At IDEMIA, we believe it is fundamental for each individual to have a legally recognized identity from birth—International Identity Day (ID Day) on September 16 reinforces this conviction. The date is a nod to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions” and objective 9 which calls for a legal identity for all by 2030. IDEMIA supports this goal, initiated by ID4Africa on April 24, 2018, by assisting governments in providing a foundational identity to their people.

BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES AN IDENTITY  IDENTITY DESERVES A DAY

A foundational ID begins with birth registration and provides citizens with both a nationality and a sense of belonging, which is crucial to their growth in society. A legal identity also gives people the ability to exercise their rights, and access fundamental services and political privileges. These services are essential to a citizen’s wellbeing and include education, healthcare, social protection, the right to vote, and also access to private sector services such as banking and credit facilities.

The three essential pillars of a legal identity are inclusion, protection, and utility. Biometric technologies can help with all three; and IDEMIA uses these technologies as a key enabler in providing citizens with a secure identity that is valid...
throughout their lifetime. IDEMIA’s biometric algorithms for fingerprint, face, and iris recognition regularly rank in the top-tier across many modalities and solutions in National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) evaluations. They are often called the most **accurate, fair, and consistent** in the market and ensure inclusion for all citizens. With these identity technologies, IDEMIA continues to deliver on the commitment to unlock the world and make it safer.

In a project supported by the World Bank, IDEMIA, together with Atos, leveraged its expertise to support **Togo’s digital transformation** and improve the lives of citizens’. IDEMIA also recently renewed its commitment to the **Nigeria National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)** by implementing a **full system upgrade**, helping make digital identity in the country accessible to all.

To know more about the ID Day initiative visit: [https://www.id-day.org/](https://www.id-day.org/)