

# ID4AFRICA 2016

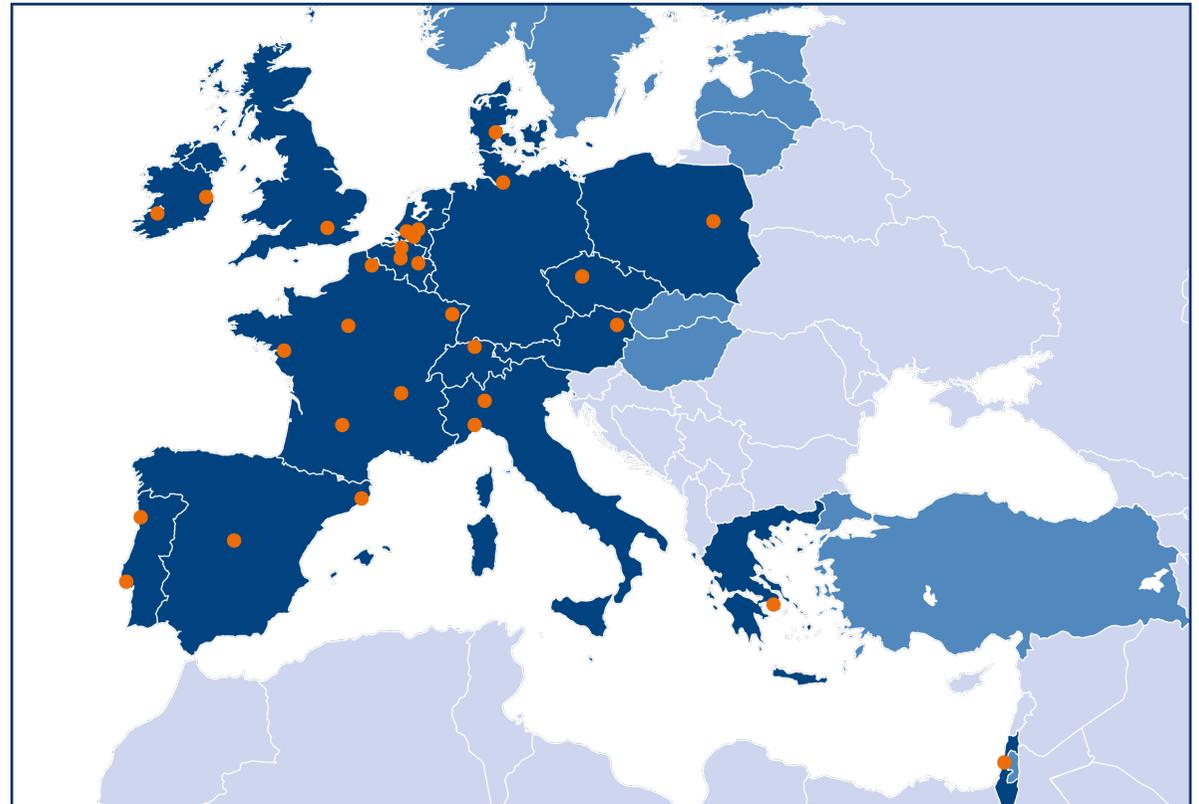
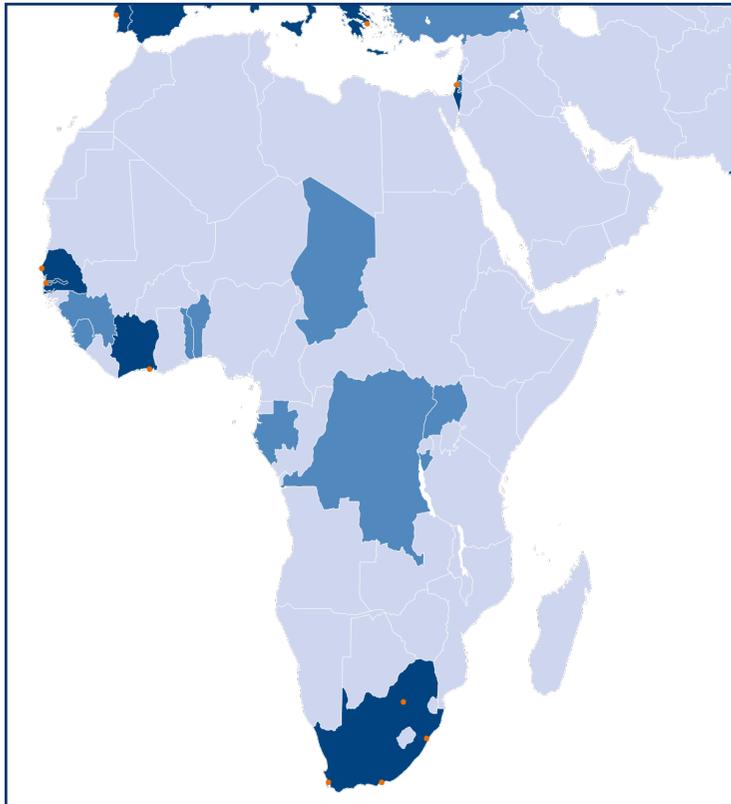
10 years' experience in Africa:  
retrospective, lessons learned, and opportunities for ambitious governments



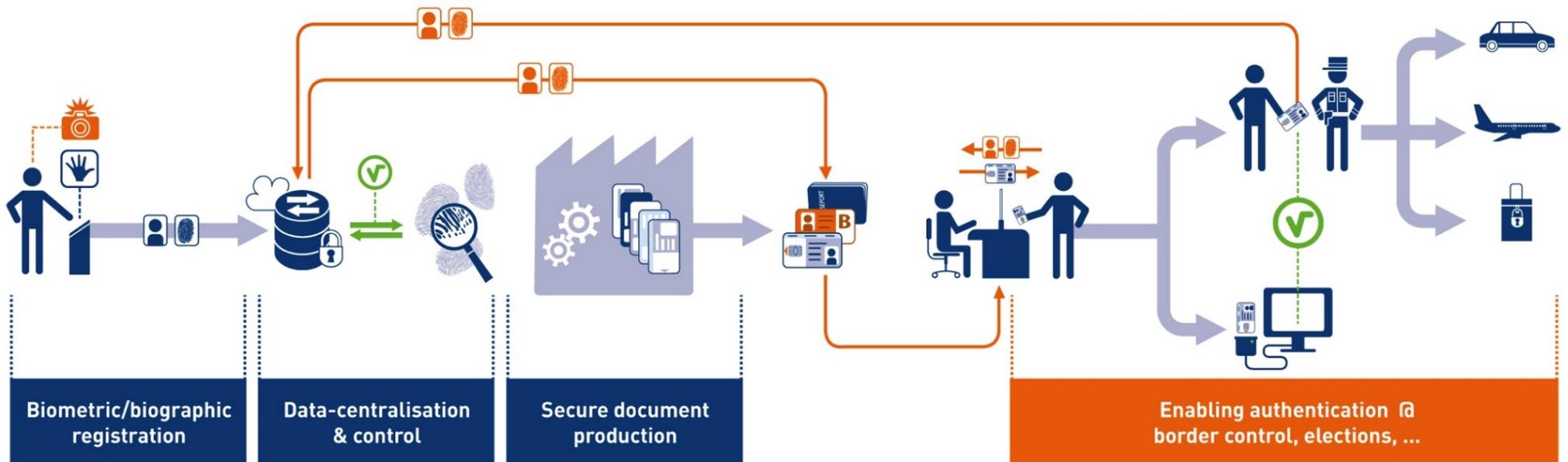
# ZETES FACTS & FIGURES

+1200 FTE

■ Countries Served ■ Direct Presence



# ZETES PEOPLE ID - VALUE CHAIN



# TOPICS FOR THIS WORKSHOP

*In this workshop led by the UNDP, experts from election commission, development partners, and industry discuss the **experiences and trends** in using digital identity in support of democracy and elections (including enrolment as well as voter verification).*

*This includes both the experiences of using foundational identity (i.e. national ID) as well as independent functional voter registers. In addition the workshop elaborates on the **harmonization efforts between national identity and electoral registers** in countries where both have been developed and addresses some of the **challenges related to the additional sensitive information (e.g. Ethnicity, nationality, etc.)** normally captured in the electoral registers.*

## **Workshop objectives:**

- **Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of linking or delinking voter registers from foundational registers.**
- **Gaining practical knowledge how to perform identity enrolment & verification**
- **Lessons learned that can be used for other functional identity registers, such as social registers.**

Voter Register



Civil Register

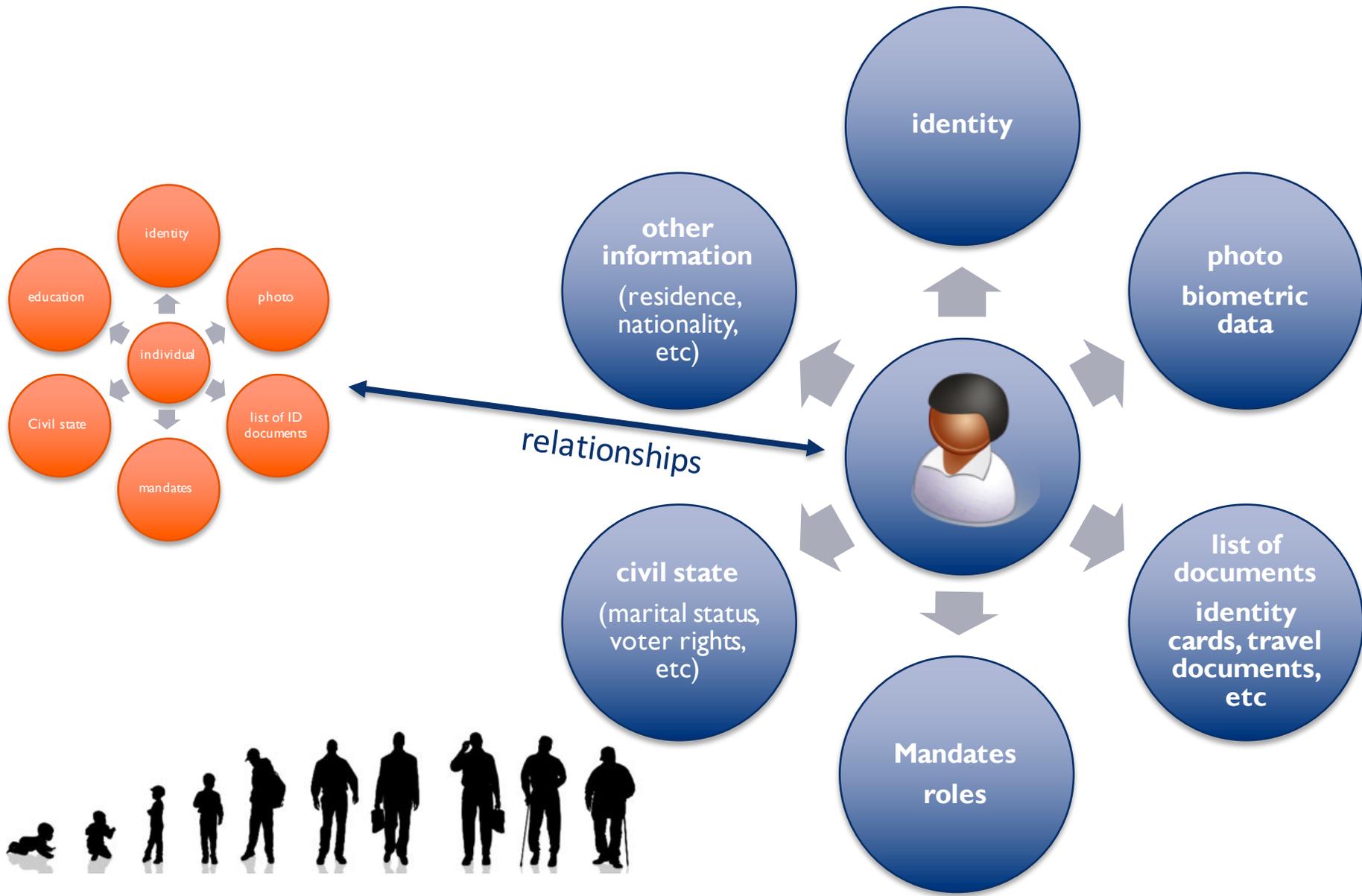
# QUICK COMPARISON

## Voter Register

- single purpose
- owner is also the user
- individuals
- small data set
- no history / archive per individual
- snapshot

## Population Register

- multi purpose
- owner + multitude of users
- individuals and relations
- extended data set
- records the life history of individuals
- continuous update process
- vital events and vital statistics
- data mining



# POPULATION REGISTER AS BASE FOR THE VOTER REGISTER

- Ideal Scenario
  - the voter register is independent but draws from the population register
  - eligible voters who register but aren't on the list yet are also/first registered as a citizen/resident
  - eligibility to vote is ruled by the Electoral Commission (i.e. independently of the population register)

# VOTER REGISTER AS BASE FOR THE POPULATION REGISTER

- Depends on the quality of the electoral database
  - reliability of the recorded identity?
  - reliable means to verify a person's identity?
- Requires new registration campaign for the rest of the population  
or  
*an extended registration campaign of the entire population prior to the elections (i.e. complete census)*

# THE REALITY IN MANY COUNTRIES

- Struggling with continuous investment in population register (or no investment at all)
- Demographic explosion make a population register even more urgent but also makes the creation of one more difficult
- Outreach to the general population can be a hurdle
  - Difficult geographical situation
  - Lack of infrastructure
  - Motivation of the people (effort versus perceived benefit)
- But ... usually there is a repetitive effort for voter registration

# INVESTMENTS IN VOTER REGISTRATION

- **CAPITAL EXPENSES**
  - equipment
  - development and integration
- **OPERATIONAL EXPENSE**
  - logistics
  - training
  - operators and support staff

## **!! ASSETS !!**

- equipment
- trained people

# ASSETS - EQUIPMENT

What happens with the equipment after the elections?

- Verifying voters at the polling stations?
- Collecting election results?



# ASSETS - EQUIPMENT

What happens with the equipment after the elections?

- Re-purposed for
  - education,
  - administration,
  - etc.?



# ASSETS - EQUIPMENT

What happens with the equipment after the elections?

- Refurbished?
- Stored?
- Care & Maintenance?



# ASSETS - PEOPLE

What happens with the staff after the elections?

- Thousands of trained computer operators
- Hundreds of trained technicians and support staff



# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider
  - re-purposing or re-using equipment
  - long term storage and maintenance
- Consider
  - Maintaining the voter register on a permanent basis
  - Using the voter register as a step stone to a civil register
  - Starting early enough to register the entire population instead of only the eligible voters

# THANK YOU!



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