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The Third African Telecommunications Regulators Network Forum on Regulation of Telecommunications in Africa which took place in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 19 to 21 November 2002 emphasized in particular the management of domain names and addresses. The Forum recognized that it is imperative for ITU to undertake, from now on, a leadership role in the field of international cooperation towards the development and harmonization of policies in this key area.

In this respect, the Forum recommended:

- to ICANN, that it fully cooperate with ITU in the implementation of Resolution No. 102 of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Marrakesh 2002;
- to African regulators, the implementation before the end of 2003 of a coordinated strategy for the defense of their interests regarding ICANN, in coordination with ITU, namely the award and reclamation of domain names (ccTLD); and the creation of, at least, one routing server in Africa.

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