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**Abstract**

This standard provides a framework for Identity Management (IdM) in NGN. The primary purpose of this framework is to describe a structured approach for designing, defining, and implementing IdM solutions and facilitate interoperability in heterogeneous environment.

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# Next Generation Network (NGN) Identity Management (IdM) Framework

## 1 Scope

This standard provides an Identity Management (IdM) framework for Next Generation Network (NGN). The primary purpose of this standard is to describe the fundamental concepts, functional components and capabilities of IdM that can be used to organize and guide structured solutions for NGN. The scope of this standard includes to:

- Describe the business motivations, benefits, and advantages of IdM services, and the generic capabilities used to provide identity assurance and defining IdM concepts applicable to NGN and based on the NGN Functional Requirements and Architecture (FRA) as defined in [ITU-T Recommendation Y.2011, P.2012] and ATIS standard, *NGN Architecture* [ATIS-1000018]
- Identify and describe the functional entities, roles, relationships, enablers and communications supporting IdM services and capabilities for NGN
- Identify and describe the (intra-network) relationships for supporting IdM services and capabilities within an NGN,
- Identify and describe the relationships for supporting IdM services and capabilities between NGN providers (e.g., within a federation), and between NGN providers and other providers (e.g., inter-federation)

The framework provided in this standard is intended for NGN (i.e., managed packet networks) as defined in [ITU-T Y.2001], *General overview of NGN*. However, it could be applied as appropriate to other types of networks (e.g., private corporation and enterprise networks).

This framework is intended to be used as a foundation to develop and specify specific aspects of IdM for NGN such as detailed requirements, mechanisms and procedures as needed. It also provides a clear and coherent overview of the totality of IdM in NGN.

*Note: the use of the term 'identity' in this standard relating to Identity Management (IdM) does not indicate its absolute meaning. In particular, it does not constitute any positive validation of a person.*

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