## ID4Africa Expands its Ambassador Program: Announces Ambassadors from 19 African Countries

**New York, New York, United States**: ID4Africa, the Movement promoting the responsible adoption of digital identity as a force for social and economic development in Africa, announced its 2017 class of Ambassadors. The Ambassador program, which was conceived of a year ago, has now tripled in size with 19 Ambassadors appointed representing over 60% of sub-Saharan Africa by population.

The ID4Africa Ambassadors, all of whom are African government employees, are identity experts who 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. 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.

This year ID4Africa received an unprecedented number of applications from prospective government officials from nearly every African country. The successful applicants were selected based on merit and experience.

ID4Africa Executive Chairman, Dr. Joseph J. Atick said *"We are thrilled with the level of interest that we have seen in the program and the engagement that the Ambassadors have exhibited. This is a force for good to be reckoned with."* He added *"Because of their involvement we are able to get closer to the issues and better understand the identification needs and challenges country by country, which enables our movement to be more impactful and responsive."*

The current list of Ambassadors includes (listed in alphabetical order by country):

- **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)
- **Chad:** Josias Taradoum, Manager of Civil Registration, Good Governance Program
- **Côte d'Ivoire:** Elisabeth Gore, Vice Director Independent Election Commission (CEI)
- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):** Moussa M. Mbutho, ICT Counselor, Prime Minister's Office
- **Djibouti:** Moustapha M. Ismail, Director of e-Government, Presidency of the Republic
- **Ethiopia:** Daniel Lishanew, ICT Director, Vital Events Registration Agency (Continuing Ambassador)

- **Ghana:** Emmanuel Brown, Senior Officer, Card Production, National Identification Authority (Continuing Ambassador)
- **Liberia:** Zeze Reed, Deputy Executive Director of Technical Services, National Identification Registry
- **Lesotho:** Tumelo Raboletsi, Director for the National Identity and Civil Registry Department, Ministry of Home Affairs (Continuing Ambassador)
- **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
- **Niger:** Tinni Hamadou, Director of Census, Stastistics, & Materials, Ministry of Interior
- **Nigeria:** Godswill Ukauwa, Chief Superindendent of Immigration, the Nigerian Immigration Service (Continuing Ambassador)
- **Senegal:** Mouhamed Mahi SY, Coordinator of Computer Services Unit, Universal Healthcare Coverage Agency (CMU)
- **Sierra Leone:** Elijah Koroma, Chief Technology Officer, National Registration Secretariat
- **South Sudan:** David Jobojobo, Deputy Director ICT, Ministry of Interior
- **Uganda:** Charles Nsimbi, Manager, Civil Registration, Uganda Registration Service

The Ambassadors serve a one-year renewable term. Their official confirmations will be held at a ceremony at the upcoming ID4Africa Annual Meeting on April 26-28, 2017 in Windhoek, Namibia. 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 Africa country each year.

**About the 3rd Annual Meeting of ID4Africa:** This year's meeting is being held in Windhoek, Namibia April 26-28, 2017. ID4Africa's inaugural meeting was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2015, and it was followed by a milestone event in Kigali, Rwanda in 2016, that was attended by over 600 delegates representing African governments, international organizations, and technology and solution providers. In its second year, ID4Africa doubled the attendance of its event and demonstrated the strength and sustainability of the movement. ID4Africa's third Annual Meeting in Namibia is expected to draw over 800 participants who will benefit from a full and groundbreaking three-day program designed to be pertinent and timely to Africa's

identification needs. It will be accompanied by one of the largest identity and biometrics expositions in the world where over 90 international leading companies will exhibit and demonstrate their latest capabilities in identity technologies and solutions

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