Final communiqué

Ninth Edition of the Internet Government Forum in Benin (FGI Benin)
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We, the participants of the ninth National Internet Government Forum in Benin (FGI Benin) in collaboration with other stakeholders of the Benin Internet ecosystem,

Recalling:

- The commitment of the multi-stakeholders to effectively and regularly hold an annual national forum on internet governance in Benin;
- That during the eighth Internet Governance Forum in Benin, in 2019, it was decided that the efforts should be sustained;
- That the organization of the Internet Governance Forum is an action led by volunteers of the internet ecosystem in each country;
- That the Internet is an open space and should remain so for the benefit of all actors in Internet governance;
- That this is the ninth Internet Governance Forum in Benin, (FGI Benin 2020).

Agree that:

- It is necessary to encourage political decision-makers to speed up the current process in order to promote the generalization of the delivery of biometric identity cards to Benin citizens;
- It is necessary to call for a permanent dialogue between the public and private sectors actors and civil society in the framework of providing online services related to digital identity of Benin citizens;
- It is necessary to maintain the international collaboration through WURI project in order to reduce identity control restrictions in the ECOWAS region;
- It is necessary to set up a national banking switch to facilitate the unique identification of actors who make digital payment transactions in Benin;
- It is necessary to make available a database to be queried in order to ensure the authenticity of personal data given by a natural person in the case of a digital transaction;

- It is necessary to monitor the training and awareness raising of citizens to make them aware of the sensitivity of their digital identity;
- It is necessary to set up security and protection systems of people's digital identity;
- It is necessary to boost the performance of transaction platforms;
- It is necessary to encourage the BJ Registry and subsequently the BJ domain name holders to sign the DNSSEC in order to ensure confidence in cyberspace transactions;
- It is necessary to implement the good practices related to DNS by the operators and the various DSI;
- It is necessary to deployed the RPKI by the ISPs and the operators;
- It is necessary to encourage Benin public institutions to prohibit the use of private email addresses in the exercise of their responsibility by raising their awareness on the use of professional email addresses;
- It is necessary to encourage GSM operators, ISPs and content providers to interconnect themselves and host their content at the BENIN-IX Internet exchange point in order to maintain the internal local traffic and improve user experience;
- It is necessary to encourage Benin authorities to manage digital identity properly in order to benefit from it in the framework of health crises management.

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