

Plenary Panel 8

DIGITAL IDENTITY IN SOCIETY AND ITS ETHICAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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The panel will address ethical issues of biometrics with special focus on issues of data ownership and government (and business) (mis-)use, privacy and security, what does digital biometrics say about who we are? How does a government establish trust in biometrics?

Problems are illustrated among others by the situation in Africa as stated in www.id4africa.com: "Africa's economic growth is accelerating but the benefits are unevenly distributed. For social development to match economic growth and generate long-term gains, inclusiveness is essential. There is a clear need for robust national systems that provide legal identity to all Africans, ensuring that everyone can access government services and benefits, prove their eligibility and be included in Africa's democracy and economic takeoff."

However, problems of biometrics, big data use, privacy and identity are by no means typical of Africa. They are truly global.