

# CR + National ID

***“Securing identity in a secured way”***

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# Why National ID?

- To provide citizenship to individuals in a country
- To provide secure legal Identity using correct biographic, strong biometrics, unique id number supported by reliable technology – guaranteeing ‘right to identity’
- To help governments to provide efficient services
- To provide identity to individuals to legally and formally interact with state, companies and others individuals.

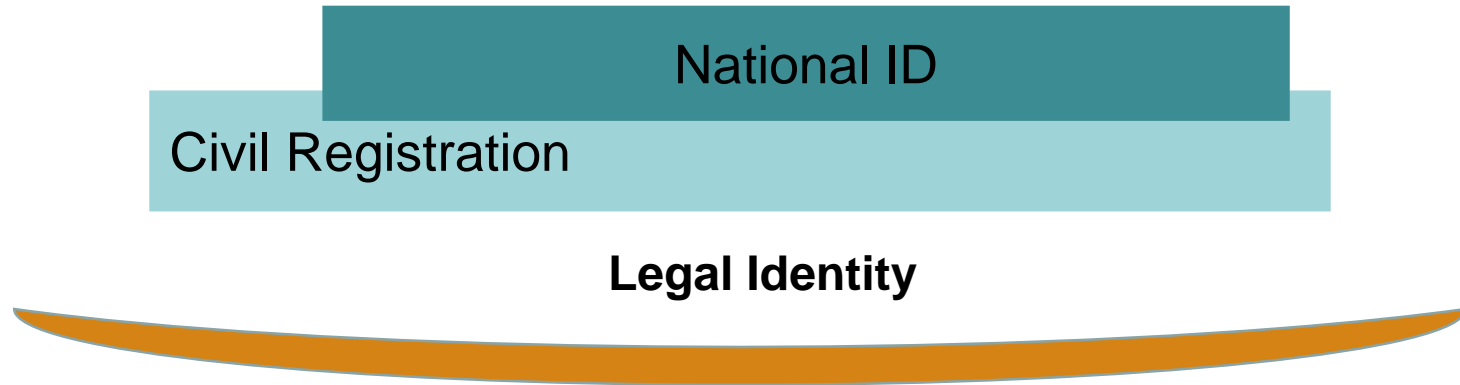
# Can National ID alone guarantee secured identity?

**No**

- Civil Registration is the foundation to National ID – it provides legal breeder documents
- CR and National ID need to be treated as sub-systems of one big system that provides **Legal Identity**

# CR + National ID

A conceptual framework



- **Legal Identity begins** at birth with biographic information collected through Civil Registration System
- **Identity strengthens** with biometrics information collected through national id system
- **Identity ends** at death, but not its legal effects, so death information collected through Civil Registration must be linked with National ID

# Policy, Law and Governance

- Need for one policy on CR + National ID with clear statement on purpose (include privacy!)
- Need for a law on National ID that provides for linkages between CR and National ID
- Need for Governance to coordinate exchange of information between the two systems

# Processes, Technology and Services

- Need for simplification of process for improvement of access
- Need to make appropriate choice of technology to ensure interoperability
- Need for efficient ID Management for better services for citizen including e-services

# APAI-CRVS and National ID

Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS) is being currently implemented under the policy guidance of African Ministers responsible on CR

Need for a clear articulation on the importance of linkage between CR and National ID

Need for a clear strategy on advocacy on CR+ National ID – to reach beyond the CRVS constituency

Need to ensure the CR system is built on platform that is inter-operable

# Challenges in Africa in rolling out CR+ National ID

- CR and National ID are at different levels of development
- CR and National ID not linked or loosely linked
- Institutional challenges
  - Non-existent or incomplete Civil Registration System
  - ‘Closed’ technology –challenges of interoperability
  - Lack of policy and/or law linking these two systems
  - Capacity challenges
    - National ID has more political and donor support
  - No international guidance manual available



# Some questions

- ✓ How can a National ID database be built – in one stroke or gradually?
- ✓ How can National ID database and CR database be synchronized?
- ✓ Should National ID database be used only for the purpose of security and identity?
- ✓ Can and should this be used for other purposes such as election list, social grants etc? What are the implications on the design of the system?
- ✓ Should the National ID database have address or location of residence of individuals in the National ID database? Is it possible to update these variables?

# End-point

- Secured identity isn't only about technology or biometrics
- Identity management need a comprehensive approach

The “weakest link in the chain” can sometimes turn out to be most important



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**Thanks!**