

African Forum on Best Practices in ICT



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Ouagadougou Declaration

The Pan-African Forum on sharing best practices in Information Technology and Communication (ICT) , held on 11 and 12 October 2013 in Ouagadougou , under the chairmanship of His Excellency Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso , recognizes the need to promote the digital data started to promote the development of local content , research and development expertise in the field of ICT in Africa.

The Forum, following structured themes around dealing with various aspects of Telecommunications / ICT (legal framework, infrastructure, security of cyberspace, capacity building , ...) work , recommends:

- The commitment of African governments in the provision of digital data;
- The promotion of expertise in the production of value-added services based on open digital data;
- The development of local content to better meet the needs of populations and strengthen the African presence in cyberspace;
- The establishment of Internet exchange points in order to improve the quality of Internet services and optimize international bandwidth ;
- Taking strong measures by African States to facilitate the population's access to terminals and services for all;
- The acceleration of the implementation of broadband infrastructure projects ;
- The evolution of regulation to take into account the new challenges related to the

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- The commitment of all African stakeholders (private sector, civil society , public administration) to use ICT as a catalyst for economic growth;
- The establishment by African governments, framework partnership with the private sector in order to achieve the development goals of the ICT sector .

The forum highlights the need to create an environment conducive to cybersecurity , including support for the ITU's initiative to protect children in cyberspace , while ensuring respect for freedom of expression, access to ICT and the protection of privacy .

The Forum welcomes the establishment, at the initiative of the African Union, dot africa name as the top-level domain of the continent and the selection of an operator for its management. It expressed hope that this domain name is used to benefit the Internet community and invites African States and all stakeholders to contribute to the success of this initiative.

The Forum thanked ITU for its support and all initiatives for the development of telecommunications / ICT worldwide and particularly in building confidence and security in the use of ICT services. It also thanked the ATU and the African Regional Economic Communities for their efforts to promote the development of telecommunications / ICTs in Africa.

The participants expressed their gratitude to the President of Burkina Faso , the government and the people of Burkina Faso for the excellent organization of the forum and all the facilities available to them .

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