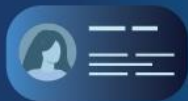




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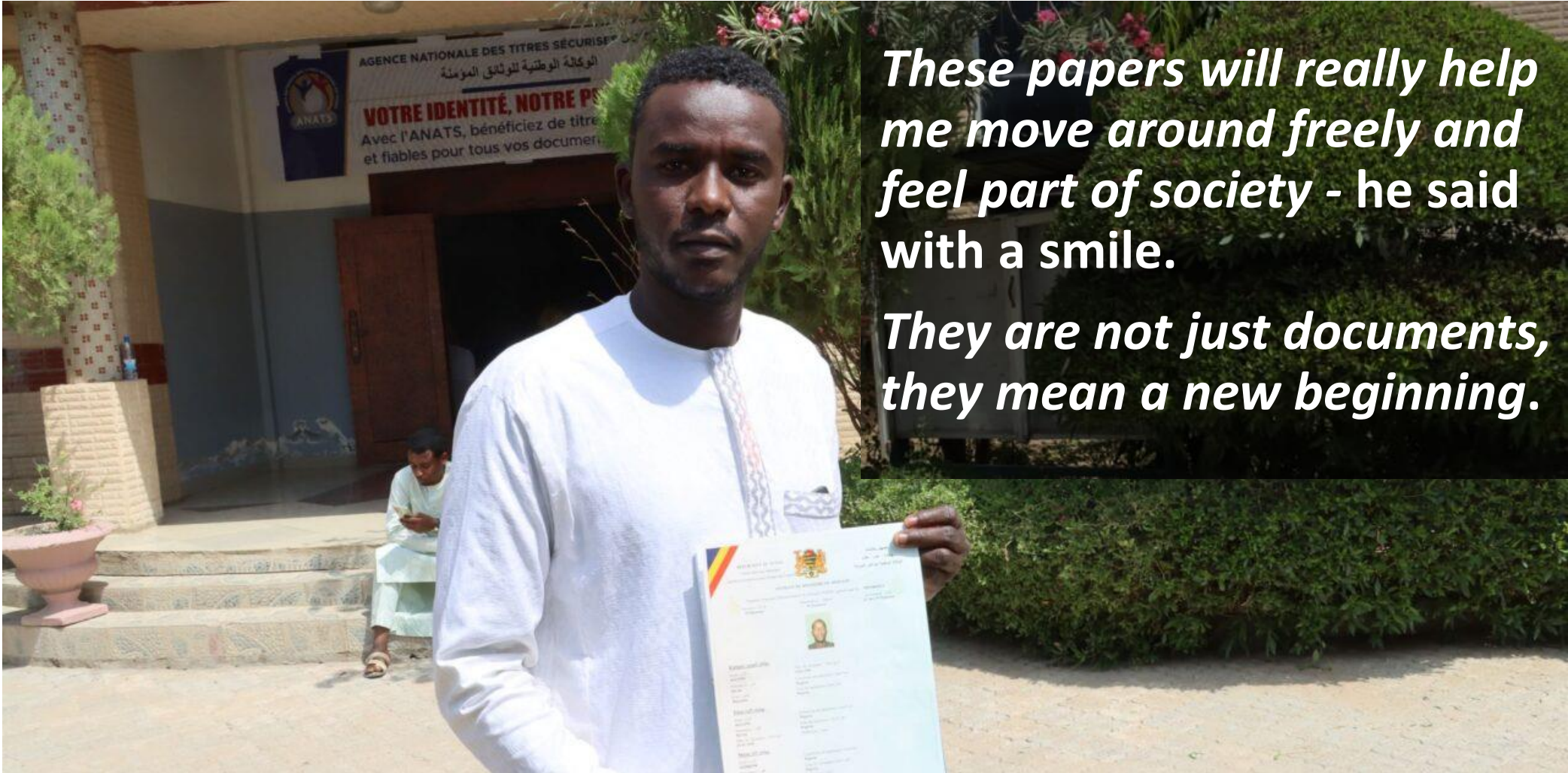


Building trust through identity

Inclusion and mobility for refugees

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These papers will really help me move around freely and feel part of society - he said with a smile.

They are not just documents, they mean a new beginning.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, protects people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

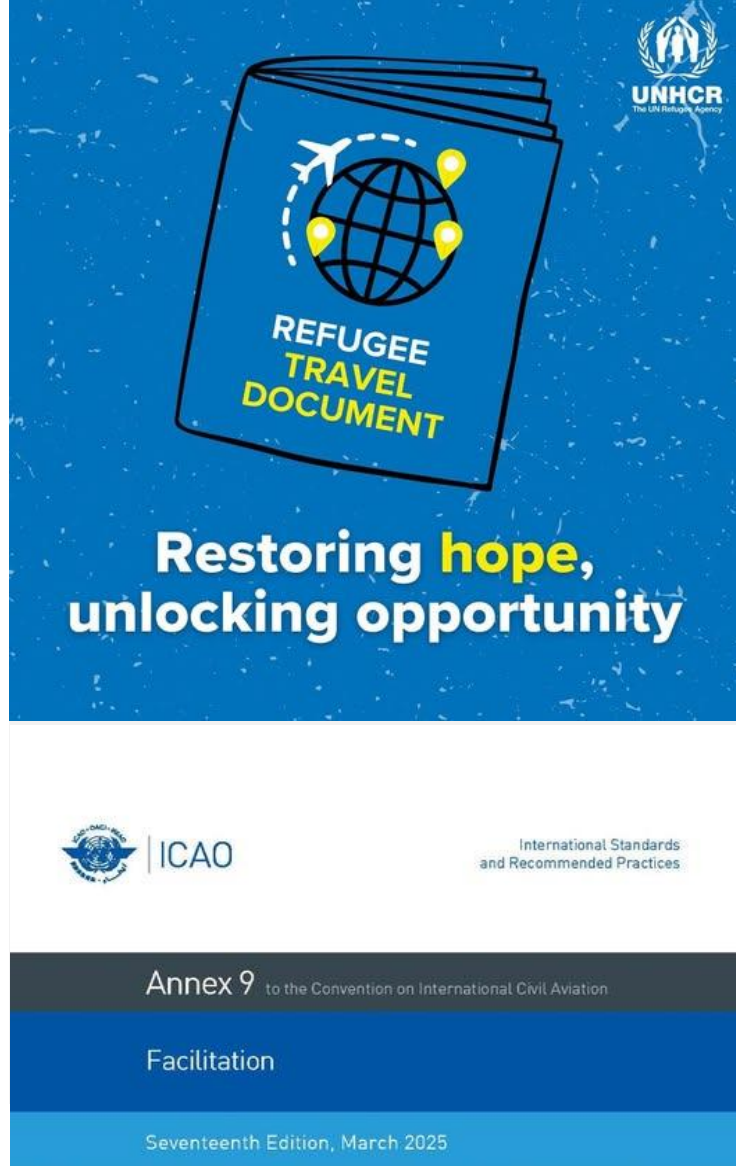
- UNHCR works 130+ countries
- Emergency registration to long-term support
- Identity for refugees means protection, recognition and participation
- Digital transformation demands trust across systems and borders.



UNHCR Registration Mandate

- **Governments have primary responsibility** and increasingly take a greater role in the registration of displaced populations
- UNHCR helps governments fulfil obligations under **1951 Refugee Convention** and bridges gaps governments cannot or will not meet
- UNHCR often plays a major role in **emergencies** to deliver of assistance and protection services
- Registration is designed to ensure identity continuity for all downstream processes including **local integration, return, or resettlement.**



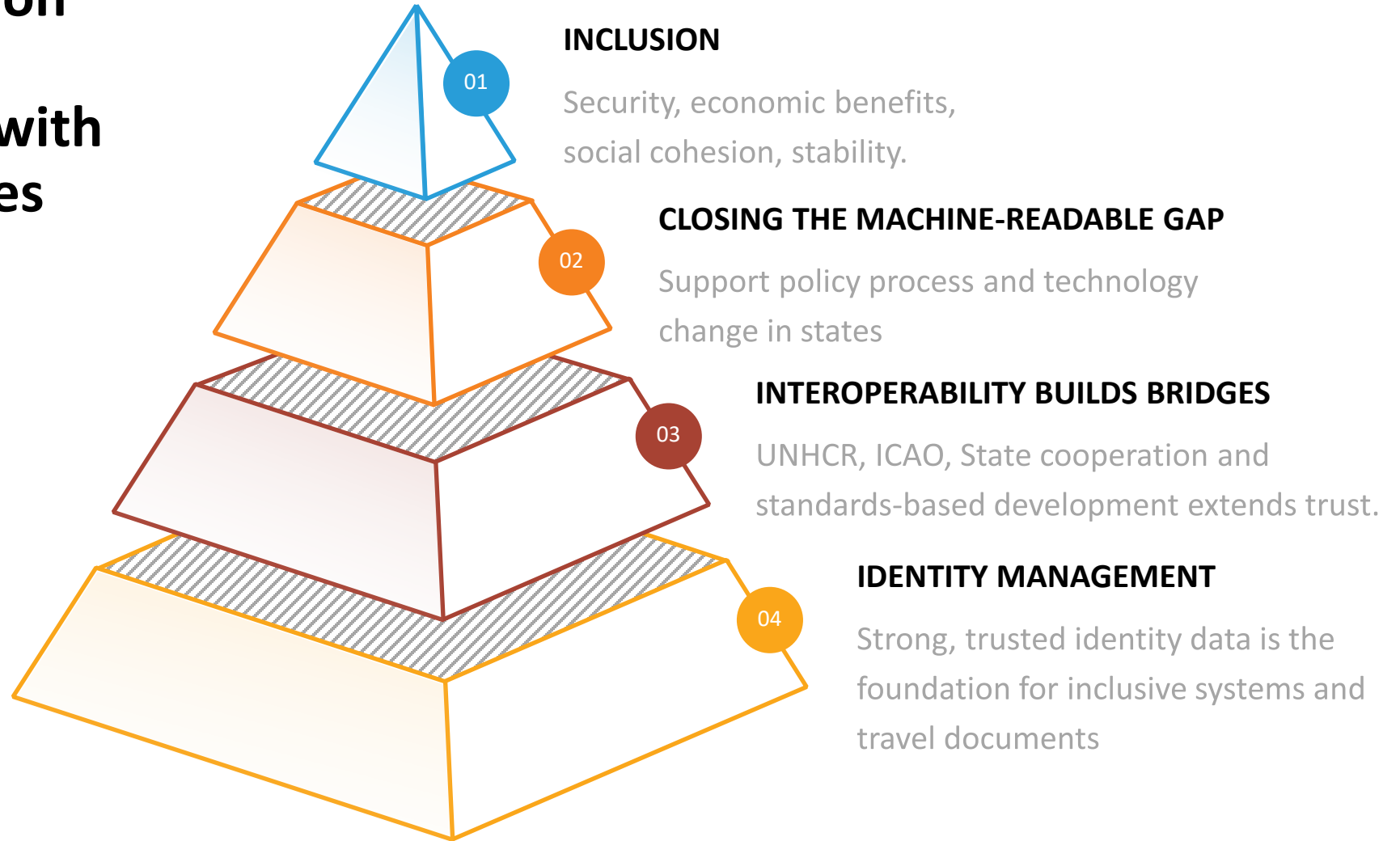


- Annex 9: Travel documents must be machine readable
- While all national passports have achieved this standard, **only 43% of ICAO member states are providing machine readable travel documents to refugees leaving 17 million refugees without access to a refugee travel document.**
- For stateless persons, only **33%** of ICAO member states provide a machine-readable travel document.



When refugees are safely and lawfully included in national identification systems, national identity authorities can issue trusted ID credentials with unique identification numbers, ensuring access to verifiable and trusted ID like any other habitual residents.

UNHCR vision on continued collaboration with ICAO and States



Thank You

