# Session Outcome Document

## Building Digital Trust: The Role of International Standards in Inclusive Digital Transformation

**British Standards Institution (BSI)**

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### Key Issues discussed:

- **Trust Imperative**: The discussion established that systemic risks and economic resilience require digital trust, setting this within the broader WSIS+20 context.
- **Development Partner Perspectives**: The UK's approach to digital development was detailed, including specific insights into how the standards-led toolkit was received during its deployment in Nigeria.
- **Closing Regulatory Gaps**: The panel explored how standards-based frameworks successfully close regulatory gaps and ensure the resilience of new financial technologies, utilising practical insights from the Central Bank of Kenya.
- **Data Governance & Interoperability**: Experiences from the Nigeria Data Protection Commission highlighted how international standards assist in strengthening national data governance and ensuring system interoperability.
- **Bridging Policy and Practice**: A key discussion point, raised during the Q&A by DSIT, focused on how to effectively raise awareness of international standards as the practical tool bridging high-level policy resolutions and grassroots implementation.

### Key Outcomes of the session

- **Official Publication Launch:** The session served as the official launch platform for the new FCDO-BSI guidance document.

- **Framework Delivery:** The new guidance document was unveiled with a summary of its four core pillars and their direct, measurable impact on international digital development.

## Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Actions

- **Embed Standards in Capacity Building**: International development partners should integrate the core four pillars outlined in the newly launched publication into future capacity-building projects to guarantee long-term, sustainable impact beyond the lifecycle of a single grant.
- **Adopt Proactive Regulatory Frameworks:** Emerging economies are encouraged to leverage the guidance document to close regulatory gaps in finance technologies and data governance proactively, moving from reactive compliance to structured resilience.
- **Accelerate Awareness:** Drive dedicated initiatives to increase stakeholder awareness regarding the critical role of international standards in translating high-level WSIS+20 aspirations into actionable, grassroots implementation.