Challenges in issuing trustable Citizen ID’s

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The solutions providers are the third group of key stakeholders in the identity space.

In this session, 6 leading identity solutions providers discuss the latest technology developments in identity systems and how they can support the next generation of foundational national identity schemes.
PROVIDING A UNIQUE ID TO ITS CITIZENS IS

- In-line with the UN 2030 Agenda and specifically SDG 16.9

- The basis for societies to further develop itself

- The cornerstone to move to fair and transparent elections and democracy

- Fundamental to build the Civil Register, unique authentic source to correct service provisioning to your citizens

- A key building block (the ‘e-factor’ included) to move to digital services delivery
WHAT DO WE SEE TODAY

- Very old “worn-out” ID papers
- Little interest from the citizens to get a new ID
- “Overselling” by some technology providers
- Non-mandatory schemes
- Lacking a unique citizen number and/or central civil register
- Untrustable breeder document issuing
- No or incorrect use of biometrics
SOME OF THE KEY CHALLENGES

- Demographic explosion -> the Population Register need becomes even more urgent BUT makes the creation of one more difficult

- Issuing (e)-ID : how to manage the breeder document process ?

- Budget constraints : BOT-model is a solution BUT how to manage non-mandatory schemes ?
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- Overselling by private sector: what value can a chip offer for a non-travel document if no reading devices deployed?

- Universal in-country service delivery: everybody who is entitled should be able to get an affordable ID and benefit of the services → Logistics!

- “Tenderitis”: who doesn’t know an example of tenders being canceled several times or attacked in court?
Civil Register

Voter Register

POLITICS

Civil Register
identity

photo

biometric data

list of documents

identity cards, travel documents, etc

Mandates roles

other information
(residence, nationality, etc)

Civil state
(marital status, voter rights, etc)

list of ID documents

Civil state

individual

education

Mandates

relationships
TECHNOLOGY IS NOT THE ISSUE ANYMORE
SOME NEWS FROM THE TECH FRONT

The real innovations in the African ID space

- More and more focus on process & security of breeder documents
- Better use of biometrics / arrival of iris in civil environments (eg EBODAC)
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- The conviction that a Population Register is the key starting point to capture population dynamics and identity

- Investment in data network coverage for the whole country
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- Convergence with payment (ie MasterCard initiatives)

- Mobility (attention: don’t think we all have smartphones here …)
  - Real reuse of mobile biometric kits -> Civil Register (‘état civil’)
  - Mobile terminals / tablets / phones for verification & control purposes
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