

# Abstract

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**Subject:**

**Integration of Civil Registry Systems and Identity Management Systems:  
Principles to support an optimal Trusted Identity Approach**

More and more countries have decided to implement electronic identity programs to uniquely establish their citizen's identity, and to achieve solid development outputs, through the efficient delivery of both private and public services.

National eIDs bring security and convenience, and contribute to the acceleration of economic and social development in developing countries. However, in order to allow the population to fully benefit from these initiatives an integrated approach - that includes civil registration - has to be taken into consideration. The civil register is the foundational registry at the center of an ID ecosystem. It cannot be replaced by identity programs but it can be deeply strengthened by them. However the cross sector nature of civil registration and eIDs requires strong leadership and appropriate coordination across government agencies. A holistic approach, with a dynamic link between civil registration and e ID systems, is the only way to reach universal coverage while providing robust credentials.

The use of the Unique Personal Identification Number given at birth or during ad-hoc registration campaign, and shared across different government databases, can provide a common and neutral entry to retrieve other identification elements in databases to ensure convenience, security and accuracy.

This presentation will update the audience on several worldwide program initiatives considering the integration of civil registry systems and identity management systems to highlight some common use cases scenarios and principles to promote the integration of such systems in order to deliver a single source of trusted identity.