

OpenWallet Forum High Level Panel Meeting
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Call to action to facilitate global digital trust

The OpenWallet Forum High Level Panel members recognize that

- a) Multipurpose digital wallets will become a crucial component for the digital public infrastructure and a vital tool for people and organizations to participate in the digital economy and socio-economic development;
- b) Interoperability for digital ID and other verifiable credentials will be needed for cross-border use-cases;
- c) digital wallets will soon become invaluable for all individuals and organizations to access public digital services, prove their identity, make payments, and store assets by holding credentials, including digital identity, health records, driving licenses, travel documents, and education qualifications, as well as digital assets, including digital currencies;
- d) Countries, including low-income countries, are already considering the adoption of multipurpose digital wallets as part of their digital transformation strategy;
- e) the OpenWallet Forum, convened by ITU, plays an essential part as a catalyst to advance multi-stakeholder cooperation in developing and deploying globally interoperable digital wallets as the impartial assembly for discussing public policy matters, technical requirements, and specifications related to digital wallets.
- f) The OpenWallet Foundation, a Linux Foundation project, convenes open-source digital wallet developers, device manufacturers and service providers and plays an essential part in forming public private partnership to set up digital infrastructures.

In view of the importance of multipurpose digital wallets to hold documents from multiple sources, identifying common interoperability requirements for issuers and verifiers and the need to develop policies to optimize adoption, the following areas of focus have been identified to guide the OpenWallet Forum to work on advancing global interoperability:

1. to explore ways and means for greater collaboration and coordination between Governments, International Organizations, Standardization Bodies, Mobile device manufacturers, Software Developers, Academia and other relevant non-governmental actors involved in the development of digital wallets to ensure maximum benefits to the global community;

2. to exchange best practices, policies, experiences and information with all stakeholders regarding the adoption of digital wallets, to create opportunities for collaborative efforts and to ensure that feedback exists to enrich efforts to support interoperable and accessible digital wallets;
3. to undertake a global mapping exercise¹ to find commonalities between countries' approaches to digital identity and digital wallets and the requirements to enable seamless cross-border transactions.
4. to identify the necessary open² standards and technical specifications to ensure digital wallets can be used for credentials across use cases and countries;
5. to advance policy alignment on thematic areas related to digital wallets, such as security, privacy, usability inclusion³ and common interoperability requirements for issuers and verifiers of digital credentials;
6. to focus on use cases for different sectors;
7. to promote cross-border credential exchange, peer review and interoperability testing;
8. to collaborate closely with the relevant internationally recognized partners, including Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), to encourage the development and deployment of interoperable and accessible digital wallets by raising awareness and through capacity building;
9. to assist Member States which require support in the development of policies for interoperable and accessible digital wallets;
10. to promote specific initiatives at the national and international levels, which foster interaction with governmental, private and academic entities, civil society and SDOs for the information exchange necessary for the development and deployment of interoperable and accessible digital wallets;
11. to encourage partnership between public and private sectors, including academia, in coordinating research, dissemination and training actions to facilitate the development and deployment of interoperable and accessible digital wallets and to coordinate initiatives between regions to promote their deployment worldwide.

¹ Building on existing policy comparability analysis, such as the [G7 Mapping Exercise by OECD](#) and the [EU-US](#), among others.

² See [ITU website](#) for open standards definition.

³ <https://www.idprinciples.org/>