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, confidentially 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 taken (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.
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Questions