



## ID4AFRICA AGM PROGRAM OUTLINE\*

### DIGITAL IDENTITY AT SCALE: PRIORITIZING USE, ACCELERATING IMPACT

Conference languages: English-French with Simultaneous Interpretation

| DAY 1 PLENARIES: TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>08:30 – 09:30 PS0</b><br>60 mins  | <b>OPENING ADDRESSES</b>                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>State of ID4Africa &amp; ID4D Address</b><br/><b>Dr. Joseph J. ATICK</b>, <i>Executive Chairman, ID4Africa</i></li><li>• <b>Host Country Address</b><br/><b>Speaker TBA</b></li></ul>   |  |
| <b>9:30-10:30</b><br>60 mins   | <b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION</b>  |
| <b>10:30-13:30: PS1</b><br>180 mins  | <b>DIGITAL IDENTITY PROGRESS IN AFRICA</b> |
| <p>This 3-segment session highlights the remarkable progress of digital identity adoption across Africa, with insights from eleven nations at different stages of implementation and following diverse strategic approaches. Country representatives share their experiences, the challenges they have navigated, and their roadmaps for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Host</b><br/><b>Dr. Joseph J. Atick</b>, <i>Executive Chairman, ID4Africa</i></li></ul> <p><b>S1: COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTS</b><br/><b>[Presentations + Q&amp;A]</b></p> <p>In this segment, heads of Identity Authorities from 5 African countries, appearing for the first time, share valuable updates, lessons and recommendations. It underscores that foundational identity systems are not one-size-fits-all, with each nation adopting strategies tailored to its needs and sovereignty.</p> <p><b>FEATURED COUNTRIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MAURITANIA</b><br/><b>Sidi Ali NAFEE</b>, <i>Director &amp; CEO, National Agency for the Population Register and Secure Titles (ANRPTS); and ID4Africa Ambassador</i></li><li>• <b>TANZANIA</b><br/><b>Edson GUYAI</b>, <i>Director, ID Management, National Identification Authority (NIDA); and ID4Africa Ambassador</i></li><li>• <b>BENIN</b><br/><b>Aristide ADJINACOU</b>, <i>Director General, National Agency for the Identification of Persons (ANIP)</i></li></ul> |  |



- **SOMALIA**  
**Abdiwali Ali ABDULLE**, *Director General, National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA); and ID4Africa Ambassador*
- **MALAWI**  
**Mphatso SAMBO**, *Principal Secretary, National Registration Bureau (NRB); and ID4Africa Ambassador*

## S2: SPOTLIGHT: i-ON-ETHIOPIA

### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This segment showcases Ethiopia's whole-of-government approach to identity development, emphasizing the power of collaboration. It examines how stakeholders align efforts to drive Fayda enrollment and expand its use across sectors, fostering a robust, inclusive identity framework for national development.

- **Moderator**  
**Yodahe ZEMICHAEL**, *Executive Director, National ID Program (NIDP); and ID4Africa Ambassador, Ethiopia*

### PANELISTS

- **Jotework GUDETA AYELE**, *Senior Advisor to the Governor, National Bank of Ethiopia*
- **Yonas ALEMAYEHU**, *Director General, Addis Ababa City Administration Civil Registration and Residency Service Agency (CRRSA)*
- **H.E. Frehiwot TAMRU**, *CEO, Ethio telecom*
- **H.E. Tigist HAMID MOHAMMED**, *Director General, Information Network Security Agency (INSA); and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*

## S3: REIMAGINING IDENTITY AUTHORITIES AS DIGITAL PUBLIC UTILITY ENTERPRISES

### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This panel brings together the leaders of the continent's most established Identity Authorities to discuss their transition into public utility enterprises. It explores sustainable business models, institutional reforms and innovative strategies to meet identity verification needs and to ensure long-term viability and impact.

### FEATURED COUNTRIES

- **GHANA**  
**Theresa ESON-BENJAMIN**, *Executive Assistant to Executive Secretary & Head, Legal and Compliance, National Identification Authority (NIA), Ghana; and ID4Africa Ambassador*
- **KENYA**  
**Amb. Prof. Julius BITOK**, *Principal Secretary, State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, Ministry of Interior and National Administration*
- **MOROCCO**  
**Mouhcine YEJJOU**, *Director, Morocco eID Project, Direction Générale de la Sûreté Nationale (DGSN); and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **NIGERIA**  
**Engr. Abisoye COKER-ODUSOTE**, *Director General/CEO, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC); and ID4Africa Ambassador*



- **MAURITIUS**

**Devendre GOPAUL**, *Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office; and ID4Africa Ambassador*

**13:30-15:30**

120 mins

**LUNCH & EXTENDED NETWORKING**

**15:30-18:30: PS2**

180 mins

**DIGITAL IDENTITY & THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

This session examines how digital identity drives global development, as viewed through the lens of government leaders, development organizations and standards bodies.

- **Host**

**Dr. Joseph J. Atick**, *Executive Chairman, ID4Africa*

### **S1: HARNESSING DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT: THE MINISTERS' PANEL**

This high-level panel brings together three ministers of technology and innovation from leading African nations to examine how digital identity and artificial intelligence are shaping tomorrow's digitally empowered societies. The discussion explores leveraging disruptive technologies to transform governance, advance digital service delivery, and strengthen their position in the global digital economy. Key focus areas include innovation policy frameworks, strategic public-private partnerships, data-driven development approaches, integrated digital public infrastructure, and the fundamental challenges of building scalable infrastructure and capabilities to accelerate national impact.

**List of Ministers will be unveiled soon.**

### **S2: RETHINKING THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT DECADE**

**[Panel Discussion + Q&A]**

As digital transformation reshapes global priorities, development actors are redefining their strategies to stay impactful. This segment brings together leaders from top organizations to discuss evolving priorities, adapting approaches, and how digital advancements influence project design, resource allocation, and interventions. The discussion emphasizes keeping development efforts responsive, inclusive, safe and future-ready.

#### **PANELISTS**

- **Christine Zhenwei QIANG**, *Global Director, Digital Transformation, The World Bank*
- **Keyzom NGODUP MASSALLY**, *Head, Digital Programming, Chief Digital Office, UNDP*
- **Waleed HAMD**, *Head, Information Society Division, Infrastructure and Energy Department, African Union Commission*

### **S3: STANDARDIZATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

**[Panel Discussion + Q&A]**

This panel brings together chairs of three key ISO subcommittees shaping digital identity standards. Experts discuss how standardization drives sustainable development, innovation and interoperability, while ensuring security and inclusivity. The session also explores Africa's role in global standards, with ISO inviting participation. A must-attend for policymakers and innovators advancing the digital identity agenda.

#### **PANELISTS**

- **Dr. Peter WAGGETT**, *Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 17 Subcommittee --Identity Credentials;*



and UK Director of Strategic Relationships, IBM Research Europe

- **Dr. Andreas WOLF**, Chair, ISO SC 27 Subcommittee, Information Security, Cybersecurity, Privacy Protection and Innovations;  
and Principal Scientist Biometrics, Bundesdruckerei GmbH
- **Patrick GROTH**, Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 37 Subcommittee—Biometrics;  
and Biometric Testing Project Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

#### S4: ACHIEVING SUCCESS: INSIGHTS FROM FORMER ID AUTHORITY LEADERS

##### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This session brings together three former director generals to share their experiences and insights on achieving success in large-scale identity systems. They discuss strategies to avoid vendor lock-in, the impact of open markets and standards, and the role of DPI and the private sector.

##### PANELISTS

- **Engr. Aliyu AZIZ**, Former Director General/CEO, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Nigeria
- **Prof. Kenneth ATTAFUAH**, Former Executive Secretary, National Identification Agency (NIA), Ghana
- **Tariq MALIK**, Former Chairman & CEO, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Pakistan

#### S5: CLOSING KEYNOTE

This keynote provides an overview from a renowned expert on building universal, citizen-centric, digital public infrastructures, offering valuable insights for the future of development in a digital world.

##### [Presentation]

##### SPEAKER

- **Beyond ID: Building universal citizen-centric DPI**  
**Dr. Pramod VARMA**, Co-Chair, Center for DPI

**18:30-20:00**

90 mins

**GRAND NETWORKING RECEPTION**



**DAY 2 TRACKS: WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025**  
**SESSIONS AT A GLANCE**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>08:30-13:30</b>                            | <b>MORNING SESSIONS</b>                             |
| <b>TRACK 1</b><br><b>The Solutions Forum</b>  | <b>TRACK 2</b><br><b>Networking @ the Expo Zone</b> |
| <b>13:30-14:30</b>                            | <b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>                             |
| <b>14:30-17:30</b>                            | <b>AFTERNOON SESSIONS</b>                           |
| <b>TRACK 1</b><br><b>From Data to Dignity</b> | <b>TRACK 2</b><br><b>DPI For Development</b>        |
| <b>17:30-17:45</b>                            | <b>THE 2026 AGM HOST COUNTRY REVEAL</b>             |
| <b>17:45-19:00</b>                            | <b>NETWORKING &amp; EXHIBITION</b>                  |

**DAY 2 PLENARIES: WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025**

**08:30-10:15: PS3**  
105 mins

**THE SOLUTIONS FORUM: DIGITAL IDENTITY IN USE (PART I)**

The Solutions Forum, divided into two parts (PS3, PS4), highlights real-world use cases of digital identity, focusing on solution strategies in several key sectors adopting digital identity in Africa. It covers lessons learned and explores the potential for scaling these solutions. After each presentation, attendees can engage with speakers through a dedicated Q&A. This forum offers a compelling overview of promising and proven solutions that can be adapted and implemented in other countries, making it a must-attend event. The Forum is structured into segments focused on the three sectors that have been most impacted by digital identity and transformation, namely: Financial (PS3), Travel (PS4: S1) and Health (PS4:S2).

**Please Note:** The Solutions Forum lineup is carefully curated from proposals submitted by solution providers in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP). Selections are based on merit and alignment with this year's theme. Each candidate undergoes a rigorous competitive interview and validation process, and their presentation content is subject to comprehensive editorial review and quality control to ensure relevance, accuracy and excellence.

- **Moderator**  
**Abdullahi Bihi HUSSEIN**, Managing Director, Somali Payment Switch; and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador, Somalia



## S1: SOLUTIONS FORUM KEYNOTE 1

[Presentation]

### SPEAKER

- **In Partnership with Government: Industry's role in building inclusive scalable digital identity**  
**Agnès DIALLO**, CEO, IN Groupe (former Executive Director of EU-Lisa)

## S2: FINANCIAL SECTOR USE CASES

[Presentations + Q&A]

The financial sector offers some of the most impactful use cases for digital identity. This segment highlights key applications from pioneering innovators and business leaders who are driving digital transformation in finance, both in Africa and globally. Through these examples, participants will gain insights into how digital identity is being leveraged to enhance security, streamline services, and promote financial inclusion across diverse markets. The topic covered in this segment will continue within the Symposium on Day 3 dedicated to digital identity and financial services [Ref. T3-P3].

### SPEAKERS

- **Enabling Financial Inclusion by Leveraging Digital Identity**  
**Rajiv GARODIA**, SVP & Global Head, Government Solutions, Visa
- **Enabling Digital Transformation in Africa with Inclusive Digital IDs and Integrated Payments**  
**Rahul PARTHE**, Co-Founder, Chairman & CTO, TECH5
- **Title TBC**  
**Owen McSHANE**, Vice President, Government Relations, FaceTec
- **Digitally TRUSTED Uganda: The UGPASS way**  
**Ramamohan REDDY**, Founder & CEO, DigitalTrust Technologies  
**Dr. Hatwib MUGASA**, Executive Director, National Information Technology Authority (NITA), Uganda

**10:15-11:45**

90 mins

**NETWORKING & EXHIBITION**

**11:45-13:30: PS4**

105 mins

**THE SOLUTIONS FORUM: DIGITAL IDENTITY IN USE (PART II)**

*Continuation of PS3*

**Please Note:** The Solutions Forum lineup is carefully curated from proposals submitted by solution providers in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP). Selections are based on merit and alignment with this year's theme. Each candidate undergoes a rigorous competitive interview and validation process, and their presentation content is subject to comprehensive editorial review and quality control to ensure relevance, accuracy, and excellence.

- **Moderator**  
**Dr. Christopher WANJAU**, Secretary, National Registration Bureau; and ID4Africa Ambassador, Kenya

## S1: SOLUTIONS FORUM KEYNOTE 2



## [Presentation]

- [Digitizing Identities: From vision to reality](#)  
*Kalkidan AREGA, CEO, Toppan Security Ethiopia*

## S2: TRAVEL USE CASES

### [Presentations + Q&A]

Travel is another sector undergoing massive change driven by identity-enabled digital transformation. While regions outside Africa are progressing rapidly due to relatively more mature infrastructure, it will not be long before these travel use cases impact the continent. In this segment, 3 world-renowned organizations share their experiences with the latest use cases that are reshaping the way people travel and cross borders.

#### SPEAKERS

- [Travel & Tourism Using Digital Identity Providing a Happy Experience](#)  
*Jeremy SPRINGALL, Global Head, SITA AT BORDERS*
- [Unlocking the Future of Smart Living with Face Biometric Identification](#)  
*Anas MOSTAFA, Regional Sales Director, Middle East, Veridos*

## S3: HEALTHCARE USE CASES

### [Presentations + Q&A]

The health sector offers very compelling use cases for digital identity and is emerging as a key driver for enrollment of the population. In this segment, some of the leading use cases in Africa will be presented by deeply experienced organizations that have accompanied government agencies in Africa in their quest to adopt digital solutions for managing universal health insurance requirements and patient identification.

- [Moderator](#)  
*Mouhamed Mahi SY, Director, Information System, Senegalese Agency for Universal Health Coverage (SEN-CSU); and ID4Africa Ambassador, Senegal*

#### SPEAKERS

- [Unlocking the Power of Digital Identity: The Ghana Card's impact on healthcare](#)  
*Moses Kwesi BAIDEN Jnr, CEO & Founder, Margins ID Group*
- [Transforming Healthcare & Beyond: National biometric system in the Republic of Congo](#)  
*Speaker TBA, Innovatrics*

**13:30-14:30**

60 mins

**LUNCH & NETWORKING**

**14:30-17:30: PS5A**

180 mins

**FROM DATA TO DIGNITY: GUARDRAILING DIGITAL IDENTITY**

## S1: REFORMING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

### [Presentations + Q&A]

This session examines the need to modernize legal frameworks governing the identity ecosystem, to address the demands of the digital era. It emphasizes the pivotal role these reforms play in combating discrimination, preventing exclusion, and mitigating emerging digital threats. Through four detailed case studies from Africa, participants gain insights into real-world experiences with legal reform. Each case study explores the



motivations behind the changes, the reform processes, lessons learned, challenges encountered, and the outcomes achieved. The session provides actionable guidance on crafting laws that balance innovation and accountability, enhance transparency, and foster trust in digital systems.

- **Moderator**  
**Tulimeke MUNYIKA**, *Director, National Population Register Identification and Production, Dept. of Civil Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security; and ID4Africa Ambassador, Namibia*

## FEATURED COUNTRIES

- **SOUTH AFRICA**  
**Thulani MAVUSO**, *Deputy Director General: Operations, Department of Home Affairs*
- **BENIN**  
**Dr. Jean AHLOU**, *National Coordinator, WURI, Benin*
- **CAMEROON**  
**Brice Gabin KAMDEM KOUAM**, *Head, Legal Affairs Division, Ministry of Civil Decentralization and Local Development (MINDDEVEL)*
- **MOZAMBIQUE**  
**Dr. Lourinho CHEMANE**, *Board Chairman, National Institute of Information and Communication Technology, and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **PANEL DISCUSSION + Q&A**

## S2: PROVEN POLICIES FOR INCLUSION

### [Presentations + Q&A]

This session showcases presentations from distinguished representatives of leading research organizations, providing an in-depth look at their latest findings. The speakers delve into evidence of exclusion, spotlight effective policies and strategies for fostering inclusion, and analyze the transformative impact of inclusive practices on communities. The session concludes with an interactive Q&A, allowing attendees to engage directly with the experts.

- **Moderator**  
**Julia CLARK**, *Senior Economist, ID4D Initiative, The World Bank*

## SPEAKERS

- **Strategies for Inclusion-By-Design**  
**Julia CLARK**, *Senior Economist, ID4D initiative, The World Bank*
- **The Economic Costs of Identity Exclusion: Evidence from across the identity supply chain**  
**Prof. Edgar WHITLEY**, *Professor of Information Systems, Department of Management, London School of Economics*

## S3: FOSTERING TRUST AND RESPECTING DIGNITY IN DIGITAL SYSTEMS

### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This session explores how digital systems can serve as powerful tools for inclusion by addressing systemic discrimination and enhancing consent practices in Africa. It focuses on empowering citizens to move beyond





being mere data subjects, ensuring they retain the right to provide informed and specific consent whenever their data is accessed—rather than relying solely on blanket consent at the point of enrollment.

Featuring a panel of prominent representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), the session also delves into the role of Human Rights Impact Assessments in safeguarding the dignity and rights of citizens. Additionally, it examines how governments can collaborate with CSOs to rebuild community trust in digital systems, fostering a more equitable and transparent digital ecosystem.

- **Moderator**  
**Mustafa MAHMOUD**, *Co-Director, Namati, Kenya*

#### PANELISTS

- **Elizabeth ATORI**, *Legal Officer, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Uganda*
- **Khasida ABDULLAHI**, *Program Manager, Haki na Sheria Initiative, Kenya*
- **Thandeka CHAUKE**, *Head, Statelessness Unit, Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa*
- **Susan MWAPE**, *Founder & Executive Director, Common Cause Zambia*
- **Joseph Désiré ZEBAZE**, *National Coordinator, Cameroon Network of Human Rights Organizations (CNHRO)*

**14:30-17:30: PS5B**

180 mins

**DPI FOR DEVELOPMENT**

This session explores the critical role of sustainable Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in driving inclusive digital transformation and societal growth, focusing on three interconnected pillars: interoperability, governance and ecosystem. Through expert-led discussions and case studies, participants delve into actionable strategies for building DPIs that are resilient, scalable, and impactful.

- **Moderator**  
**Chahine HAMILA**, *e-Gov Senior Advisor & Technologist, UNDP*

#### **S1: OPENING REMARKS**

##### **[Presentation]**

This presentation highlights DPI as the digital equivalent of physical infrastructure and explains its potential to lower costs, foster innovation, and increase inclusion. It then explores the interplay between DPI and DPG, emphasizing that while DPGs promise innovation and equitable access, their successful implementation demands significant investment in infrastructure, capacity building, and ecosystem development—just like DPIs. Drawing on real-world examples and detailed cost analyses, the speaker illustrates how governments can generate sustainable value by harmonizing open innovation with critical considerations such as security, capacity building, and market dynamics. This insightful talk equips decision-makers with a practical framework to harness the power of DPGs and DPIs while fostering sustainable and inclusive digital ecosystems.

#### **SPEAKER**

- **Digital Public Infrastructure: Unlocking value accelerating development**  
**Chahine HAMILA**, *e-Gov Senior Advisor & Technologist, UNDP*

#### **S2: INTEROPERABILITY AND STANDARDS: THE BACKBONE OF DPIs**

##### **[Panel Discussion + Q&A]**

This expert panel delves into the crucial role of interoperability in the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) ecosystems. Panelists discuss the foundational requirements for achieving interoperability, the development community's commitment to its adoption, and the critical role of standards in enabling



seamless integration. The session explores challenges in designing and governing international standards, ensuring robust security, and building interoperable systems that effectively serve both the public and private sectors while advancing global development goals.

#### PANELISTS

- **Peter KUSEK**, *Program Manager, Digital Transformation Global Department, The World Bank*
- **Anita MITTAL**, *Lead Digital Convergence Initiative, Global Alliances for Social Protection, GIZ*
- **Stephanie DE LABRIOLLE**, *Executive Director, Secure Identity Alliance (SIA) and OSIA*
- **Gail HODGES**, *Executive Director, OpenID Foundation*

### S3: SCALING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS INTO ECOSYSTEMS

#### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This session examines the pivotal role of robust ecosystems in sustaining DPI. It emphasizes the enabling environment necessary for systems—whether standards-based or open-source—to achieve scale, resilience, and long-term sustainability. Recognizing that no government system can thrive in isolation, the discussion highlights the importance of embedding DPI within a comprehensive ecosystem that solves real-world problems and drives innovation. The session delves into what is needed to build such ecosystems, strategies to foster collaboration, and the critical role of public-private partnerships in creating an enabling infrastructure. Additionally, it explores the policies, incentives, and frameworks required to nurture ecosystems where DPIs, including DPGs, can flourish and deliver inclusive development outcomes for nations.

#### PANELISTS

- **Godfrey KUTUMELA**, *Vice President, DPI Go-to-Market, Mifos Initiative*
- **Saurav BHATTARAI**, *Team Lead, openIMIS, Global Alliances for Social Protection, GIZ*
- **Ramesh NARAYANAN**, *CTO, MOSIP (Modular Open-Source Identity Platform)*
- **Andrew ASAMOAH**, *Executive Director, Software Development & Systems Integration, Margins ID Group.*
- **Yann BOUAN**, *Chief Strategy Officer & Identity Expert, iDAKTO*

### S4: THE AFRICAN DIGITAL IDENTITY HACKATHON

#### [Presentations + Q&A]

This segment provides an overview and status update on the four regional Hackathon events launched in 2024 by the Upanzi Network, led by Carnegie Mellon University Africa, in collaboration with MicroSave, and successfully concluded in 2025. It highlights the winning teams, their innovative ideas, and the next steps in a program that has garnered substantial engagement across African universities. With participation from several hundred students organized into dozens of teams, the hackathons have generated high-impact digital ID use cases, based on DPGs and DPIs, across diverse sectors, including healthcare, education, agriculture, public service access, and more.

#### Moderators

- **Andrew MUSOKE**, *Research Engineer, the Upanzi Network, CMU (Carnegie Mellon University)*
- **Anshul PACHOURI**, *Senior Manager, MicroSave Consulting*

17:30-17:45

THE 2026 AGM HOST COUNTRY REVEAL

17:45-19:00

75 mins

NETWORKING ZONE SPECIAL



**DAY 3 SYMPOSIUMS: THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025**  
**SESSIONS AT A GLANCE**

|   |   |   |                             |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>08:30-13:30</b>  |   |   | <b>MORNING SYMPOSIUMS</b>   |
| <p><b>TRACK 1</b><br/><b>Digital Identity</b></p> <p><b>P1: Global Adoption Landscape &amp; Foundations for Robustness</b></p> <p><b>P2: Data Sharing &amp; Interoperability– Interagency &amp; Wallets</b></p> | <p><b>TRACK 2</b><br/><b>Legal Identity</b></p> <p><b>P1: Unlocking the Power of Synergies-CR, Health, &amp; ID</b></p> <p><b>P2: Progress in Birth Registration &amp; Digitalization</b></p> | <p><b>TRACK 3</b><br/><b>Digital Public Goods</b></p> <p><b>P1: DPGs in Use</b></p> <p><b>P2: Universal DPX Safeguards in Action</b></p>                      |                             |
| <b>13:30-14:30</b>  |   |   | <b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>     |
| <b>14:30-18:30</b>  |   |   | <b>AFTERNOON SYMPOSIUMS</b> |
| <p><b>TRACK 1</b><br/><b>Digital Identity</b></p> <p><b>P3: Digital Credentials</b></p> <p><b>P4: Data Risks &amp; Governance</b></p>   | <p><b>TRACK 2</b><br/><b>Legal Identity</b></p> <p><b>P3: In The Context of Migration &amp; Mobility</b></p> <p><b>P4: Interoperability in Migration &amp; Mobility</b></p>                   | <p><b>TRACK 3</b><br/><b>Identity in Finance</b></p> <p><b>P3: Empowering Inclusive Financial Services</b></p> <p><b>P4: Building the Financial Stack</b></p> |                             |



## MORNING SYMPOSIUMS

08:30-10:30

T1-P1

120 mins

DIGITAL IDENTITY:

GLOBAL ADOPTION LANDSCAPE & FOUNDATIONS FOR  
ROBUSTNESS

This high-impact session brings together world-renowned experts to explore the opportunities and challenges of digital identity, setting the stage for the day's discussions. It begins with a keynote on global adoption trends, examining diverse strategies across Europe, the USA, India, Africa, and Asia. Next, the session highlights biometrics as the foundation of secure digital identity, addressing cutting-edge techniques, vulnerabilities, and best practices. It then explores liveness detection and fraud prevention, emphasizing trust and resilience. Finally, theory meets practice with a deep dive into Aadhaar's implementation of advanced liveness technology across all biometric modalities. Attendees gain actionable insights for building robust, secure and inclusive digital identity ecosystems.

- **Moderator**  
**Patrick GROTH***ER*, Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 37 Subcommittee—Biometrics;  
and Biometric Testing Project Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

### S1: THE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF DIGITAL IDENTITY ADOPTION

[Presentation]

Digital identity systems are transforming how societies manage identification and authentication, with implementations as diverse as the cultures they serve. This presentation surveys the global landscape of digital identity adoption, revealing how regions have crafted distinct approaches that reflect their unique contexts and challenges. From Europe's sophisticated eIDAS framework to India's pioneering Aadhaar system, and from Africa's emerging inclusive digital identity to the mDL federation frameworks that are rapidly gaining momentum in the USA, the presentation highlights the rich tapestry of implementation strategies. Through analysis of these varied approaches, the presentation illuminates both the remarkable diversity of possible solutions and the fundamental building blocks that contribute to successful digital identity systems.

#### SPEAKER

- **Adam COOPER**, Technical Consultant, European Commission and the World Bank.

### S2: BIOMETRICS: THE CORNERSTONE OF DIGITAL IDENTITY

[Presentations + Q&A]

This presentation provides an overview of best practices and state-of-the-art techniques for using biometrics to bind credentials to their rightful owners and ensure secure transaction authentication. It covers the latest in methods such as face selfies, remote fingerprints, and multi-factor authentication (MFA), as well as some of their vulnerabilities including morphing attack detection, deepfakes and other AI-driven fraud, and injection attacks. This segment aims to equip participants with actionable insights into cutting-edge tools that ensure digital identity systems remain secure, resilient, and trustworthy.

#### SPEAKER

- **Patrick GROTH***ER*, Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 37 Subcommittee—Biometrics; and Biometric Testing Project Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

### S3: LIVENESS DETECTION AND ROBUSTNESS AGAINST FRAUD

[Presentation+ Q&A]



Building on the previous presentation, this segment delves into the critical role of liveness detection in preventing fraud and reinforcing trust in digital identity systems. It explores the latest advances in both software- and hardware-based liveness detection methods, including device-specific approaches. In addition, it presents key efforts by international organizations to establish standards and certifications for liveness practices, as well as strategies to address diverse fraud vectors that can undermine digital identity systems.

#### SPEAKER

- **Prof. Stephanie SCHUCKERS**, *Distinguished Professor in Computing & Informatics, University of North Carolina*

#### S4: WHEN THEORY MEETS PRACTICE: AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION & LIVENESS DETECTION

##### [Presentation+ Q&A]

Building on the previous presentations, this segment explores how India's Aadhaar, the world's largest digital identity program, implements biometric liveness detection and authentication across all modalities. It examines the practical strategies that ensure robustness, security, and trust, highlighting the role of advanced technologies in maintaining the integrity and reliability of digital identity at scale.

#### SPEAKER

- **Sanjeev YADAV**, *Director, Authentication, Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI)*

#### S5: PANEL DISCUSSION + Q&A

**08:30-10:30:**

**T2-P1**

120 mins

**LEGAL IDENTITY:  
UNLOCKING THE POWER OF SYNERGIES-CR, HEALTH & ID  
(PART 1/4)**

This session kicks off the legal identity day-long symposium by focusing on boosting civil registration through the realization of synergies with other platforms.

#### S1: HARNESSING HEALTH SYNERGY: BOOSTING BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION

##### [Presentations + Q&A]

This session explores the critical synergy between health systems and Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) to strengthen birth and death registration. It highlights successful strategies, evidence-based approaches, and opportunities for collaboration. It also presents several case studies from African countries who have already made significant progress in realizing the potential synergies.

- **Moderator**  
**Aboubacar KAMPO**, *UNICEF Representative, Ethiopia*

#### UN AGENCIES' PERSPECTIVE

- **Overview of Strategy and Evidence of Success**  
**Bhaskar MISHRA**, *CRVS & Legal Identity Specialist, UNICEF*
- **The WHO Perspective on the Synergy Between Health and CR**  
**Dr. Benson DROTI**, *Technical Officer, WHO Africa Office*



## COUNTRIES' PERSPECTIVE

- **TANZANIA**  
**Patricia MPUYA**, *Registration Manager, Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA)*
- **DR CONGO**  
**Noël-Richelieu LUENDA MAMBUENE**, *Head, Office in Charge of Civil Status and Population, Kinshasa Urban Division, Ministry of the Interior*
- **GAMBIA**  
**Lamin FATTY**, *Registrar, Births and Deaths, Ministry of Health*

## S2: OVERCOMING THE BARRIERS OF INTEGRATION OF CIVIL REGISTRATION AND ID

### [Panel Discussion + Q&A]

This panel explores the transformative potential of linking Civil Registration and Identification (ID) systems to establish universal, robust, and inclusive legal identities. It addresses the critical barriers to effective integration, including the need for reforms in business practices and updates to legal and policy frameworks. The discussion highlights various integration models, such as institutional alignment and integration, system-level consolidation, and data-level harmonization with interoperability, emphasizing their respective advantages and challenges. The session offers actionable insights for Civil Registration entities and National Identity Authorities, equipping them with strategies to plan and implement effective linkages that ensure a seamless and inclusive identity ecosystem.

- **Moderator**  
**Sheema SEN GUPTA**, *Global Director, Child Protection and Migration, UNICEF HQ*

### PANELISTS

- **Rosemary KISEMBO**, *Executive Director, National Identification & Registration Authority (NIRA); and ID4Africa Ambassador, Uganda*
- **Ago Christian KODIA**, *Director General, National Agency for Civil Registration & Identity (ONECI); and ID4Africa Ambassador, Côte d'Ivoire*
- **Djenabou Touré CAMARA**, *Director, Electoral Register Department; and ID4Africa Ambassador, Guinea Conakry*
- **Claudio MACHADO**, *Senior ID4D Consultant, The World Bank*

**8:30-10:30**

**T3-P1**

120 mins

**DIGITAL PUBLIC GOODS IN USE**

This session showcases the transformative potential of Digital Public Goods (DPGs) through real-world use cases. Featuring five prominent DPGs, the session bridges the gap between innovation and implementation by pairing the developers of these DPGs with country representatives actively deploying them. Together, they explore how these tools address critical challenges in areas such as cash transfers for farmers and disaster relief, unique social protection registers and programs, universal health insurance schemes, and other health applications such as Malaria vaccination. The session highlights how DPGs can foster inclusive, efficient, and sustainable development globally.



- **Moderator**  
**Bolaji AYODEJI**, *DPG Evangelist & Technical Coordinator, Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA)*

## S1: THE DPGA AND THE 50-IN-5 INITIATIVE

[Presentation]

### SPEAKER

- **Bolaji AYODEJI**, *DPG Evangelist & Technical Coordinator, Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA)*

## S2: OPENG2P

[Joint Presentation]

### SPEAKERS

- **Applications of OpenG2P in Ethiopia**  
**Puneet JOSHI**, *CTO, OpenG2P*  
**Girum KETEMA**, *Director, Digital Agriculture and Finance Program, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Institute*  
**Dawit ABRAHAM**, *Program Associate, Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC)*

## S3: MOSIP

[Joint Presentation]

### SPEAKERS

- **Empowering Morocco's Unique Social and Population Registers**  
**Nagarajan SANTHANAM**, *Chief Dissemination Officer, MOSIP (Modular Open-Source Identity Platform)*  
**Dr. Omar EL ALAMI**, *Project Director, National Population Register, Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications, Ministry of Interior; and ID4Africa Ambassador, Morocco*

## S4: OPENIMIS

[Joint Presentation]

### SPEAKERS

- **Powering Cameroon's Long-Term Vision for Universal Health Insurance**  
**Saurav BHATTARAI**, *Team Lead, openIMIS, Global Alliances for Social Protection, GIZ*  
**Emmanuel BATOUM**, *Head, IT Department, Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon*

## S5: DIGIT

[Joint Presentation]

### SPEAKERS

- **Malaria Vaccination Registration in Mozambique**  
**Satish CHOUDHURY**, *Senior Program Officer, Malaria Delivery Quality, Data, and Platforms, Gates Foundation*  
**Dr. Baltazar CANDRINHO**, *Director, National Malaria Control Program, Mozambique*  
**Nita TYAGI**, *Director, Growth & Partnerships, Equidhi*

## S6: OPENSPP

[Joint Presentation]



## SPEAKERS

- **Presentation Title TBA**  
**Jeremi JOSLIN**, *Executive Director, OpenSPP*  
**Janaki AMARATUNGE**, *Additional Secretary, Development (Fertilizer Division), Government of Sri Lanka*

**10:30-11:30**

**NETWORKING & EXHIBITION**

**11:30-13:30**

**T1-P2**

120 mins

**DIGITAL IDENTITY: DATA SHARING & INTEROPERABILITY-  
INTERAGENCY & WALLETS (PART 2/4)**

Trusted data sharing enables more efficient service delivery and drives innovation. This session explores ongoing efforts to address data sharing and interoperability within the digital identity ecosystem, focusing on governance principles, backend interoperability, and user-centric wallet solutions. A holistic view of the data sharing ecosystem is crucial, including its interactions with multiple ecosystems. Key considerations include data quality, metadata (e.g., provenance), data governance, risk management, and foundational elements like data classification. The session examines varied implementation architectures, emphasizing the importance of aligning with existing systems and services. The session also discusses options for centralized and decentralized approaches, highlighting how they can complement, rather than compete with each other.

- **Moderator**  
**Dr. Nizar BEN NEJI**, *ICT Expert and Strategist & Former Minister of ICT, Tunisia*

## **S1: THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE WITH DATA SHARING PLATFORMS**

**[Presentations + Panel + Q&A]**

Expert practitioners from seven African countries (including Tunisia which is covered by the moderator) share their firsthand experiences with implementing interagency data-sharing platforms. The session delves into the selection and deployment of these platforms, emphasizing the technical and organizational challenges of achieving interoperability. Panelists engage with the session moderator to discuss their countries' respective approaches to designing architectures that support seamless collaboration, promote trust among stakeholders, and address the unique identification needs of diverse sectors.

### **FEATURED COUNTRIES:**

- **BENIN**  
**Marc-André LOKO**, *Director General, Information Systems and Digital Agency (ASIN)*
- **ZAMBIA**  
**Luke MATE**, *Director, Systems Development and Support, Smart Zambia Institute; and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **MOROCCO**  
**Khalid OUAJKA**, *Director of eGov, Digital Development Agency (ADD)*
- **GABON**  
**Alberto MOUNGUENGUI MOUDOKI**, *Director General, National Agency for Digital Infrastructure and Frequencies (ANINF); and ID4Africa Ambassador*





- **TOGO**  
**Togbe AGBAGLA**, *Technical Director, Togo Digital Agency (ATD); and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **TANZANIA**  
**Connie FRANCIS**, *Director, Management Information System (MIS), National Identity Authority (NIDA)*

## S2: PANEL DISCUSSION + Q&A

## S3: USER-CENTRIC DATA SHARING PLATFORMS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

### [Presentation]

This segment combines insights on the global architectures for seamless, trusted data exchange with a focus on user-centric and decentralized approaches. It explores how backend systems and data sharing platforms can enable interoperability between interagency systems and wallets, addressing critical challenges like scalability, redundancy, and secure data flow. The session also delves into wallets as privacy-preserving tools that empower users through consent management, robust governance, authentication, and assurance models. Discussions cover how wallets facilitate user-centered data sharing, enhance mobility, and support trusted identity interactions – from verification and issuance to authentication and authorization.

### SPEAKER

- **Ott SARV**, *Chairperson / Senior eGov & Digital Identity Wallets Advisor, GovConsult*

**11:30-13:30**

**T2-P2**

120 mins

**LEGAL IDENTITY:**

**PROGRESS IN BIRTH REGISTRATION & DIGITALIZATION**

**(PART 2/4)**

The symposium on legal identity continues with an overview of the progress made in birth registration across the continent. This includes an in-depth examination of the policies implemented, their impact on registration efforts, and the key lessons learned. Additionally, the session provides an important update on the African CRVS Shared Asset (ACSA), which was launched at the 2023 AGM to harmonize civil registration practices in Africa.

## S1: CONTINENTAL PROGRESS AND BUSINESS PROCESS INNOVATIONS ON BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION

### [Presentations + Q&A]

The segment includes summary findings from UNICEF's new report on Birth Registration research as well as testimonies of African countries that have made progress in boosting their registration rates.

- **Moderator**  
**Karin HESSLER**, *Regional Child Protection Advisor, West and Central Africa Regional Office (WCARO), UNICEF*
- **Presentation of UNICEF Report**  
**Nankali MAKSUD**, *Regional Child Protection Adviser, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO), UNICEF*



## COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS

- **SENEGAL**  
**Aliou OUSMANE SALL**, *Director General, National Civil Status Agency (ANEC); and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **CHAD**  
**Brahim ALI SEID**, *Coordinator, Cooperation & Civil Registration Unit, National Agency for Secure Titles (ANATS)*
- **MALI**  
**Dr. Abdoulaye ALKADI**, *National Director, Civil Status, National Directorate of Civil Status; and ID4Africa Ambassador*
- **SIERRA LEONE**  
**Mohamed Mubashir MASSAQUOI**, *Director General & Chief Registration Officer, National Civil Registration Authority (NCRA); and ID4Africa Ambassador*

## S2: CREATING THE NORMS FOR DIGITALIZATION OF CR: THE ACSA INITIATIVE

### [Presentations]

- **Moderator**  
**Henrietta LAMPTEY**, *Registrar, Birth & Deaths Registry, Ghana; and Chair of ACSA*

## PRESENTATIONS

- *General Report from the ACSA Chair & Report from the Technical Working Group on Data Standards and Design Principles*  
**Henrietta LAMPTEY**, *Registrar, Birth & Deaths Registry, Ghana*
- *Report from the Technical Working Group on Establishing a Mechanism for Evaluation & Certification of Digital CRVS Solutions*  
**Abdon Marius MIKPON'AÏ**, *Director, Civil Registration, Directorate of Civil Registration, Ministry of the Interior, Benin; ACSA Member Secretary; and ID4Africa Ambassador*

**11:30-13:30**

**T3-P2**

120 mins

**UNIVERSAL DPX SAFEGUARDS IN ACTION**

**Session TBA**

**13:30-14:30**

**LUNCH & NETWORKING**



## AFTERNOON SYMPOSIUMS

14:30-16:30

T1-P3

120 mins

**DIGITAL IDENTITY: DIGITAL CREDENTIALS  
(PART 3/4)**

This session explores the diverse landscape of digital identity credentials, focusing on their potential to enhance secure and inclusive identity systems. It examines some of the most promising credential types, including mobile IDs (mDoc) for secure and portable identity on mobile devices, Digital Travel Credentials (DTC) for seamless cross-border movement, and W3C Verifiable Credentials (VCs) for user-centric, interoperable digital trust. The discussion also addresses the underpinnings of these digital credential types by the physical credentials including the eIDs, and the critical role of standardization in ensuring interoperability and scalability across systems. By diving into these cutting-edge solutions, participants gain insights into how different credentials can meet the varying needs of identity ecosystems.

### S1: DIGITAL CREDENTIALS: DIVERSITY, UNDERPINNINGS & THE LATEST ADDITIONS

[Presentation + Q&A]

Scene-setting overview by moderator, showing the range of different credentials and their use. The session culminates in a detailed presentation on the latest addition to this family, the mDoc (ISO 1803-7 2024) which is gaining significant attention. The session includes an overview of the ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17 subcommittee on credentials, explaining the underpinning of today's current digital credentials and the roadmap for what is ahead.

#### SPEAKER AND MODERATOR

- **Dr. Peter WAGGETT**, Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 17 Subcommittee --Identity Credentials; and UK Director of Strategic Relationships, IBM Research Europe

### S2: ICAO-STANDARDIZED CREDENTIAL FORMATS

[Presentations + Q&A]

#### PRESENTATIONS

- **DTC, eVisa, eTA Visible Digital Seals (VDS): More than travel credentials**  
**Christopher HORNEK**, Facilitation Subject Matter Expert, ICAO
- **Assessing the Matching Accuracy of VDS-Stored Face Data**  
**Patrick GROTH**, Chair, ISO/IEC JCT SC 37 Subcommittee—Biometrics; and Biometric Testing Project Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- **The VDS in Ethiopia's Fayda Program**  
**Speaker TBC**, National ID Program (NIDP), Ethiopia

### S3: W3C VERIFIABLE CREDENTIALS AND DECENTRALIZATION OF TRUST

[Presentation + Q&A]



## SPEAKER

- **Jacques VON BENECKE**, *Chief Technology Officer, Bhutan National Digital Identity Scheme*

**14:30-16:30**

**T2-P3**

120 mins

**LEGAL IDENTITY:**

**IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION AND MOBILITY**

**(PART 3/4)**

Legal identity, rooted in civil registration, is a foundational element for upholding human rights, providing protection, and ensuring access to essential government services. Despite its importance and its inclusion in Sustainable Development Goal 16.9, access remains uneven due to systemic barriers, administrative inefficiencies, and social exclusion. In the context of mobility, legal identity plays a critical role in facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration, aligning with Objective 4 of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), while also serving as a lifeline for those forced to flee, such as refugees. The absence of legal identity—or barriers to obtaining it—can exacerbate vulnerabilities, especially for stateless individuals or those lacking proof of nationality.

This session delves into the complex challenges of establishing and sustaining legal identity within the framework of migration and mobility. It also explores the impact of digital transformation and innovation on migration.

- **Moderator**  
**Nelson GONÇALVES**, *Head, Legal Identity Unit, IOM*

## S1: LEGAL IDENTITY & STATELESSNESS

[Panel]

This segment delves into efforts to address the root causes of legal identity breakdowns that lead to statelessness. It features updates on the recently adopted African Union Protocol on Statelessness and the Right to Nationality, as well as the progress of the Alliance to End Statelessness. The session highlights key actions and strategies being implemented to combat this pressing issue, eliminate barriers to legal identity, and address the associated humanitarian impact.

### PANELISTS

- **Obwogi Jonathan OMBATI**, *Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel, African Union Commission*
- **Monika SANDVIK**, *Senior Statelessness Coordinator/ Head of Section, UNHCR*

## S2: LEGAL IDENTITY FOR MIGRANTS

[Presentation + Q&A]

This segment explores the demand for legal identity for migrants, including the importance for sustainable and rights-based return and reintegration. It also covers the role of consular support in obtaining or restoring legal identity.

### SPEAKER

- **Nelson GONÇALVES**, *Head, Legal Identity Unit, IOM*

## S3: LEGAL IDENTITY FOR REFUGEES

[Presentation + Q&A]

This segment provides an overview of the specific legal identity issues encountered in emergencies and refugee contexts.

### SPEAKER



- **Maarouf ISSAKA-TOURE**, *Senior Coordinator, DIMA: Data, Identity Management & Analysis, Regional Bureau for the East, Horn and Great lakes, UNHCR*

## S4: INNOVATIONS IN DIGITAL IDENTITY FOR MIGRATION

### [Presentation]

This segment examines the transformative impact of digitalizing legal identity systems on migration management and mobility. It introduces a comprehensive digital identity toolkit, providing adaptable frameworks and tools to enhance border management and address migration challenges. It also showcases an innovative digital credential designed to facilitate regular migration and enable seamless, secure border crossings.

### PRESENTATIONS

- [The IOM Toolkit for Digital Identity and Migration](#)  
**Florian HÖFLE**, *Co-founder & CEO, TRUSTFELLOWS; and Expert Consultant, Digital ID, IOM*
- [Innovative Solution for Regularizing Migration Using VDS](#)  
**Ago Christian KODIA**, *Director General, National Agency for Civil Registration and Identity (ONECI); and ID4Africa Ambassador, Côte d'Ivoire*  
**Diakalidia KONATÉ**, *Executive Secretary, National Border Commission (CNFCI), Côte d'Ivoire*

14:30-16:30

T3-P3

120 mins

**IDENTITY IN FINANCE:  
EMPOWERING INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES  
(PART 1/2)**

This session explores the transformative potential of digital identity in reshaping financial systems across Africa. Experts and central bankers from diverse countries share experiences, challenges and key lessons learned in integrating digital identity into financial systems.

## S1: OPENING PRESENTATION

This segment features a scene-setting presentation by a renowned expert, drawing insights from work with financial service providers, regulators, and end-consumers across the continent.

### SPEAKER

- [Digital Identity in Africa's Financial Sector: Findings from Recent Research](#)  
**Barry COOPER**, *Technical Director, Centre for Financial Regulation and Inclusion (Cenfri)*

## S2: DIGITAL IDENTITY ADOPTION: DRIVING FINANCIAL SECTOR TRANSFORMATION

### [Presentations + Q&A]

This segment features a series of brief presentations from representatives from six African banking institutions, followed by a panel discussion. Participants gain a comprehensive understanding of how digital identity can drive financial inclusion, enhance regulatory practices, and create innovative pathways, with insights into the foundational building blocks needed for successful implementation tailored to unique national contexts and development stages.

### FEATURED COUNTRIES

- **GHANA**  
[The Ghana Card: The PPP-enabled platform for eKYC](#)



**Dr. Settor Kwabla AMEDIKU**, *Director & Head, Payment Systems Department, Bank of Ghana*

- **NIGERIA**  
*The NIBSS Strategy for eKYC in Nigeria*  
**Premier OIWOH**, *Managing Director & CEO, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBSS)*
- **MALAWI**  
*The Impact of the National Digital Identity on the Financial Sector*  
**Gertrude KADUMBO**, *CEO & Board Secretary, National Switch Limited; and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*
- **LESOTHO**  
*Streamlining KYC in Lesotho*  
**Mothetsi SEKOATI**, *Director, Payments & Settlements, Central Bank of Lesotho*
- **BURUNDI**  
*Digital Identity as a Catalyst for Financial Inclusion and Formal Economy Access*  
**Irene KABURA MURIHANO**, *First Deputy Governor, Bank of the Republic of Burundi; and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador*

### S3: CLOSING PRESENTATION

This closing presentation explains, how risk-based and outcomes-based regulatory approaches can balance innovation with compliance, fostering both inclusiveness and adherence to global standards.

- **Reflections on Regulatory Best Practices to Enable Digital Identity Proofing and e-KYC from Across the African Continent**  
**Vera NEUGEBAUER**, *Senior Research Associate, Centre for Financial Regulation and Inclusion (Cenfri)*

**16:30-17:30**

**NETWORKING & EXHIBITION**

**17:30-18:30**

**T1-P4**

60 mins

**DIGITAL IDENTITY: DATA RISKS & GOVERNANCE**  
**(PART 4/4)**

This panel discussion delves into the critical topic of data risks and data governance in the digital identity ecosystem. Featuring representatives from African Data Protection Authorities (DPAs), the session explores how to identify, mitigate, and govern risks associated with the collection, sharing, and use of identity data. The five-member panel provides diverse perspectives on balancing innovation with the need to safeguard privacy, security, and trust. Participants gain actionable insights into creating resilient, rights-based data governance frameworks.

- **Moderator**  
**Drudeisha MADHUB**, *Data Protection Commissioner, Data Protection Office, Mauritius; and President, Francophone Association of Personal Data Protection Authorities (AFAPDP)*

### PANELISTS



- **Dr. Vincent OLATUNJI**, *National Commissioner/CEO, Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC); and ID4Africa Deputy Ambassador, Nigeria*
- **Linda YAO**, *Head, Economy and Health, Personal Data Protection Department, ARTCI, Cote d'Ivoire*
- **Engr. Balcha REBA**, *Director General, Ethiopian Communications Authority, Ethiopia*
- **Immaculate KASSAIT**, *Data Commissioner, Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, Kenya*
- **Adv Pansy TLAKULA**, *Chairperson, Information Regulator, South Africa*

**17:30-18:30**

**T2-P4**

60 mins

**LEGAL IDENTITY:**

**INTEROPERABILITY IN MIGRATION AND MOBILITY**

**(PART 4/4)**

While interoperability in migration can improve the delivery of assistance by enabling more holistic and efficient coordination, it also carries risks. One major concern is double registration, where individuals appear in multiple databases or are recorded in both national and humanitarian registers. This can lead to denial of national rights and other potential violations. This panel examines strategies to prevent data conflicts, strengthen system integrity, and promote responsible interoperability that safeguards individuals' rights while maximizing efficiency.

- **Moderator**  
**Robert KARANJA**, *Senior Director, Africa, Co-Develop*

#### **PANELISTS**

- **Maarouf ISSAKA-TOURE**, *Senior Coordinator, DIMA: Data, Identity Management & Analysis, Regional Bureau for the East, Horn and Great lakes, UNCHR*
- **Yussuf BASHIR**, *Executive Director, Haki na Sheria Initiative, Kenya*
- **Ato Tesfa BELISSA**, *Team Lead, Registration & Documentation, Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), Ethiopia*

**17:30-18:30**

**T3-P4**

60 mins

**IDENTITY IN FINANCE: BUILDING THE FINANCIAL STACK**

**(PART 2/2)**

#### **S1: FROM DPI TO THE FINANCIAL STACK**

##### **[Presentation]**

This segment features a scene-setting presentation providing an overview of the foundational components, strategic vision and recent examples of national unified financial stacks.

#### **SPEAKER**

- **Mark STRAUB**, *CEO, Smile ID*

#### **S2: BUILDING THE DIGITAL IDENTITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR KYC & CDD**

##### **[Panel Discussion + Q&A]**

This segment features a dynamic panel of experts who share real-world experiences, best practices, and actionable insights on designing, implementing, and realizing the potential of this transformative infrastructure. The session's goal is to equip attendees with practical guidance for building and deploying a future-ready financial ecosystem that fosters innovation, inclusion, and compliance in their country.



- **Moderator**  
**Mark STRAUB**, *CEO, Smile ID*

#### PANELISTS

- **Nael HAILEMARIAM**, *Co-founder & CEO, Chapa, Ethiopia*
- **Rahul PARTHE**, *Co-Founder, Chairman & CTO, Tech5*
- **Mosele BARUTI**, *Head, Information Technology, Bankers Association of Botswana*

**18:30**

**END OF DAY 3 SYMPOSIUMS**

## DAY 4 WORKSHOPS: FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2025

#### ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS:

Workshops differ from conference sessions in terms of structure, engagement, and expected outcomes. They are less formal and more interactive, providing greater opportunities for audience participation. While ID4Africa oversees the overall coordination of the workshops, we work closely with chairing entities, empowering them to exercise greater editorial control and innovate to ensure diverse expertise enriches the AGM activities. Workshops complement the conference tracks, where ID4Africa General Secretariat, in collaboration with the ID4Africa Country Bureaus, maintains full editorial responsibility.

Typically involving fewer than 100 participants, workshops encourage open Q&A and direct contributions through oral statements from attendees. These sessions aim to foster collaboration and address open issues and challenges, ultimately contributing to our community's know how and expertise.

**Please Note: All workshops, except Workshop 2, are open to the AGM registered attendees, room capacity permitting. Workshop 2 is by invitation only.**





## WORKSHOPS AT A GLANCE

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>08:30-11:00</b>  |  | <b>ALL WORKSHOPS</b>  |  |
| <b>WORKSHOP 1</b><br><b>Partners in Progress: A new multi-stakeholder dialogue on digital assets</b><br>Chairing Entities: UNDP, ISER, Co-Develop |  | <b>WORKSHOP 2</b><br><b>The African Data Protection and Privacy Agenda</b><br>Chairing Entity: World Privacy Forum        |  |
| <b>WORKSHOP 3</b><br><b>Trust Services: The next frontier in DPI development</b><br>Chairing Entity: The World Bank                               |  | <b>WORKSHOP 4</b><br><b>Procurement Strategies for Digital Identity: Build, buy &amp; beyond</b><br>Chairing Entity: UNDP |  |
| <b>11:00-11:30</b>  |  | <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>  |  |
| <b>11:30-14:00</b>  |  | <b>WORKSHOPS 1-4 CONT'D</b>   |  |
| <b>14:00-15:00</b>  |  | <b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>   |  |
| <b>15:00</b>  |  | <b>END OF ID4AFRICA 2025</b>  |  |

## WORKSHOP 1

### Partners in Progress: A new multi-stakeholder dialogue on digital assets

**Chairing Entities:** Co-Develop, UNDP, ISER

This workshop brings together multistakeholder teams, including representatives from civil society organizations (CSOs), governments, and development actors, across eight countries. It facilitates meaningful discussions on safeguards by addressing the current context in each country (risk identification), brainstorming solutions to key challenges (safeguard ideas), and prioritizing actionable ideas that governments and civil society can collaboratively implement with support from the private sector. The goal is to foster a shift from adversarial and litigious interactions to collaborative dialogue among stakeholders, enabling them to address critical concerns related to digital identity and digital assets more effectively.

#### CHAIRPERSONS

- **Raja CHANDRASEKHARAN**, *DPI Safeguards Advisor, UNDP*
- **Elizabeth ATORI**, *Legal Officer, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Uganda*
- **Matthew McNAUGHTON**, *Digital Development Practitioner, Co-Develop*



## WORKSHOP 2

### Privacy Impact Assessments – The How & Why: An essential tool for the digital age

#### Chairing Entity: World Privacy Forum

***This workshop is by invitation only and conducted under Chatham House rules with no media or observers present in order to facilitate open conversations.***

This dynamic workshop will consist of two roundtables:

#### **THE AFRICAN DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY AGENDA (PART I)**

##### **The Roundtable of African Data Protection Authorities on Identity Systems: Status Update:**

In 2019 ID4Africa gathered Data Protection Authorities from across the Continent in Johannesburg, South Africa, for an inaugural roundtable that sought to surface and document DPA perspectives and responses to challenges in identity systems. The DPAs' thoughts and responses were shared in a 2019 Chatham House report that has been widely read and distributed among DPAs, identity authorities, development agencies, academic institutions, and regulatory bodies. Much has changed since 2019. For the much-needed 2025 status update, the DPAs will gather for an invitation-only, Chatham House roundtable to present their case studies and country updates, and to discuss and identify the most significant issues they are facing today regarding identity systems. The roundtable will include a robust discussion on changes the DPAs would like to see, and the solutions to the challenges they see working in their unique contexts. This roundtable will include by invitation all African Data Protection Authorities and will include nascent and launching Data Protection Offices.

#### **THE AFRICAN DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY AGENDA (PART II)**

##### **The A-Z of DPIAs: A joint workshop for Identity and Data Protection Authorities:**

Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) are increasingly required on the Continent; they are mandatory for Identity Authorities who work in African countries with comprehensive data protection legislation. The Data Protection Authorities in these countries also have significant legal responsibilities regarding DPIAs. Even those countries that have not yet passed data protection measures may find themselves with requests to conduct DPIAs internally or for contractual purposes. DPIAs are a complex and challenging undertaking, and quality matters: DPIAs that are poorly constructed have become lightning rods for tensions with data protection authorities, civil society, lawsuits, and judges.

This invitation-only roundtable brings together key DPIA actors: Identity Authorities and Data Protection Authorities and their key staff. In this closed session, African legal experts who have worked extensively with DPIAs and roundtable participants with extensive DPIA experience and technical identity experience will bring together their knowledge, best practices, and case studies to flag key risk areas. Identity authorities and data protection authorities will be able to speak freely, share mutual and diverging concerns and challenges, and build bridges toward cooperation and understanding. Technical identity authority experts with expertise in aligning ID system technologies and data flows with DPIA requirements and legal structures will share how the technology of ID systems maps to DPIAs.

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

- **Pam DIXON**, *Founder & Executive Director, World Privacy Forum*



## WORKSHOP 3

### Trust Services: The next frontier in DPI development

**Chairing Entity:** The World Bank

Description TBA

#### CHAIRPERSON

- **Julia CLARK**, *Senior Economist, ID4D Initiative, The World Bank*

## Workshop 4:

### Procurement Strategies for Digital Identity: Build, Buy & Beyond

**Chairing Entity:** UNDP

This workshop examines the range of possibilities between custom development and vendor solutions for digital identity systems. It focuses on providing insights into designing scalable, sustainable, and adaptable systems. Discussions center on structuring procurement models that balance innovation with cost control, ensuring vendor engagement through competitive and transparent processes, and responsibly integrating emerging technologies such as AI. The workshop also addresses strategies for hybrid solutions, lifecycle cost management, and fostering regional collaborations to enhance sustainability and value.

#### CHAIRPERSONS

- **Victor MARGALL VON HEGYESHALMY**, *Governance Procurement Lead, Office of Procurement, UNDP*
- **Chahine HAMILA**, *e-Gov Senior Advisor & Technologist, UNDP*