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Going into 2023, the CERTIZENS project continues to embrace active engagement on challenges associated with secure and just systems of identification. The project has conducted research in different contexts, across a lifetime, and remains a crucial part of such widespread discussions.

Many populations, whether from historically marginalized groups in South Africa, or forcibly on the move: millions seeking safety, security and a future that they can trust; seeking access to basic dignity and services; seeking recognition and identity across the world.

Researchers, while welcoming three new younger scholars, whose forthcoming MPhil and PhD theses will explore how to integrate modern digital identification systems with existing legal identity for all by 2030? Has it been repurposed to support other goals? And is it just as effective for all?

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