Implementation of Data Protection Legislation in Ghana

----Challenges & the Way Forward----

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Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Study Background

- Data Protection Legislation (Act 843) passed in May 2012
- Data Protection Commission set up with a Governing Board in November 2012
- Government officially launched the Act in November 2014
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Milestones

- DPC was admitted to international body of regulators in 2014
- Know Your Rights (KYR) campaign - Early 2015
- Online Registration Portal - Mid 2015 (Data Controllers & Data Processors)
- Data Protection Conference - Jan 2016
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Sectors considered for registration of Data Controllers & Data Processors by the Commission
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Comparative analysis of registration status of Commercial Banks & Public Sector Institutions as at December 31, 2015
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Challenges

- Citizens’ lack of appreciation of Data Security issues
- Lack of Awareness
- Registration Costs
- Inadequate Infrastructure - Data Localization
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Challenges [CONT'D]

- Lack of Government/Public Sector Commitment
- Financial Challenges
- Lack of In-Country Data Protection Expertise
- Enforcement Challenges
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations

• Awareness Campaign
  --about existence of DPC itself
  --appreciation of data security issues
  --about rights of Citizens
  --obligations of Data Controllers/Data Processors, etc.
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations [CONT'D]

- Government Commitment
- Independence of the Commission
- Financial/Logistics Support
- Setting up of investigations and enforcement units within the Commission
Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations [CONT'D]

- International/Bilateral Support
  --knowledge transfer
  --development of data protection expertise
  --support on policy guidance
  --sharing of international best practices on data protection.