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  - more familiar and persistent set of questions about the relationship between IDs
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  - Uganda are our core empirical focus areas, with at least eight researchers so
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  - Excerpt from a recent Human Rights Watch report on the Maragoli community in
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  -oversight of these systems – as well as reduced state discretion – is critical to
  - Goal 16.9: to ‘provide legal identity for all, including birth registration’. It argues
  - The Public Launch was recorded and can be watched
  - Project Coordinators Godfrey Asiimwe and Kojo Opoku Aidoo introducing the
  - Amanor

CERTIZENS Updates

- **Josephine Ahikire**
  - made a submission
  - on a recent decision by the Ugandan government to
  - 27 April 2021
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Readers' Reading

- **Journal articles**
  - Emrys Schoemaker et al, “Identity at the margins: data justice and refugee
  - Marta Cababe et al, “The identity crisis of the Maragoli community in Kenya: the
  - Jorge F. Cuesta and Silvia Masiero, “Biometric systems: the case of Ghana”
  - Catherine McDowall, “Identity in the age of globalisation”

Books

- **Africa Speaks: Citizenship and Identity in the Digital Age**
  - Edited by Amanda Hammar and Jennifer Nagle
  - This book examines the ways in which digital and biometric identity systems
  - in Africa and explores the implications for citizenship, identity and belonging.

Opinion

- **Amanda Hammar**
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Resources and Opportunities

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