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Meeting on UPU CA Matters Working Group

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Presentation by APPU Bureau

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Siem Reap, Cambodia
12 – 16 August 2024



Sequence of Presentation

- Purpose of Working Group
- Brief Overview of Discussions in CA Session S-5
- Dubai Congress
- Any Other Business



Purpose of Working Group

- To keep a track of developments in the UPU Council of Administration meetings
- To observe the implementation status of decisions made at the UPU Congress, to coordinate with UPU and APPU on the CA decisions taken from time to time.



Main Items of the Council of Administration Session

- Reports of the CA committees:
 - CA C1: Governance and Management of the Union
 - CA C2: Postal Policy and Regulation
 - CA C3: Strategy, Postal Economics and Markets
 - CA C4: Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance
- Dubai Congress 2025



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Meetings of the CA Committees



Committee 1 (Governance and Management of the Union)

- The Committee discussed various matters of administrative importance to UPU as below:
 - Report of the Ethics Office
 - External audit report on procurement processes
 - UPU unaudited financial results 2023
 - UPU HQ Renovation Project
 - Revision of Program and Budget 2024
 - International Bureau human resource management
 - Changes in the International Bureau organizational structure
- The Committee took note of the reports/documents



Committee 2 (Postal Policy and Regulation)

- The Committee discussed various matters including:
 - Digital transformation and innovation
 - E-trade and postal trade policy issues
 - UPU postal climate delivery plan: targets, tiers, transparency and the Climate Facility
 - Implementation of Congress resolutions C 17/2021 and C 7/2023 on climate action
 - Study on Post–fintech partnerships to overcome gender asymmetry in postal financial services
- The Committee took note of the reports/documents



Committee 3 (Strategy, Postal Economics and Markets)

- Uruguay and Zambia co-chaired the meeting of Committee 3
- The CA Committee 3 focused on the critical aspects of the global postal sector.
- Zambia introduced the UPU strategy implementation report for 2023, and examine the achievements of the Abidjan Postal Strategy through key performance indicators (KPIs). The IB noted that, for 2023, the overall achievement rate of KPIs was 77%, up from 74% in 2022 and 76% in 2021.
- Discussions also surrounded around Postal Vision (PV) 2030, the UPU's advocacy message for the sector, approved at the 27th Congress as part of the Abidjan Postal Strategy. The result of a baseline survey on the achievement of PV 2030 was presented for the first time.



Committee 4 (Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance)

- The meeting was chaired by Qatar
- The implementation of the UPU global development cooperation strategy for 2022–2025, as approved by the Abidjan Congress, is one of the main deliverables of the committee.
- With the support and collaboration of regional partners, the International Bureau (IB) implemented various activities for the benefit of member countries during the first two years of the current Congress cycle.
- The committee was briefed on the ongoing work in the field of DRM and emergency assistance, which forms part of the development cooperation policy adopted by the Abidjan Congress.
- Thirty-three Disaster Resilience Fund (DRF) projects had been selected for a total of 1,990,300 CHF, 10 of which had been concluded.



Committee 4 (Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance) Cont.

- The IB presented an update on the activities implemented under the Japan Fund, which is provided for by Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC).
- Since the previous report submitted to S4, 12 new projects have been launched for a total of 1,489,100 CHF.
- Japan Fund has supported 64 projects with 6.1 million CHF since 2018, 42 of which have been completed.
- Of the ongoing projects, a total of 110,000 USD has been allocated to financial inclusion.
- The IB further noted that France has made a voluntary contribution of over one million CHF during the current cycle, and that Canada, China, India, Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland and Thailand are also generously supporting development cooperation activities, including the ESF.



Dubai Congress 2025

- The duration of Congress would be shortened to a maximum of two weeks.
- The dates of Congress had been set as 8 to 19 September 2025.
- Owing to the time constraints, provisions should be made for the overrun of plenary and committee meetings.
 - Certain meetings would be held in parallel and others (such as EMS and restricted union meetings) would be held on the day before the opening of Congress.
 - Sunday, 14 September, and Saturday, 20 September, would be reserved for overflow meetings to address any outstanding Congress issues.
- IB presented the proposed Congress committees and their functions, the draft timetable of meetings and the Congress documentation to be published



Dubai Congress 2025

- CA and POC constituent meetings would take place after the closing of Congress, to address issues relating to the CA/POC structure and Rules of Procedure and to examine proposed amendments to the Convention Regulations as a consequence of Congress decisions for implementation in January 2026.



Dubai Congress 2025- Committees

- Committee 1: Credentials- Verify delegates' credentials and report to the Plenary
- Committee 2: Finance: Consider the draft business plan and related proposals to make recommendations to the Plenary. Consider and assess the financial need to carry out Congress mandates including the draft business plan, and make a report of the final financial assessment to the Plenary
- Committee 3: General Policy and Management of the Work of the Union: Proposals to amend provisions of the Constitution, General Regulations and Rules of Procedure of Congresses. Proposals of a general nature concerning rules and policies in the area of postal regulation and universal postal services; definition of fundamental terms in the Acts UPU strategy and business plan for the Dubai cycle.



Dubai Congress 2025- Committees

- Committee 4: Conventions- Proposals to amend provisions of the Universal Postal Convention Proposals of a general nature relating to any issues covered by provisions of the Convention
- Committee 5: Postal Payment Services- Proposals to amend provisions of the Postal Payment Services Agreement Proposals of a general nature relating to any issues covered by provisions of the Agreement
- Committee 6: Development Cooperation- Proposals on UPU development cooperation policy and strategy for 2026 to 2029 Proposals on quality of service, other than those relating to Convention articles.
- Committee 7: Drafting- Review of all proposals approved by committees and the Plenary



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