THE 2ND DIGITAL ID & INTEROPERABILITY WORKSHOP IN BANJUL - GAMBIA

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BACKGROUND

• The second African Regional Digital ID & Interoperability Workshop.

• Objectives
  • facilitate discussions among government officers, policy makers, experts and stakeholders to deliberate over the state of digital Identity development and management in the African continent and to
  • explore efficient solutions towards attaining interoperability for Digital IDs and payment systems in Africa
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Outcome

• Educate and enlighten African States on the value of identity systems and the need to address existing gaps in civil registration systems in Africa.

• Increase understanding of the importance of interoperable digital ID and digital payment systems for Africa.

• Develop recommendations to address existing challenges to developing interoperable ID and digital payment systems for Africa.

• Enhance the development and implementation of data protection frameworks and practices in Africa.

• Increase awareness and understanding of global best practices for identity management and effective data policies and data protection practices and strategies.

• Develop principles and policy recommendations for effective Digital ID management for African governments, regional organizations, private sector and other stakeholders in Africa.
Objectives

- The report covers:
  - Several initiatives taken by African member states in implementing the Digital ID systems in Africa.
  - Legal and Regulatory Frameworks adopted by Member states in designing and implementing Digital ID systems.
  - Technology and funding models used by Member States to develop sustainable and interoperable Digital ID systems.
  - Gaps and recommendation for stakeholders to synergize for better Digital ID systems in the continent.

Outcome

- Educate African States on the status of Digital ID systems and the need to address gaps in developing sustainable and interoperable Digital ID systems.
Objectives

The main objective is to introduce the status of the Identity system currently prevailing in countries of Africa. The session focuses on the

- Analyzing measures taken so far to promote IDs in meeting the SDGs and Agenda 2063 aspirations.
- Discussing challenges encountered African member states in implementing the Digital ID systems in their countries.
- Reviewing strengths and weaknesses of Digital ID programmes in the region
- Informing stakeholders on the plans of ECA Digital ID programme.

Outcome

- Member states learn from one another experience of implementing Digital ID systems
- Member states forming fruitful collaborations and synergize to create sustainable & interoperable Digital ID systems
• Objectives
  • Analyze key issues in institutional arrangements between National ID and CR operations in Africa
  • Review case studies among member states that has/ are implementing CRVS
  • Discuss challenges in institutional alignments and collaboration between National ID and eCRVS operations at the Member States level

• Outcome
  • Member states learns from each others
  • Develop recommendations for the upcoming Conference of Ministers on Civil Registration and identity Management
Session 4: Institutional integrations necessary for Digital ID and interoperability

• Objectives:
  • Analyze challenges and opportunities several stakeholders are facing while establishing the Digital ID systems in Africa specifically the session will look at the role of:
    • Private sector
    • International Organizations
    • Key government institutional integration
    • International standardization bodies to ensure interoperability of Digital ID across the region.

• Outcome
  • Supporting member states government to synergize with local and international stakeholders to build resilience Digital ID systems.
Session 5: Policy / Legal Frameworks for Digital Identity and Interoperability

- **Objective**
  - Explore and share experiences on policy, legal and regulatory frameworks required to realize inclusive Digital ID for all.
  - Develop globally interoperable identity system for African member states in accord with the AU Interoperability Framework for Digital ID

- **Outcome**
  - Member states developing robust policy, legal and regulatory frameworks for sustainable and interoperable Digital ID in Africa.
• **Objective**
  
  • Analyze the role of Digital ID for the uptake of Digital payment and financial inclusion within countries and for cross-border digital trade.
  
  • Review the legal and regulatory framework necessary to boost Digital payment within and across borders.
  
  • Share different initiatives taken by stakeholders to boost Digital ID for seamless digital payments.

• **Outcome**

  • Strengthening African legal and regulatory frameworks for Digital ID to boost Digital payment and financial inclusion.
Session 6 – The Nexus between Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Digital ID Systems in Africa

• Objectives:
  • Scrutinize how the continent can enhance the integration of cybersecurity considerations into digital ID related policies.
  • Review the implications of the rapidly evolving AI systems in relation to digital systems and cyber-related policies and
  • Analyze means to leverage Artificial Intelligence in Africa to achieve trust and security in the deployment of Digital ID initiatives

• Outcome
  • Member states analyzing the potential and challenges of emerging technologies to be considered during the designing and implementation of Digital ID systems in Africa
Session 7: Digital ID: A key to inclusive growth

• Objective
  • Learning from different initiatives that are taking place in the continent and around the globe including:
    • Prioritization framework implementation for Digital ID; the Case of Kaduna State, Nigeria
    • Digital Payments and its impact on Economy- a case of inclusive growth and extent of Digital payments,
    • Digital ID to enhance Cross-Border Digital Trust in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities:

• Outcome
  • Raising awareness among member states on the impact of Digital ID for sustainable and inclusive growth in their countries
Objectives:

- Discuss how south-north partnerships can ensure the robust design and implementation of digital ID systems that serve as a foundation for modern African society.

Outcome

- Forged collaborations between the global south-north in the designing and implementation of robust and interoperable Digital ID systems in Africa.
- Transfer technology from the global north, contextualize and implement in Africa hence reducing the learning cycle.
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