

### BHUTAN NATIONAL DIGITAL IDENTITY

updates from Bhutan's SSI implementation

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### **AGENDA**

- 1. Project overview
- 2. Use cases
- 3. Technology considerations
- 4. Challenges and learning
- 5. Hints for Switzerland





### PROJECT OVERVIEW



→ Digital transformation project under the umbrella of Digital Drukyul Flagship Program initiated by the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Vision

→ Bhutan NDI accelerates seamless access to government, business, and financial services by building a digital ecosystem rooted in trust.

Mission

- → To build identity as the cornerstone of every digital interaction
- → To foster a harmonious digital ecosystem for seamless delivery of govt. & business services
- To provide verification and authentication as-a-service for individuals and service providers to meet compliance requirement
- To continuously innovate to meet the demands of an evolving landscape of digital transactions





### **USE CASES**



#### Finance



- Compliance with eKYC mandates
- Account opening SSO to mBOB app

#### Telecommunication



- Customer registration
- Customer info. update & service ownership transfer
- Password-less login for MyTashiCell app
- eTeeru registration

### Education



- SSO to RUB portal
- Check academic credentials
- Update credentials

### DHI (Corporate)



- **Board Management**
- E-recruitment
- Employee VC





# TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS

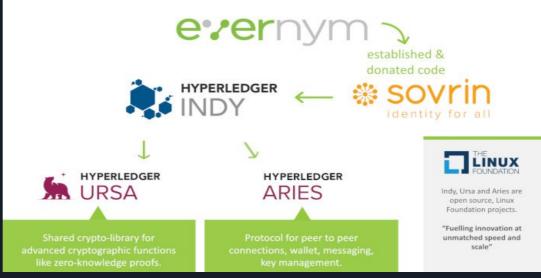
Application Ecosystem

Protocol

Network

Ledger









### CHALLENGES & LEARNING

### **CHALLENGES**

- → New technology
- → New areas of study
- → Time constraints (R&D)
- → Convincing

### **LEARNING**

- → Find right set of resources
- → People who care and dare
- → Rewards are not immediate
- Understand the culture and identity of people
- → Sensitise the product





## HINTS FOR +

- → People over product
  - → Compliant to legislation
  - → Let people use it like it is "just another app"
- → Risk analysis (known & unknown)
  - → at technology level
  - → in SSI, concept turns into implementation fast
- → Convince stakeholders
  - → People are used to with decades old technology
  - → Technology shock
  - → Resistance to change
  - → ELI5





## Thank You

# Any questions?

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