On 26 September 2022 in Morocco, (right) Asia PKI Consortium Secretary General Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha and (left) the President of the Executive Committee of the African Alliance for e-Commerce (AACE) Mr. Amos Wangora sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to commit to ongoing collaboration with the aim of promoting PKI and digital trust activities and contributing to fostering harmonized PKI practices to support the development of digital transactions and e-commerce within their respective regions and between them.

About AICTO:

 (AAEC) is a non-profit association of electronic Single Windows (SW) operators in Africa. Single window operators play a key role in the simplification, harmonization and acceleration of international trade processes and procedures in their respective countries namely through the digitization of trade documents and data. Since its establishment on 13th March 2009 in Addis Ababa, AAEC has proven to be a valuable and dynamic organization insuring tangible leadership in the sensitization on the use of SW in international trade and harmonization of digital platforms for cross-border exchange of trade information among its members. Thus, the organization is contributing to trade facilitation and enhancing collaboration among African countries.

About Asia PKI Consortium:

Asia PKI Consortium is an organization setup towards adoption and awareness of PKI / Cryptographic technologies across its member economies, thus working towards securing the electronic transactions by active participation of Regulators, Trust Service Providers, research organizations and technology provides. The objective of the consortium is also to promote interoperability among PKIs in countries/areas in the Asian region and to strengthen digital ecosystem. Setup in the year 2001, the consortium has grown stronger over two decades and includes members from more than 11 countries with government and enterprise participation. The consortium has 3 major working groups including Business and Application working group, Legal & Policy working group, and Technology & Standards working group. These groups work continuously on their defined objectives and bring their works towards benefitting the member countries. The chair & vice chairs of the consortium are elected by its members, and is currently chaired by Mr. Venkatraman Srinivasan (India), along with the Vice Chairs Mr. William Gee (Hong Kong), Mr. Ali Rahbari (Iran) and Dr. Chaichana Mitrpant (Thailand). This governing council holds annual and special meetings including Steering Committees and General Assemblies.