - Ping us on Skype(add ngelzy to be added into the room)

Sharing your feedback!

We're collecting feedback in two ways:-

- Via this simple form here (no-sign in required).
- Directly via Github issues (for those familiar with Github)

Review our guide on how to submit a good bug report!

Co-testing + Translation day!

In the spirit of collaboration, we're setting aside some time for co-testing and translation fun!

Date: Thursday, August 13th, 2015 :) .

Time: Thursday, August 13th 2015 00:00 UTC to Thursday, August 13th 2015 23:59 UTC

Your local time: Start time - End time

To participate, join us and members of the Ushahidi team on:-

- IRC / Hipchat / Gitter
- Skype(add ngelzy to be added into the room)

Translation resources:

- Ushahidi v3 Transifex repository
- How to get started with translation!

Nairobi based folks, the Ushahidi team will be testing out of the South to South Lab on the Ground Floor of Bishop Magua Center, Ngong Road between 9a.m EAT and 5p.m EAT, so feel free to stop by and join the fun(and have pizza with us!)

What's new in Ushahidi v3.0?

- Reports are now posts

  The name change from reports to posts is a recognition that data collected might not just be a traditional 'report' of an event any more.
- Multiple ways to view your posts

  Along with the traditional map and list views, we now have timeline and bar chart views on the homepage.
- Collect whatever information you want with Post Types

  Posts are no longer a fixed form with built in fields. You can customize them by creating many post types, with different stages and custom fields to collect the data you need.
- Manage a workflow with steps

  Each post is now made up of a number of steps. These can be made required (or not) before the post is published. This lets you build the workflow you need, e.g

  Want to make sure all posts have a location before they're public? Add a 'location stage'. Want to collect info about actions taken on a post, but don't want wait to publish it? you can do that too.
- One interface for all posts

  We no longer have separate views from managing posts and viewing posts.
- Receive messages directly as 'posts'

  The old ' messages ' views are gone. New SMS or twitter messages now come in directly as " unstructured " posts, that are ready to be completed and published quickly and easily.
- Create curated collections of posts

  Want to share a group of posts with someone? or save them for later? All platform users can now create collections for themselves and to share with others.
- Build your own workflows with Saved Searches: You are no longer restricted to simple queues of posts e.g ' Awaiting Approval '/' Awaiting Verification ' - You can create any search you want, save it, and the check again later.

See our release notes and blog post announcement for more details on what's changed in this release.