

8th ASEAN IP Register Regional Coordination Meeting

IP Data Publication in Africa

Challenges, Progress, and Opportunities

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Challenges

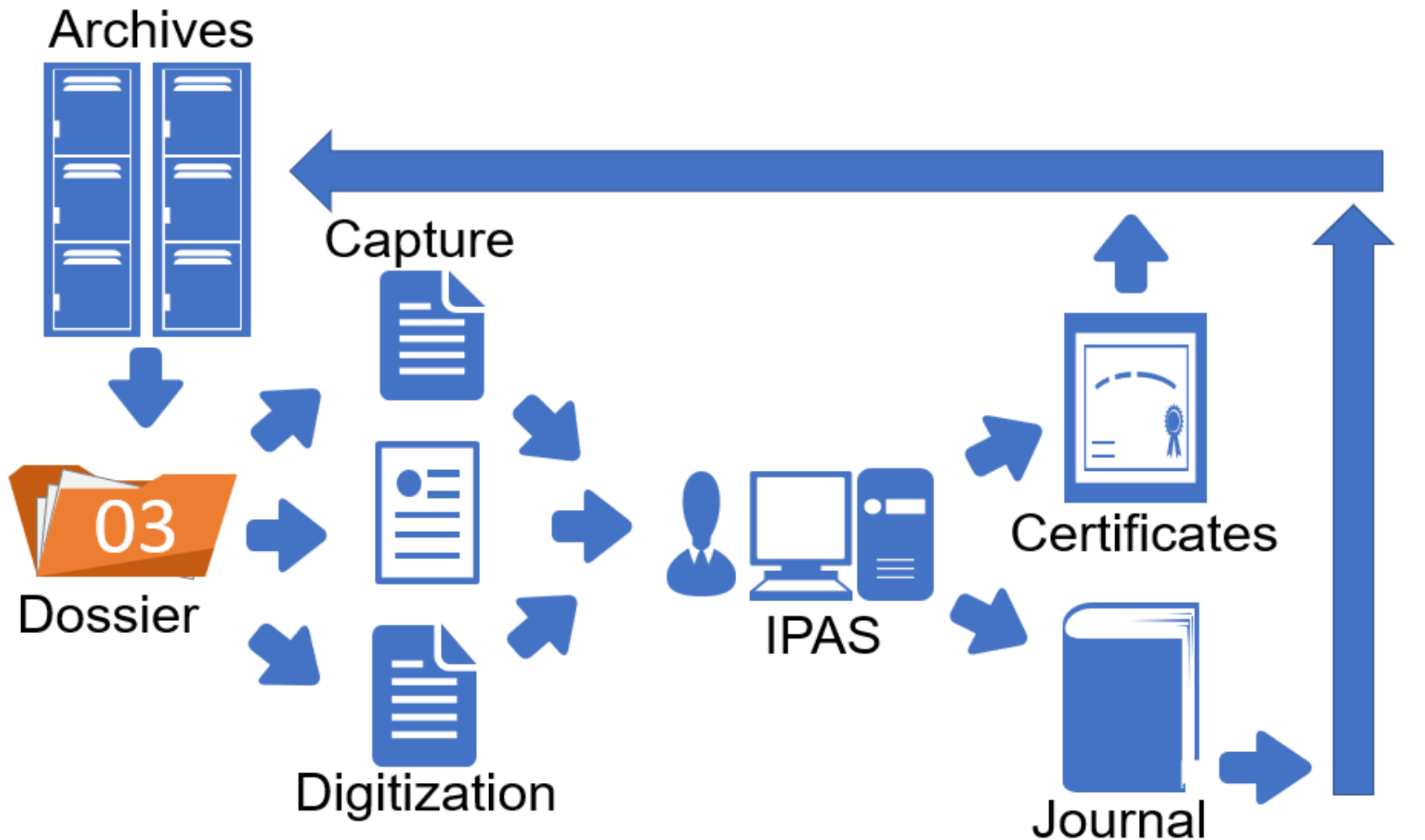
Challenges: Legacy & Data Issues

- - Paper-based systems persist in many offices
- - IPAS data often incomplete or inconsistently migrated
- - Data errors reduce trust and usability

Challenges of Maintaining Data Quality

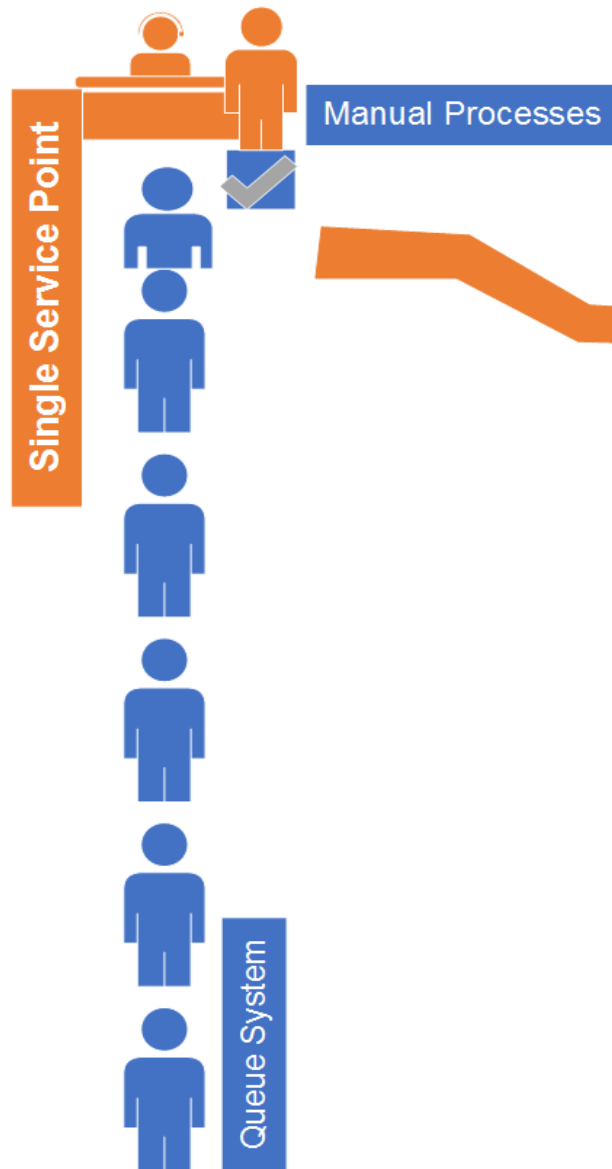
- **Data Entry Errors:** Mistake made during data entry such as Typos, can introduce inaccuracies into databases.
- **Incomplete Data:** Missing or incomplete data can hinder analysis and decision-making, as you might lack a comprehensive view of situation.
- **Duplicate Data:** Duplicate records can lead to confusion and inflated numbers, affecting statistical analysis.
- **Outdated Data:** Failing to update data regularly can lead to outdated information, which may no longer reflect the current state of affairs.
- **Data Integration Issues:** Combining data from different sources can result in inconsistencies and discrepancies.

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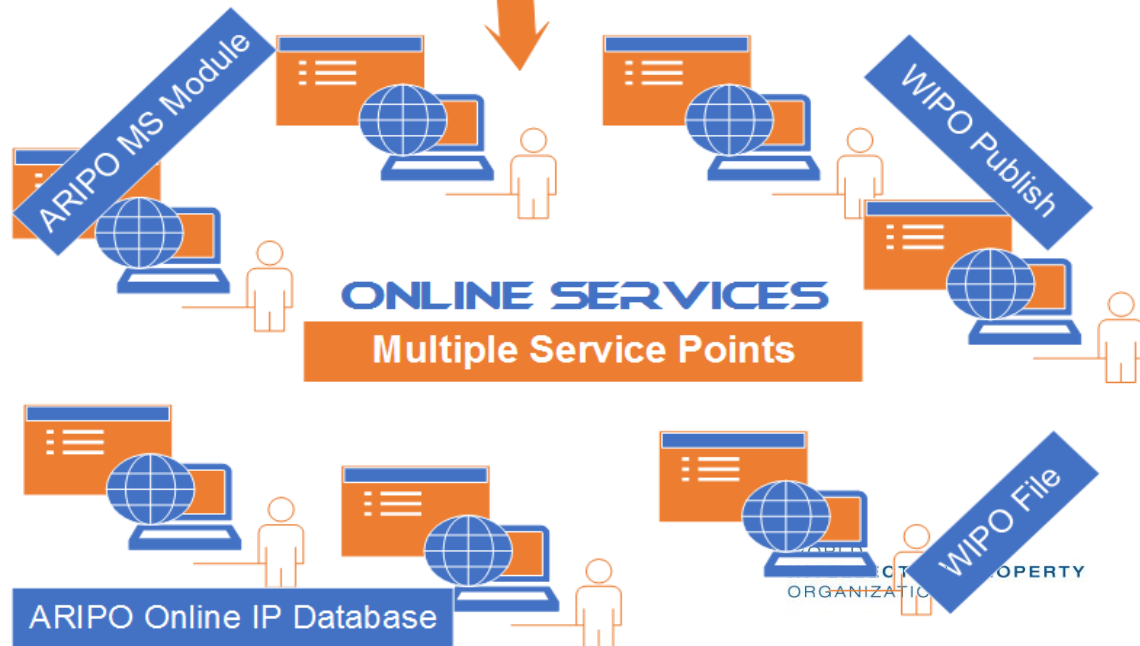


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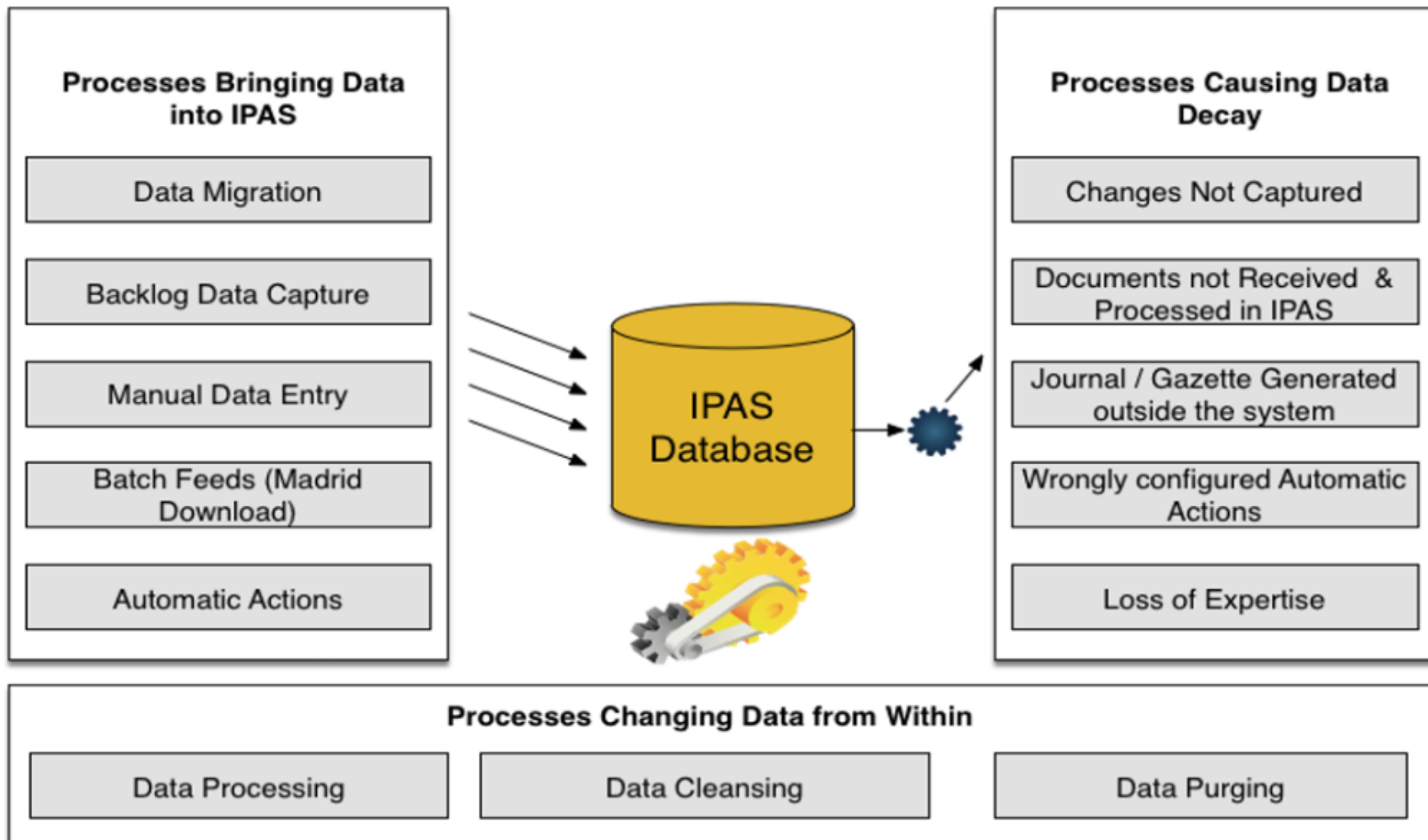
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Hybrid – Queue + Multiple Service Points



Back Office Data Quality Issues



Impact of Compromised Data

- **Inaccurate Decisions:** Decisions-makers may make incorrect choices based on faulty data, leading to poor business outcomes.
- **Loss of Trust:** Stakeholders may lose trust in an organization if data quality is consistently compromised, potentially damaging reputation and relationships.
- **Financial Loss:** Poor data quality leads to financial losses, such as missed revenue opportunities or increased operational costs.
- **Wasted Resources:** Efforts to correct data quality can consume time and resources that could have been used more effectively.
- **Legal & Regulatory Risks:** Violating data protection and privacy laws due to data quality issues can result in legal penalties & regulatory fines.

Progress

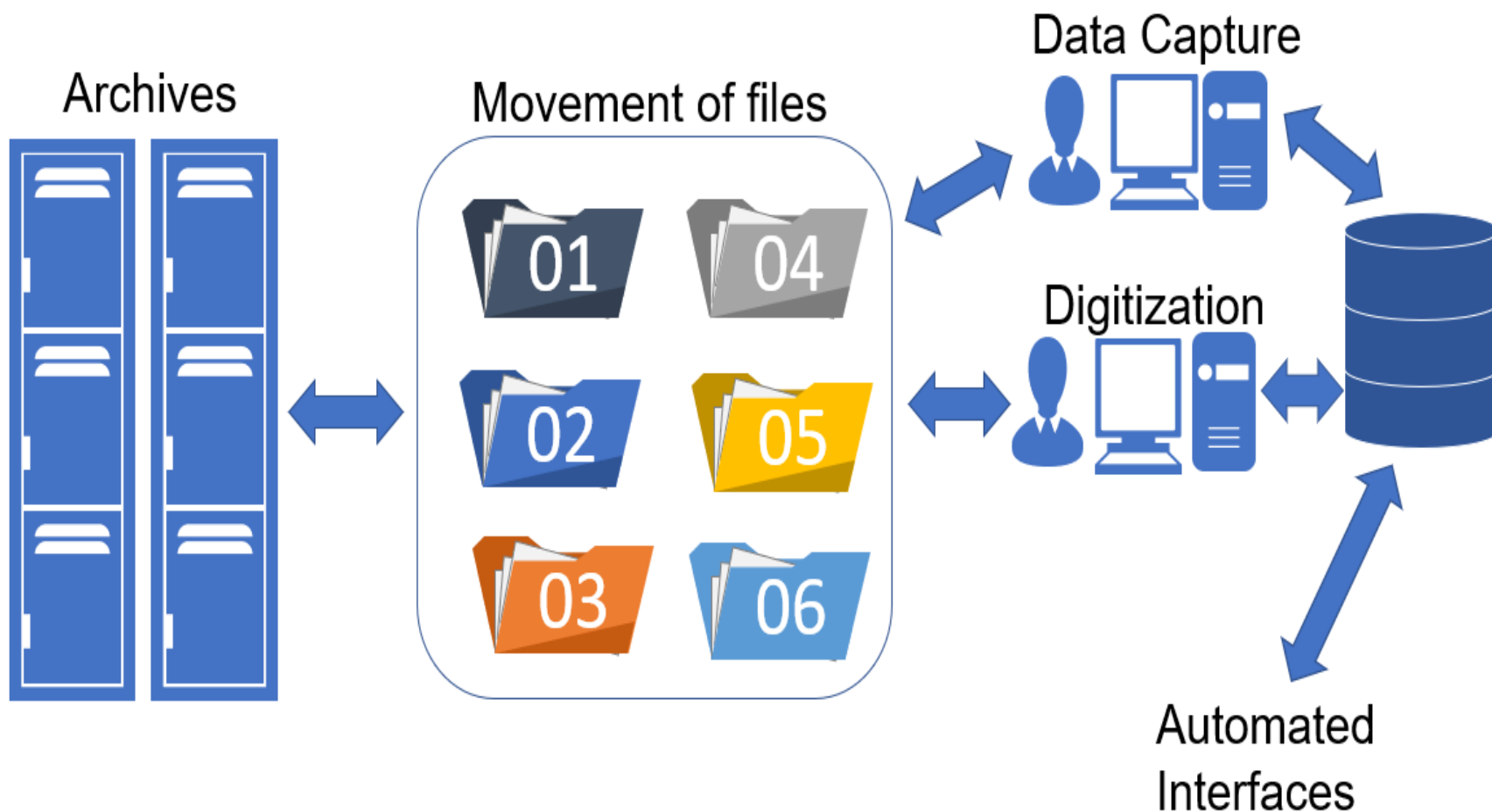
How to Solve Data Quality Challenges

- Standardization
- Modernization and Harmonization of Legal Frameworks
- Validation Rules.
- Automated Checks
- Notifications
- Documentation

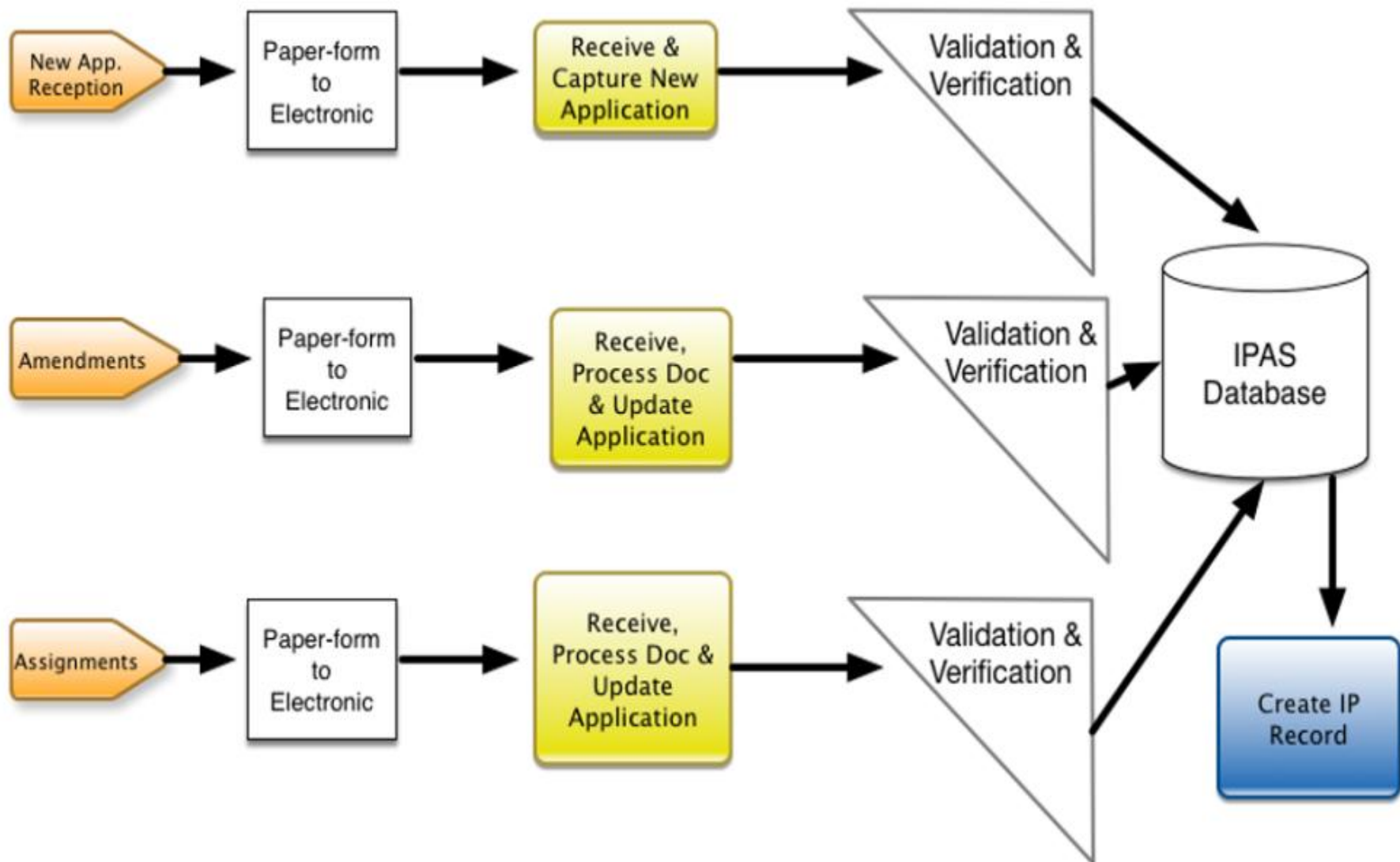
Progress Achieved

- - IPAS deployed in 26+ countries (WIPO, 2025).
- - Migration to cloud-native IPAS 4.0 ongoing.
- - Regional training and shared tools via ARIPO/OAPI.
- - Data cleaning and validation projects underway through Japan Funds-In-Trust.

From Paper Registry to Electronic Registry



Best Practices – IPAS Data Capture



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Pending	11	9	

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TM/T/2015/000800

Status

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Last action

TV8 Advice

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VIACE

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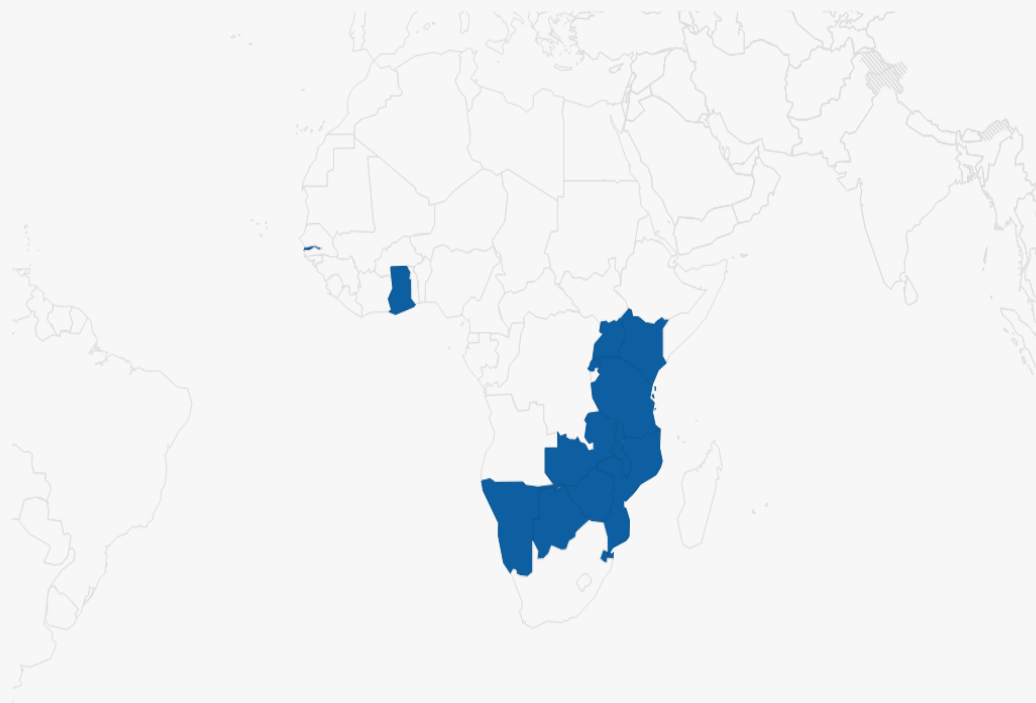


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	Namibia	0	0	54180
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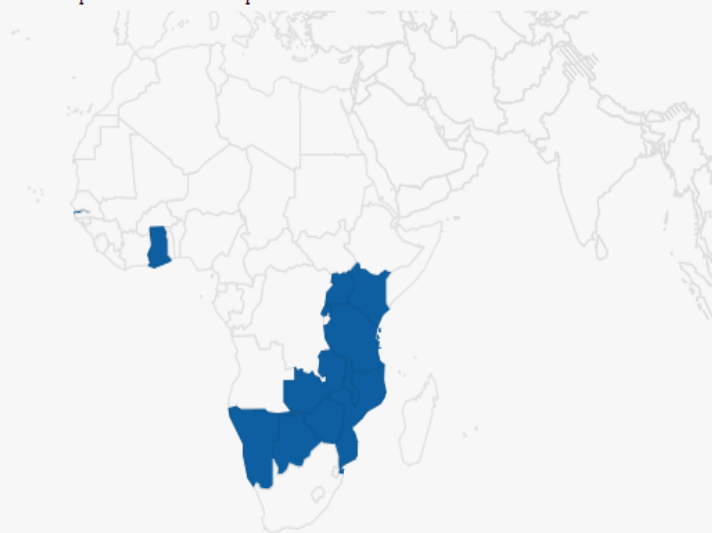
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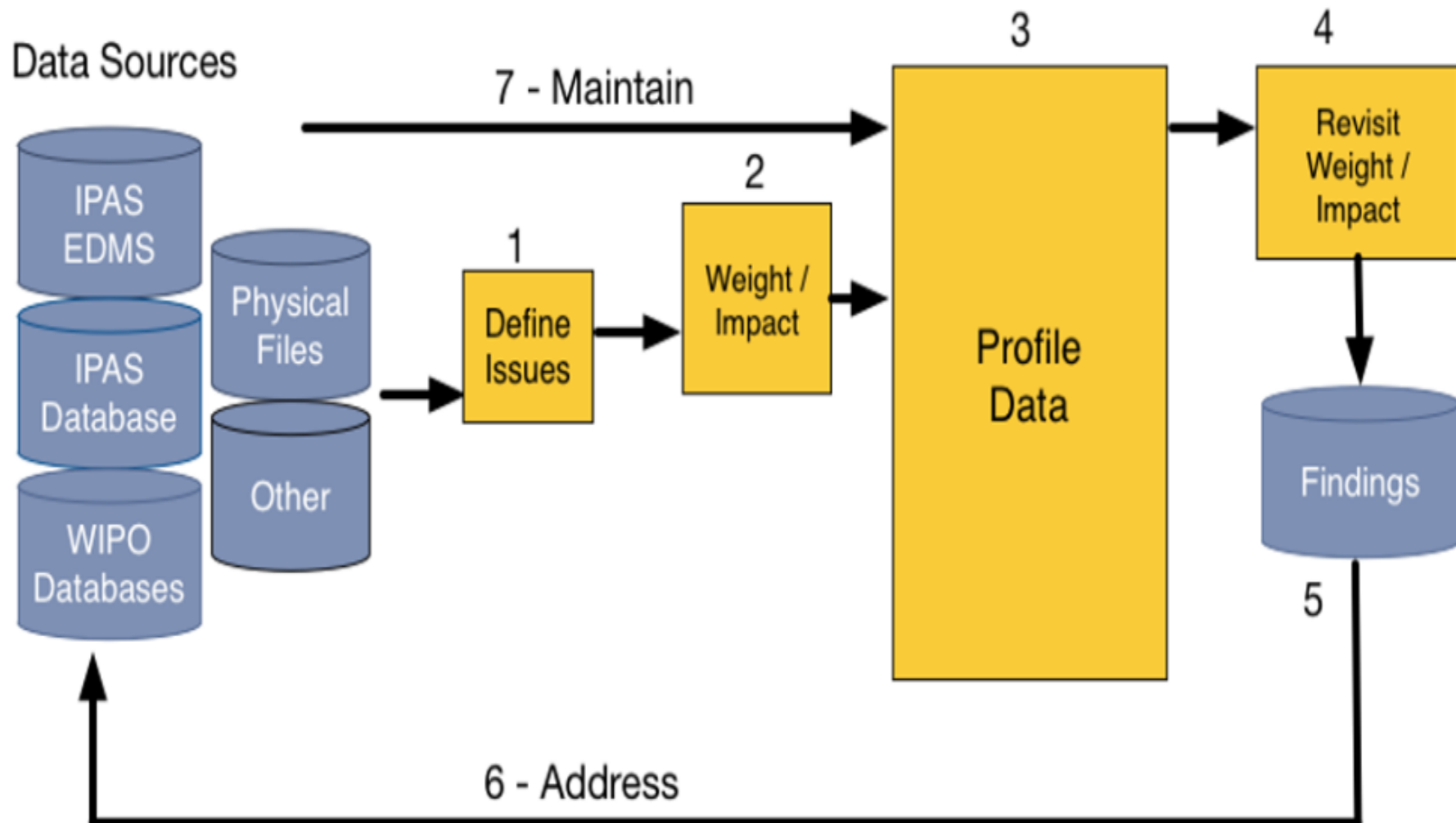
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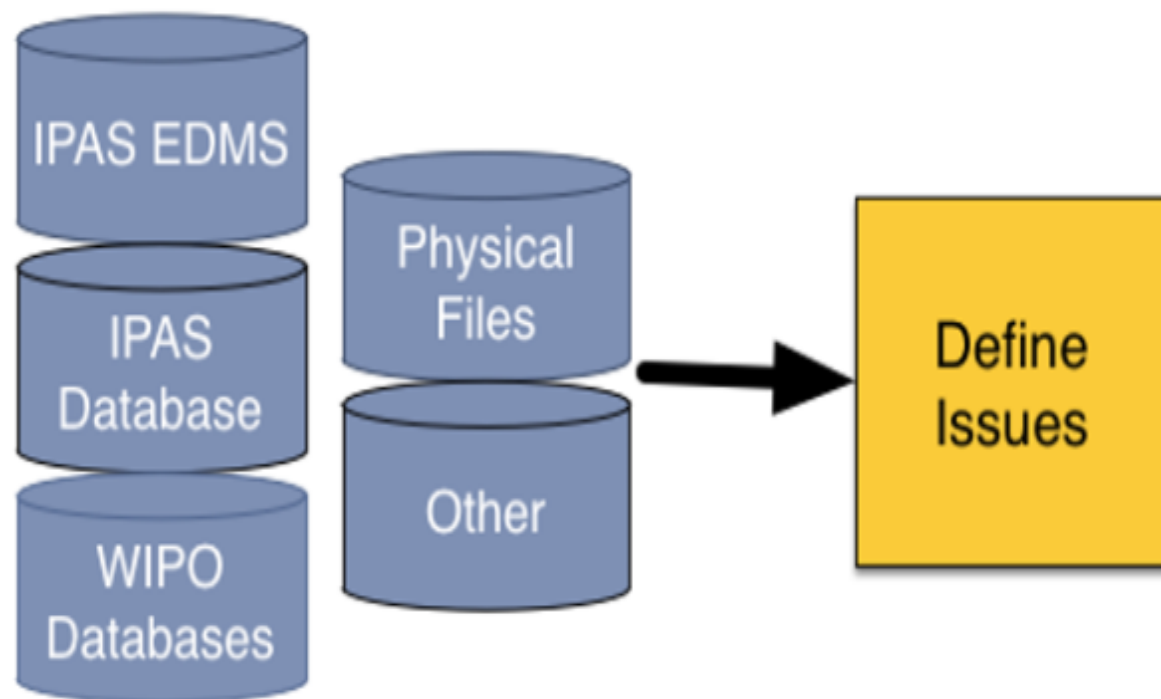
- Online IP data publication is key to modern administration.
- Africa shows progress, but faces legacy and systemic challenges.
- ASEAN model offers a regional integration benchmark.

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Opportunities: ASEAN Benchmark

- - ASEAN IP Register: a unified, API-enabled platform (A
- - Federated search across national IP offices.
- - User-friendly access boosts visibility and trust.

Conclusion

- Africa has a foundation to build on.
- Strategic investment, coordination, and ASEAN lessons key.
- Goal: transparent, accessible, high-quality IP data systems.

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