



The Right to Privacy in the Digital Age

Workshop 1 - Current State of Play

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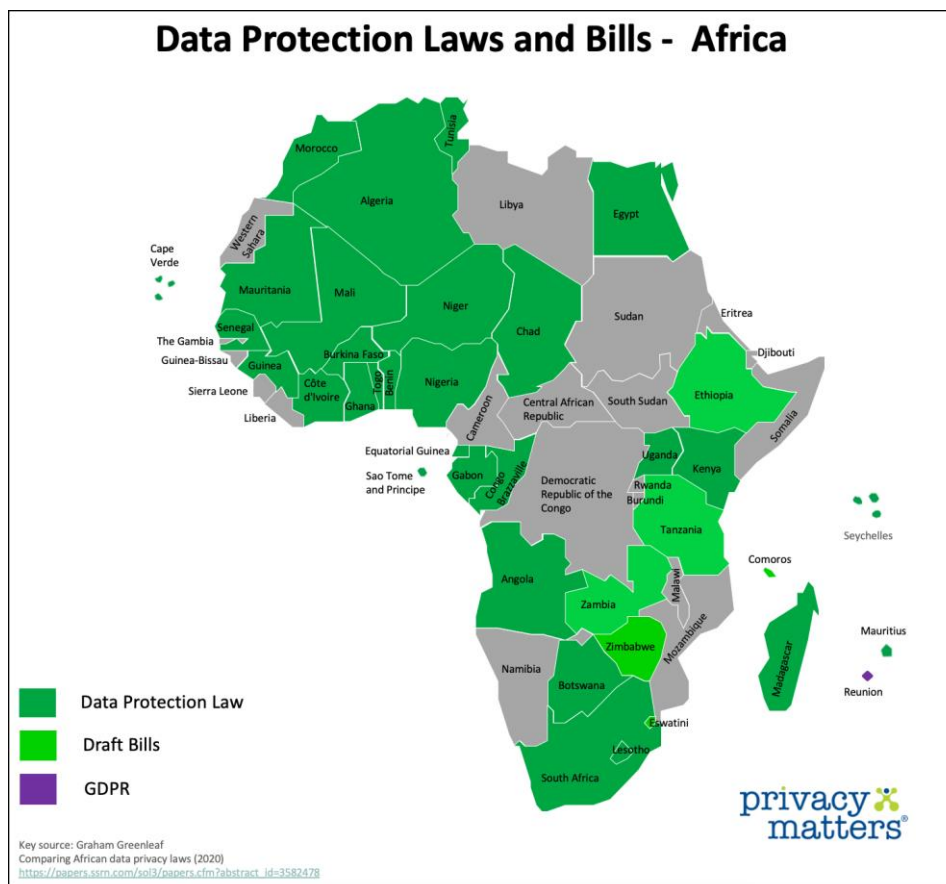


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Data protection landscape



- 144 countries have adopted data protection laws
- 30 African countries
- 5 African countries have ratified Convention 108
- Currently 42 countries have signed the modernised Convention 108+ and 8 have ratified it
- Mauritius is the 1st African country to ratify Convention 108+



Key Drivers shaping law & regulation

- International and regional laws, treaties, conventions
- Digital economy initiatives
 - African Union - *AfCFTA*
 - African Union/EU - *Digital Economy Task Force*
 - Smart Africa - Strategic Vision - *Single Digital Market*
 - AU/Economic Commission for Africa - Digital ID
- Business wanting to meet international standards
- Increased awareness among individuals
awareness + rise in complaints + rise in expectations



Issues, Challenges & future workshops

- Identity systems, cross border (transfers, enforcement), AI, Children, Fintech, Data4Good
- DPA resourcing, staffing & expertise on key themes
- Data controllers perspectives
- Topics for Future workshops?
 - cross-border data flow and international enforcement
 - Digital Identity/Facial Recognition
 - Political Campaigns
 - FinTech
 - Law Enforcement
- Towards a common vision and approach on issues?