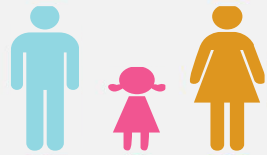# Building an Identification Ecosystem for Africa
The World Bank's Sub-Regional Identification for Development Projects

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CONTEXT: IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1.1 billion people
and 45% of Africans*
are unable to prove their identity

Most unregistered children and adults come from **vulnerable populations**: poor rural households, women, children, refugees, and stateless populations

ID is needed for individuals to...

Access bank accounts, credit, or capital

Prove property ownership or inheritance

Prove eligibility for health, pension, or social entitlements

Vote in elections

Cross borders legally

Thereby ensuring...

- Economic, political, and social **inclusion** of vulnerable populations

- The effective **delivery** and **governance** of public and private services

CONTEXT: GUIDING PRINCIPLES ENDORSED BY STAKEHOLDERS

Inclusion:
Universal Coverage and Accessibility

1. Ensuring universal coverage for individuals from birth till death, free from discrimination.
2. Removing barriers to access and usage and disparities in the availability of information and technology.

Design:
Robust, Secure, Responsive, and Sustainable

3. Establishing a robust—unique, secure, and accurate—identity.
4. Creating a platform that is interoperable and responsive to the needs of various users.
5. Using open standards and ensuring vendor and technology neutrality.
6. Protecting user privacy and control through system design.
7. Planning for financial and operational sustainability without compromising accessibility.

Governance:
Trust, Privacy, and User Rights

8. Safeguarding data privacy, security, and user rights through a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework.
9. Establishing clear institutional mandates and accountability.
10. Enforcing legal and trust frameworks through independent oversight and adjudication of grievances.
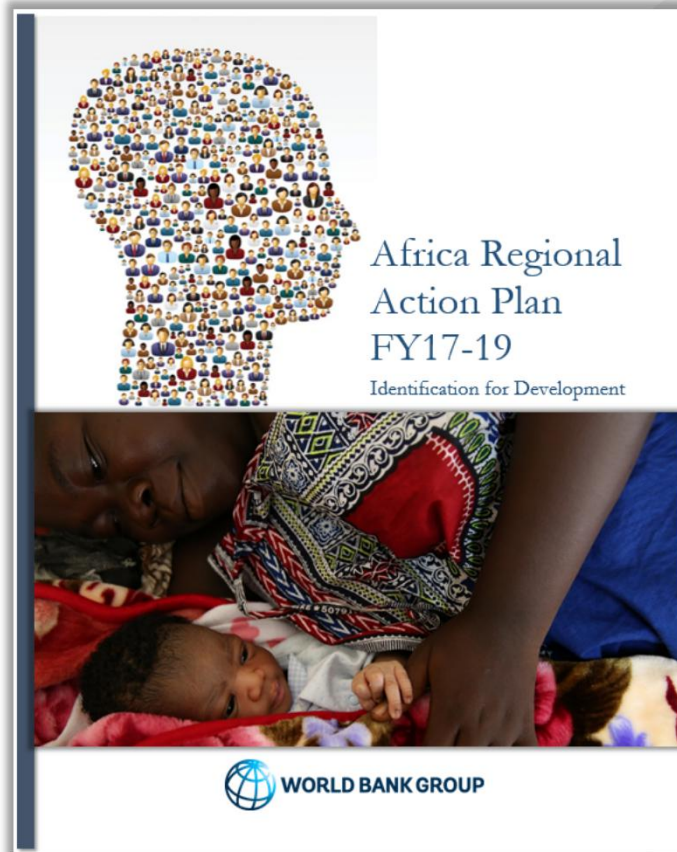
WORLD BANK NEW SUB-REGIONAL ID PROJECTS: VISION

Unique ID systems with mutual recognition and the capacity for authentication across Africa

WORLD BANK SUB-REGIONAL ID OPERATIONS - part of larger ID4D initiative

Africa Regional Action Plan FY17-19
Identification for Development

WORLD BANK GROUP

Global

ID4D Research & Advocacy Work
Research & Analysis on Operational Guidance • Shared Principles of Identification Systems • High Level Advisory Panel

Regional Africa

Africa-Wide Efforts
ID4Africa Conference • South-South Learning • Africa Regional Action Plan • AU-IOM coordination

Sub-Regional

| ECOWAS | EAC | SADC |

Country

Sub-Regional Operations
West Africa
East Africa

Standalone Country Engagement

Projects with ID Components

SUB-REGIONAL PROJECTS: OBJECTIVES

National level

- Universally **accessible**

- Reliable, **mutual recognition** and **robust** performance; provide a **unique number**

- Shared **foundational platform** to provide access to **functional services**

- **Civil registration** strengthened; linked to unique ID

- Systems for ID management follow best practice for being **updated**

- Parallel foundational systems are not created and eventually merged

- Respect **privacy and data security**

Sub-Regional level

Legal Frameworks

Common elements to legal frameworks for privacy, security and mutual recognition, under a shared regional vision

Technical Standards

Technical standards developed across countries, with sub-regional bodies, in line with global standards to facilitate **mutual recognition**

SUB-REGIONAL PROJECTS: ACTIVITIES + OUTPUTS

+ **Institutional engagement** of sub-regional organizations including ECOWAS, EAC, SADC, AU, IOM,…

+ Regional **harmonization of legal & regulatory frameworks** surrounding identification, and technical standards & specifications of identity documents

+ **Enhanced coverage** across region, including to refugees, stateless persons, migrants, and other vulnerable groups

+ **Knowledge sharing** among states to develop solutions to common problems

SUB-REGIONAL PROJECTS: ANTICIPATED REGIONAL OUTCOMES

+ Greater ease in **flow of people** across borders, leading to increased migration

+ Greater ease in **flow of capital** (money, goods and services) across borders

+ Addressing **cross border fragility and resilience** by enhancing ability of vulnerable cross-border groups to prove identity, access protection and services

+ **Cost savings** through economies of scale in trainings, communications campaigns, etc.

+ Readying Africa for access to **single digital market**

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

ECOWAS + member states

Benin
Burkina Faso
Cape Verde
Cote d"Ivoire
The Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Liberia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Togo

First set of countries in project:

Cote d'Ivoire

Guinea

The project aims to *strengthen the foundation for countries' unique ID systems with mutual recognition and the capacity for authentication in the ECOWAS region.*

- **Strengthen the legal and enabling environment**
- **Robust and reliable ID systems**
- **Link to service delivery**

SERIES OF PROJECTS -- CRITERIA FOR COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT IN REGIONAL PROJECTS

➤National commitment to setting up an inclusive and accessible ID system

➤ID assessment to map ID architecture

➤National commitment to adhering to standards for harmonization and mutual recognition within Africa sub-region

➤National commitment to building trust in ID systems by protecting privacy and user rights

→ *Ivory Coast and Guinea in West Africa stage 1, beginning now*

EAST AFRICA REGIONAL IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

EAC + member states to implement Article 7 of Common Market Protocols

EAC member states:
Tanzania
Rwanda
Kenya
Uganda
Burundi
South Sudan

Regional roadmap to be developed by December 2017

- **Mutual Recognition of IDs based on EAC's Common Market Protocols**
- **Legal and enabling environment**
- **Upgrade and connectivity of EAC border control posts, inter-operability with national ID authorities**
- **Coverage of vulnerable population, rural women, immigrants, refugees,**
- **Impact on trade facilitation**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

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