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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.

SESSION I: ECA Report Africa Digital ID Landscape

- 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.

Session 2: Current developments in Digital ID programs in Africa: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons to Learnt

- 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

Session 3: Institutional alignments and collaboration in National ID and eCRVS

- 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 learn from each other
- 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.

Session 8: Digital Payment & Financial Inclusion

- 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

Session 9: South - North partnership to develop a sustainable digital ID & interoperability

- 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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