

**TOWARD GOOD ID**



**Turning Policy into  
Practice: Digital Identity**

# Good Digital Identity for Africa: Framework of Principles

- 1. Inclusion:** Digital identity systems must be inclusive and be designed and implemented with the rights and interests of African people at the center.
- 2. Ownership:** Data belongs to, and should remain in the control of, African individuals
- 3. Interoperability:** Systems will be interoperable, as appropriate and in line with data security and privacy standards
- 4. Existing Systems:** Developed with the aim to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics systems.
- 5. Privacy:** Designed to empower individuals and protect online privacy as a fundamental right.
- 6. Security and Safeguards:** Incorporate strong security, confidentiality and availability of personal data
- 7. Governance:** Digital identity systems and the personal data within them should be safeguarded through legal and regulatory frameworks.
- 8. Neutrality:** Digital identity systems implemented in Africa will be built using open standards and will be neutral to any vendor or technology.
- 9. Standards:** The AUC, regional economic communities, and the UNECA, and relevant partners (e.g., UN, World Bank) will work together on continental and regional standards.
- 10. Accountability:** Adherence to these principles will be assessed through the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

# Group Exercise (15:30 – 17:00)

1. 5 min Overview (Conference Room)
2. 5 min Break into Small Groups (Conference Room)
3. 45 min Small Group Exercise (Breakout Rooms)
4. 20 min “Marketplace” Exercise (Hallway)
5. 15 min Reflection Plenary (Conference Room)

# Framing Question (in small groups)

*How an ID system is designed, rolled out, and managed can include and protect individuals with privacy, security, and choice....*

*Or it can reinforce power imbalances, exclude, discriminate, and support surveillance*

## Elements to consider

Legal (data protection, privacy, etc.)

Security

Infrastructure

Participation

Inclusion and empowerment

Openness and transparency

User value

# Small Group Exercise (45 min)

In each small group select:

- One rapporteur (for “Hallway” exercise and closing panel)
- One note taker (detail group conversation on laptop)
- One recorder (detail group findings on flip paper)

*(10 min) Briefly discuss the (digital) ID system in your countries (build from pre-survey questions)*

*(35 min) Using the framing question: Select one country and consider (1) what stakeholders need to be engaged to address the elements; (2) how to balance the elements in light of competing political priorities; (3) what is the sequence in the next 12 months*

\*\*\*\*\* Please document on your flip chart\*\*\*\*\*

## **“Market Place” Exercise (20 min)**

- Please hang your flipchart on the wall in the hallway
- One member of each team stays with the flipchart to share findings
- Other team members move around the hall and hear what other teams discussed and discovered in the exercise.

# Plenary



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## Questions

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