

FROM KEBELE TO DIGITAL:
ETHIOPIA'S JOURNEY
TOWARDS A

NATIONAL ID

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“ IDENTIFICATION IS VITAL FOR AFRICA'S
DEVELOPMENT AMBITION TOWARD THE
REALIZATION OF THE GLOBAL AGENDA 2030
AND AFRICA'S CONTINENTAL AGENDA 2063 ”

— *Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed*



*UN SDG 16.9
AU 2063
AfCFTA*

NID for the Economy

- Banking and Insurance
- eKYC
- e-Commerce
 - e-Wallet
 - Telecom
- Financial Security
 - Loss of funds due to false identification
- Macro-Economy
 - GDP Savings



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IMPORTANCE: SOCIAL

- Social Welfare
- Ghosting (using dead people or non-existent people to get benefits)
- Land, Housing, Condominium
- Micro and small-lending
- Job creation (determine who is jobless)
- Free Health service
- Free education



IMPORTANCE: FRAUD AND SECURITY

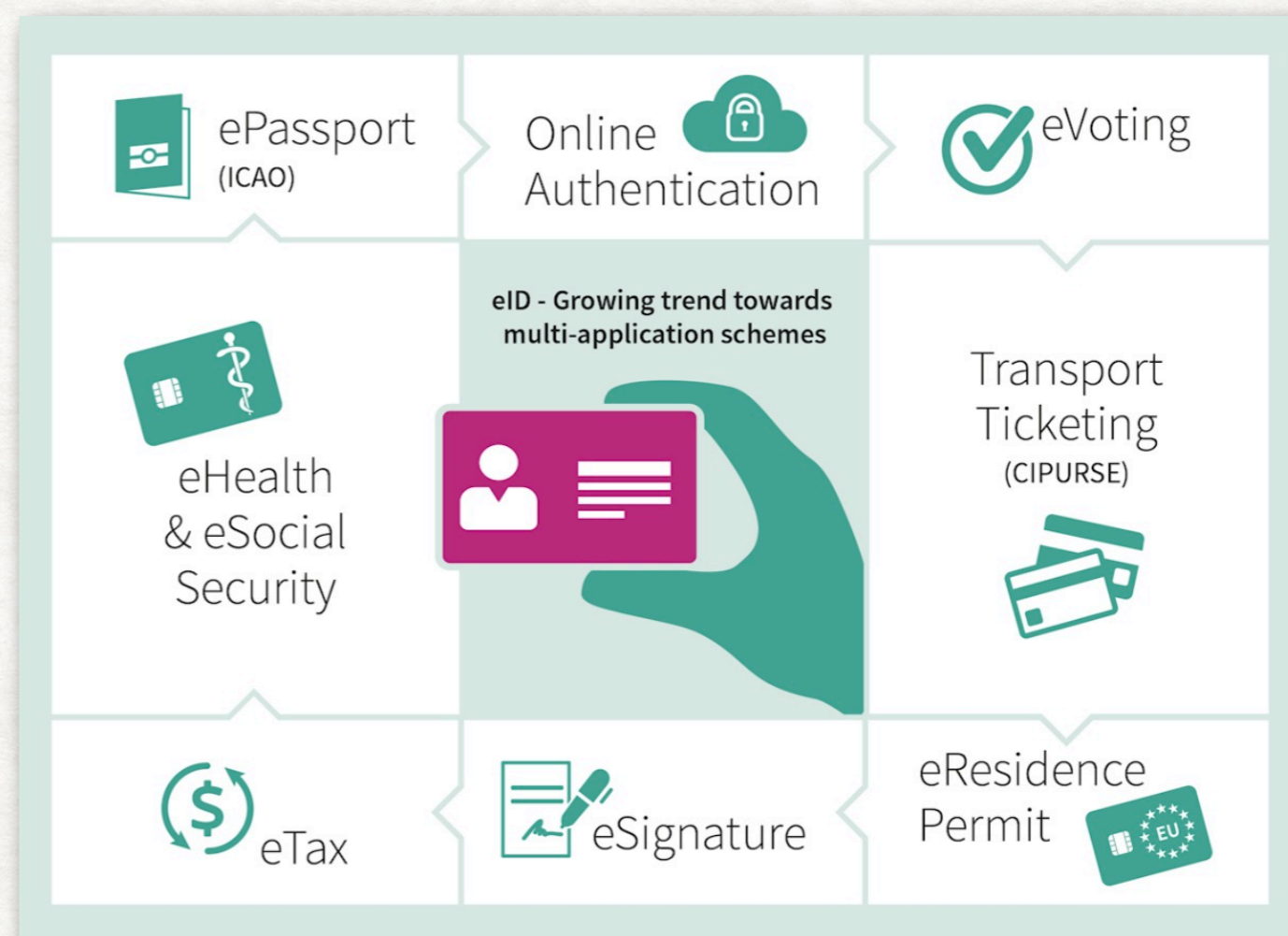
- National Security
- Statelessness
- Non-nationals posing as nationals
- Tracking terrorism
- Arms Control
- Criminal Justice



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IMPORTANCE: TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE

- Efficient public sector
- Digital governance
- Functional examples
 - Driving License
 - Revenues and Tax
 - Health
 - Agriculture
 - Online services
 - Voting
 - Passport
 - e-Service



NATIONAL ID: WHAT ARE THE CREATED GAPS?

- Due to lack of a good ID, government entities are trying to layout their own infrastructure
- Duplicating efforts & Resources

- MoA
- MoR
- MoT
- CBE
- MoH
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DIGITAL ID

INTERNATIONALLY

A case-in-point: India

- Weak Civil Registry
- Large population and Federal state
- AADHAAR System
- Non-mandatory number issued for 1.2 billion citizens



- Indian Stack
 - National ID
 - eKYC
 - UPI
 - Digital Locker
 - e-Signature

KEBELE ID VS NATIONAL ID

EID PROJECT FOR ETHIOPIA

No Central Registry

No Guarantee For Uniqueness

Bureaucratic and not easily obtainable

Prone to Corruption



Easy for forgery and alteration

Not deduplicated

Not continuous over time

ETHIOPIAN STRATEGY

FOUNDATIONAL TO FUNCTIONAL

- Functional IDs serve a specific purpose
- Foundational IDs serve as a foundation for other services
- Public and Private Sector services need proof of identity
 - No Exclusion
 - Interoperability
 - Efficient
 - Robust
 - Good Governance
 - Service Delivery

NID PROGRAM

CURRENT STATUS

- Started in 2011
- Program Office re-established in 2019 at MoP
- **What happened since...**
 - Governance and Principles
 - Local and International Stakeholders Engagement
 - Proclamation no. 760 amendment
 - Cybersecurity and DataPrivacy Laws drafted
 - e-commerce, agency banking laws...
- **What remains...**
 - Strategy and program design completion
 - Public Engagement and further adaptation to Ethiopian context
 - Local capacity building and international procurement

THANK YOU”

— *Martin Luther King*