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# **“Innovations in Digital Identity Implementation” The Ghana Experience**

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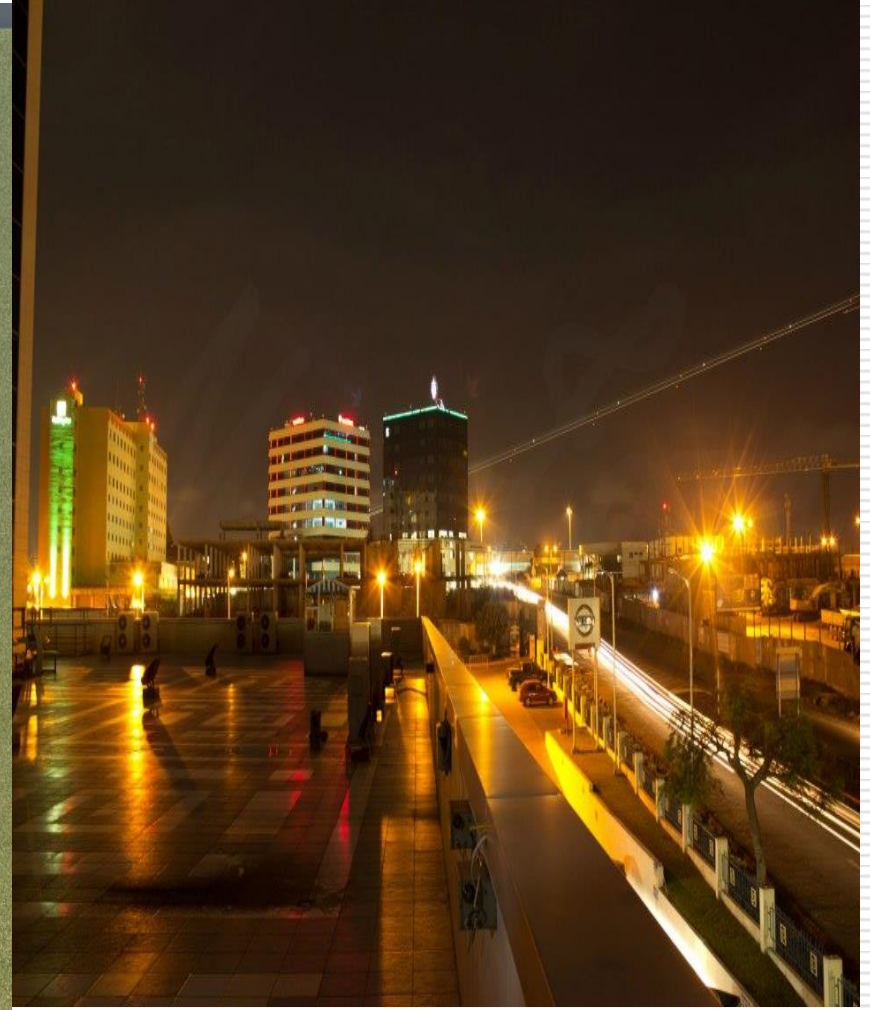


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# Introductory Remarks



# Ghana – *Glorious Home All Nations Admire*





# As a Reminder



- **240k SM (about same size as UK)**
- **24M people**
  - **37% below 15yrs**
  - **59% btm 15-64yrs**
  - **4% above 64yrs**
  - **51% female/49% male**
- **10 regions**
- **Well Established Democratic Institutions and a Free Market Economy**
- **Consistent GDP growth**
- **Official Language – English**
- **Located strategically on the Greenwich Meridian -- Fits well into the 'follow the sun' approach- four hours time lag from East Coast USA**
- **Led by H.E John Dramani Mahama**



# Critical Pillars for Development Plan

Who are we dealing with?

What are the demographics of our people?

How do we develop the structures and enabling environment for the youth?

At the core is the need for a unified eID system



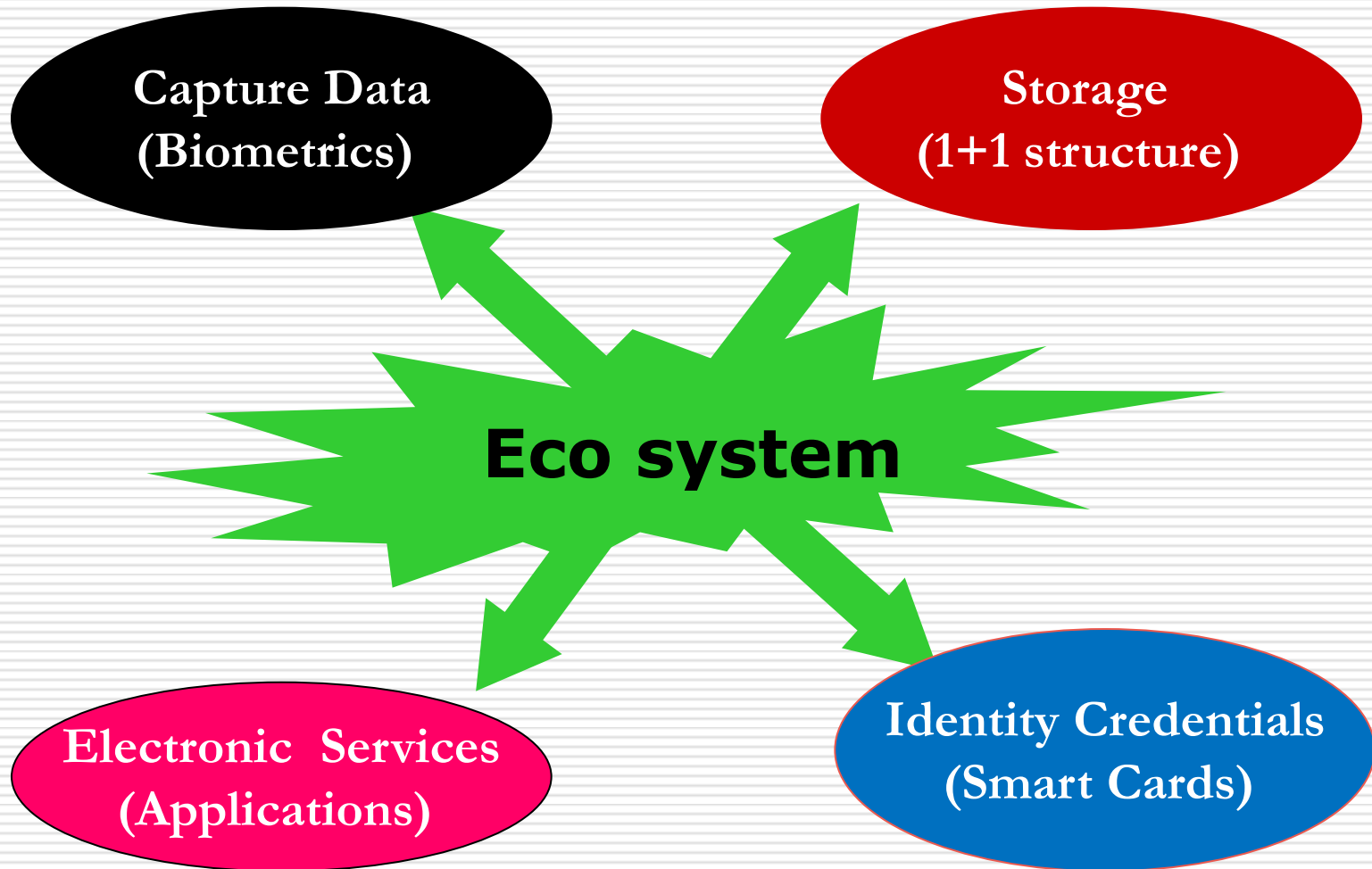
# Benefits of eID



- **ID necessary for Modern Development**  
(delivery of services to people by Government and private)
- **ID captures unique identity of each individual in a national identity registry**
- **Combined with modern technology, services can be provided electronically, leading to**
  - ✓ efficiency and accountability in service provision
  - ✓ Opportunity for creation of new products and services online
- **Provides cross-sector platform**
- **Enables services to be delivered electronically**
- **Reduces crimes**
- **Enables provision of social services**
- **Drives targeted services & revenue**

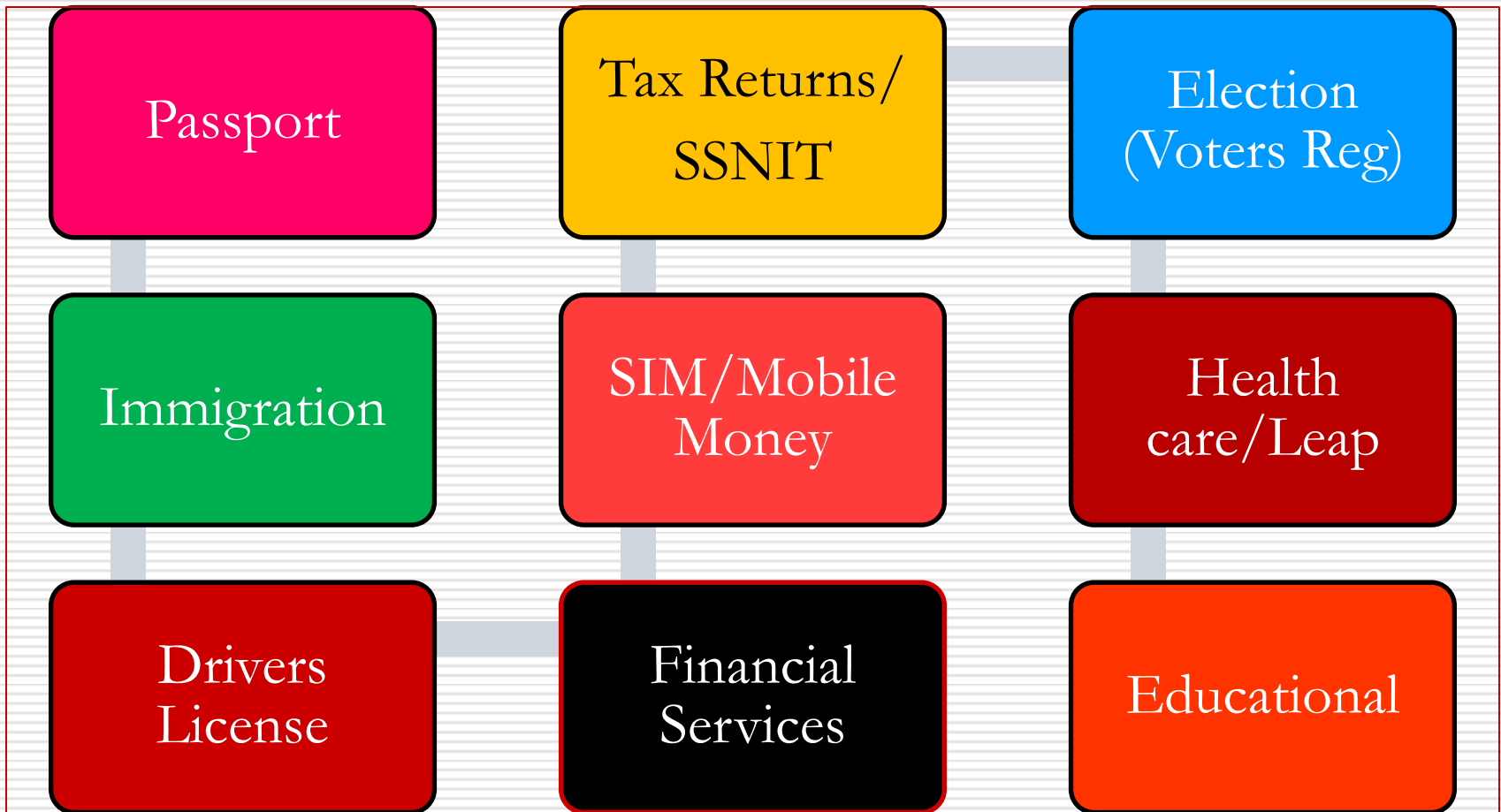


# Getting it Right



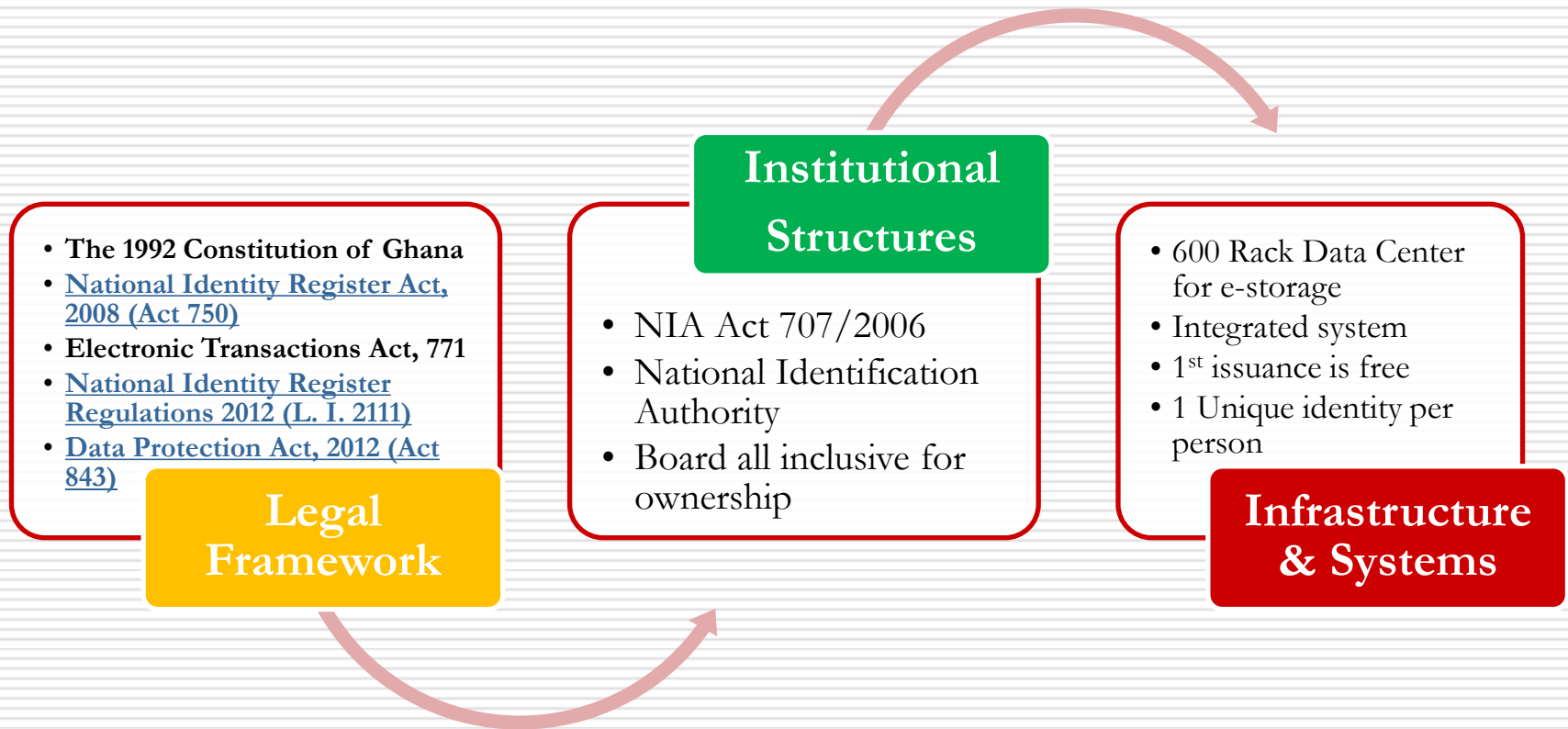


# Integrated Linkages for downstream Services





# Getting Started





# So where are we?

At this for  
6 years  
but with  
Limited Success

Data collected for 9M  
People

8/10 regions

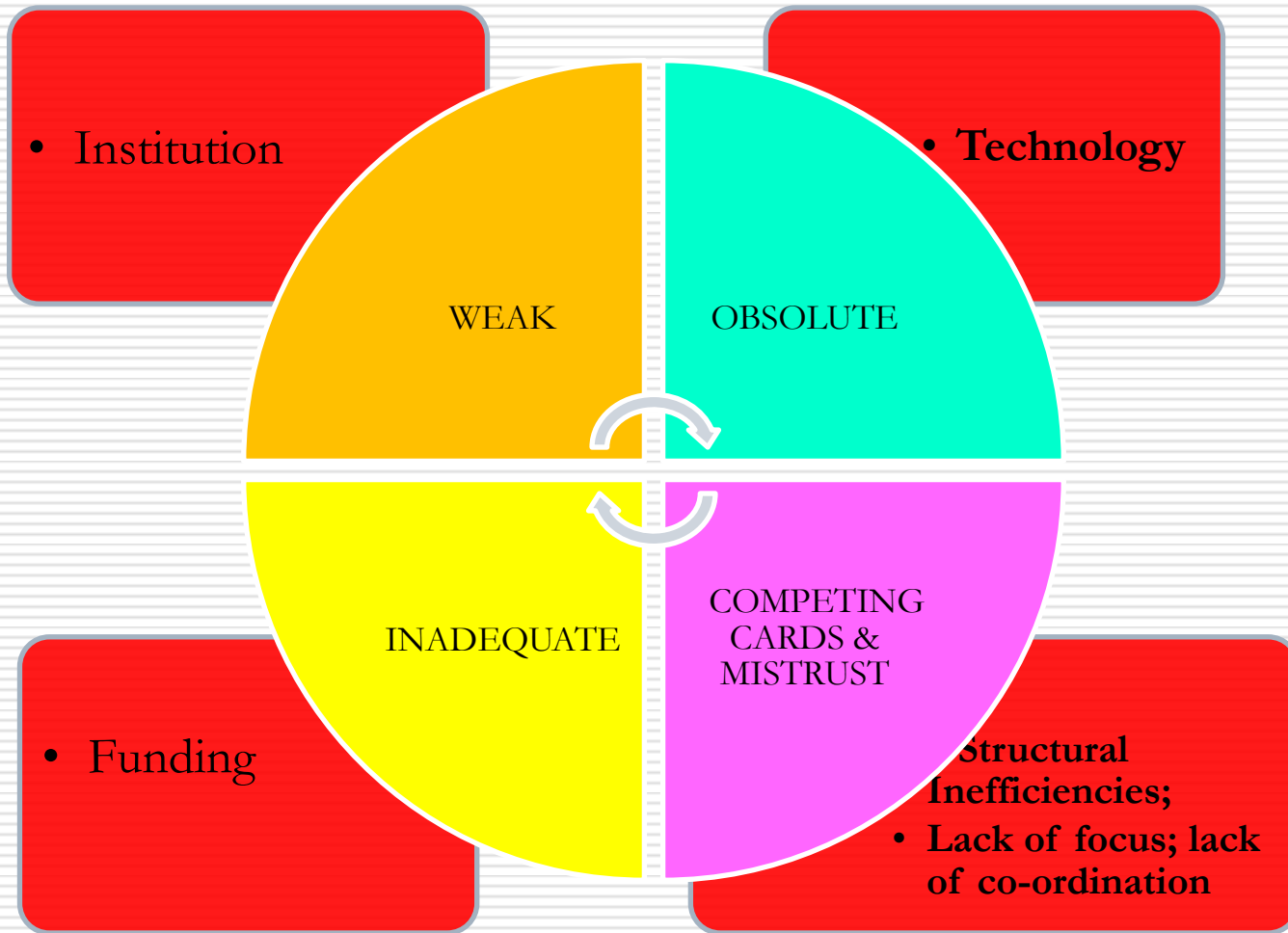
Most Data not validated

3M biometrics

Most cards not distributed



# Why are we where we are?





# Our Way Out

1. NIA realigned & refocused under MOC
2. World Bank Funding secured for the project
3. PKI policy adopted
4. New Board selected carefully & inaugurated with Clear objectives
  - a. Ensure National ID's are in place by 31 July 2016
  - b. Ensure it conforms to International Standards – ICAO, FBI, ANSI
  - c. Ensure cards are Polycarbonate or PETG
  - d. Ensure an integration of all biometrics on one national platform



# Closing Remarks

Robust, Unified  
national ID  
system a must

Lessons locally;  
across the world;  
best standards all  
an opportunity