

AFRICAN TRUST & REPUTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Concept Note for Strategic Consultation - Public Brief

A public introduction to the AfricID / ATRI consultation frame

AfricID / ATRI is proposed as a governed trust foundation for verified claims. It is intended to complement national identity systems and help legitimate institutions verify specific claims under clear rules, safeguards, and accountability.

Status	Prepared for public designation review
Audience	Public readers, early stakeholders, and non-specialist institutional reviewers
Boundary	This brief is informational. It does not create legal authority, accreditation status, or data-access rights.

The institutional problem

Across education, trade, credentials, services, finance, employment, and diaspora participation, many important claims remain difficult to verify across institutional boundaries.

Local evidence exists, but it often does not travel well. Institutions repeat checks, delay decisions, and carry avoidable risk because there is no shared trust foundation for interpreting verified claims.

The ATRI concept

- National identity remains with Member States and competent public authorities.
- Accredited issuers create recognized claims under defined evidence standards.
- Holders should control how claims are presented wherever feasible.
- Verifiers should check only permitted claims for declared purposes.

Questions for consultation

- Which claims should be prioritized first, and which should remain out of scope?
- What governance body should accredit issuers, verifiers, schemas, assurance levels, and revocation processes?
- How should privacy, security, correction, audit, and lawful-access boundaries be documented before implementation?
- Which public-interest use cases can demonstrate value without creating unnecessary data risk?

Public position

ATRI should be developed through structured consultation, not by assumption.



The initiative should proceed only with clear safeguards for data, institutional accountability, public confidence, and Member State authority.

Public message: ATRI is a consultation-ready trust proposal, not a claim that all governance questions are already settled.