

ID4Africa Welcomes the 2018 Class of Ambassadors: Makes Appointments from 29 African Countries

New York, New York, United States: ID4Africa announced today the appointment of Ambassadors from 29 countries for its 2018 Ambassador Class. These countries represent over 75% of sub-Saharan Africa by population. Since its inception in 2016, the ID4Africa Ambassadors Program has not only continued to gain importance in the range of representation, but also in the breadth and depth of engagements from the Ambassadors who continue to be driven and active in advocating digital transformations of identity in their countries.

The ID4Africa Ambassadors are senior-level government officials with well-defined missions to promote and manage legal identity in their countries. Having been selected based on merit and experience, they represent a growing movement of individuals who are passionate about digital identity and the positive impact its various applications have on their nation's socio-economic development. As identity experts, they volunteer their time to promote the responsible use of digital identity in Africa and act as important liaisons between ID4Africa and the institutions and identity stakeholders in their respective countries.

ID4Africa Executive Chairman, Dr. Joseph J. Atick said: "The Ambassadors Program is a platform for empowering African Civil servants to influence and advance the identity agenda in Africa. The Ambassadors play an integral role in influencing the direction of the ID4Africa Movement, keeping us informed at a granular level on issues that are pertinent to our constituent countries. They ensure that their countries' issues and concerns are part of the collective agenda of the Movement and that their countries are well represented in their delegations to the ID4Africa Annual Meeting." He added, "Over the years, the level of seniority of the Ambassadors has risen, which is a testament to the importance the member countries are attaching to their participation in the Movement."

The Ambassadors for 2018 consist of (listed in alphabetical order by country):

Benin	Josef Konti, Director General of Civil Registration, Ministry of Interior and public security
Burkina Faso	Allassani Ouedraogo, Director of the Cabinet of the Ministry of Economic Development
Cameroon	Jean Paul Ntsengue, Director of the Cabinet, Elections Cameroon (ELECAM)
Central African Republic	Andrien Nestor Zouaka, Expert in Charge of the Administration, Ministry of Interior and public security
Côte d'Ivoire	Elisabeth Gore, Vice Director Independent Election Commission (CEI)
Democratic Republic of Congo	Moussa M. Mbutho, ICT Counselor, Prime Minister's Office
Djibouti	Moustapha Mohamed Ismail, Director General, National Agency of Government Information Systems.

Ethiopia	Daniel Lishanew, ICT Director, Vital Events Registration Agency
Ghana	Emmanuel Brown, Senior Officer, Card Production, National Identification Authority
Guinée	Mory Camara, Director General, National Agency for eGovernment and IT (ANGEIE)
Kenya	Reuben M. Kimotho, Director of National Registration, National Registration Bureau
Lesotho	Tumelo Raboetsi, Director for the National Identity and Civil Registry Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
Liberia	Zeze R. Reed, Deputy Executive Director of Technical Services, National Identification Registry
Madagascar	Haingotiana Rasitefanoelina, Civil Administrator, Permanent Secretary of the CNC-CRVS, Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization
Malawi	Sophie Kang'oma, Director, National Registration Bureau
Mali	Abdoul SY, Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Defence and Veterans (MDAC),
Mauritania	Mohamd Ntilitt, Director of Informatics, Independent National Electoral Commission
Namibia	Oscar Muhapi, Control Administrative Officer: ID Production, Ministry of Home Affairs
Niger	Tinni Hamadou, Director of Census, Statistics, & Materials, Ministry of Interior
Nigeria	Godswill Ukauwa, Assistant Comptroller of Immigration, The Nigerian Immigration Service
Rwanda	Jacques Kayisire, Director of ICT Infrastructure, National Identification Agency
São Tomé e Príncipe	Alberto Pereira, President, Electoral Commission
Senegal	Mouhamed Mahi SY, Coordinator of Computer Services Unit, Universal Healthcare Coverage Agency
Sierra Leone	Elijah Koroma, Chief Technology Officer, National Registration Secretariat
South Africa	Thomas Sigama, Chief Director, Department of Home Affairs
South Sudan	David Jobojobo, Deputy Director ICT, Ministry of Interior
Swaziland	Andile Dlamini, Regional Civil Registrar, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
Tanzania	Alphonse Malibiche, Acting Director, Identification Management, National Identification Authority
Tchad	Josias Taradoum, Manager of Civil Registration, Good Governance Program

The Ambassadors serve a one-year term renewable by mutual consent year after year up to the term limit of four years.

About the ID4Africa Ambassadors Program:

ID4Africa Ambassadors are appointed based on merit, passion and a strong commitment to inspire others, and promote identity systems best practices. They operate within the [ID4Africa Code of Ethics](#) and any policy directives issued by its Governance Body. Additional information and updates can be found at www.id4africa.com/ambassadors.

About ID4Africa:

ID4Africa is a multi-stakeholder Movement that promotes the transparent and responsible adoption of digital identity in the service of development in Africa. The aim is to share experience and establish real world best practices that set the correct expectations for what is involved in launching and sustaining successful identity programs. The Movement holds an Annual Meeting in a different African country each year.

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