



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
NIGERIA DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

LEGAL REGULATORY REFORM WORKING GROUP
INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT DATA PROTECTION BILL, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Government of Nigerian has received a credit from the World Bank, French Development Agency & European Investment Bank for the implementation of the Nigeria Digital Identification for Development (ID4D) Project. The Project consists of four components: (i) Strengthen the Legal and Institutional Framework; (ii) Establish a Robust and Inclusive Foundational ID System, (iii) Enable Access to Services through IDs; and (iv) Project Management and Stakeholder Engagement. The President in March 2020 approved the constitution of Digital Identity Ecosystem Project Steering Committee (PSC), the overall governing body of the digital identity ecosystem and the Legal and Regulatory Reform Working Group (LWG) reporting to the PSC.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The LWG is responsible for implementing the activities relating to legal, regulatory and institutional framework for identity management in Nigeria. The legal reforms required under the ID Ecosystem Project are necessary to promote trust in the ID system particularly as it relates to the protection of privacy and personal data, strengthening institutional and administrative framework, inclusion and non-discrimination, interoperability of identity databases and registries. etc.

Crucial to the reform process and key component of the ID Ecosystem Project are the twin issues of **privacy rights and data protection**. In this regard, the LWG has concluded the harmonization of all reviews and comments by LWG stakeholders on the extant draft Data Protection Bill, 2020 and consequently requests for further comments from interested persons in preparation for the one-day validation workshop scheduled for Monday, 14 September 2020. Download a copy of the draft Bill at https://www.nimc.gov.ng/docs/Draft_Data_Protection_Bill_2020.pdf and from the following websites of member organizations of the LWG as directed by the Project Steering Committee:

- <https://nitda.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Draft-Data-Protection-Bill-2020.pdf>
- www.osgf.gov.ng
- www.justice.gov.ng
- www.ncc.gov.ng
- www.commtch.gov.ng
- www.inec.gov.ng
- www.nis.gov.ng
- www.npc.gov.ng

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

As part of the processes leading up to the enactment of the National legislation on Data Protection, interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments on the draft Bill not later than Thursday, 10th September 2020.

Kindly direct all enquiries and written submissions to the LWG Secretariat:

By email:

dpbcomments@nimc.gov.ng

By Post/hand delivered:

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First Floor (Room 125),
National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)
11 Sokode Crescent, Off Dalaba Street, Zone 5, Wuse,
Abuja.

JOIN THE LIVE WEBINAR

In adherence to the COVID-19 containment guidelines and safety protocols, physical attendance at the workshop's venue is strictly by invitation. However, interested persons can please register for the live webinar by clicking on the following link: <https://www.nimc.gov.ng/webinarreg/>

Signed:

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- <https://cert.gov.ng/resources>