



Side Meeting of Data Protection in Identity Systems (DPIS) CONCEPT NOTE

June 2nd, 15:30-18:30

About

DPIS will build on the foundation established by the first RADPA (Round Table of African Data Protection Authorities) meeting in 2019 and will shift the conversation forward while still focusing specifically on identity systems in Africa. It will be held on Day One (2nd June, 2020: 15h30-18h30) as a side meeting to the ID4Africa Annual Meeting. It is open *only* to the Data Protection Authorities in Africa (DPAs) and *invited* international and civil society actors in this domain.

The purpose of DPIS is to promote a pan-African dialogue within the data protection community, to allow the authorities to network and coordinate their positions on matters related to privacy and data protection, as they pertain to identity systems. This is a session of dialogue among the African DPAs and their allies that will focus on their concerns, priorities, and goals.

Outcomes:

It is expected that an Open Letter will be drafted and issued by the group and addressed to the identity authorities, across the African continent and the worldwide industry. The letter will outline the collective concerns that the DPAs have about Identity Systems and the risks that they see the systems posing to fundamental rights around data protection and privacy. The Open Letter will be published in the appropriate channels, presented on Day 2 during the Data 2020 thematic track, and summarized during Plenary Session PS5 on Day 3.

In addition to this important outcome, it is expected that DPIS and the general participation of the DPA at the ID4Africa Annual Meeting will go the distance to achieving the following:

- Facilitate increasing the knowledge, fact base, and expertise of DPAs regarding identity systems and related technologies.
- Encourage increased focus on identity systems, risks, and mitigations by DPAs in Africa.
- Encourage and facilitate building improved communication between African DPAs and identity authorities, and between the DPAs and civil society specifically around ID matters.
- Facilitate identification of specific challenges in identity systems, best practices in identity systems that address those challenges, and areas of agreement about approaches.
- Encourage dialogue about identity issues between African DPAs and relevant industry players.
- Encourage communication by DPAs regarding identity systems to their constituencies.
- Allow the DPAs and the data experts to engage the identity community on cutting edge data issues within the context of the Thematic Track, **Data 2020**.

Preparations:

It is expected that DPIS will be preceded by a series of preparatory consultations including a survey that will be conducted several months ahead of the meeting to try to identify key DPA positions. This work will profit from



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the recommendations for follow up action identified during DPIS and summarized in the Special Rapporteur's Report available on the [ID4Africa Knowledge Hub](#).

Facilitation

- Moderator TBA
- Pam DIXON, *Founder & Executive Director, World Privacy Forum* (**RAPPORTEUR**)

Participants:

Invitations will be extended to all active representatives of the Data Protection Authorities in Africa and some of the key Civil Societies. A limited number of seats will be granted to a select few representatives of international agencies active in the domain upon application.