

The first CA Plenary was held on 20 May. Mr. Gnamba-Yao from Cote d'Ivoire, Chairman of CA chaired the Plenary session. The major topics discussed during the CA S1 Plenary were the key issues related to the CA committees, the proposed amendment to the CA Rules of Procedure to permit hybrid participation on a permanent basis, and the progress of the work of the task force on the opening up of the UPU to wider postal sector players.

### **Committee 1 (Governance and Management of the Union):**

Spain and Kenya co-chaired the meeting. The main issues of CA Committee 1 included the highlights of the UPU's unaudited financial results for 2021, reports of the internal audit committee and the external audit, IB's human resource management and changes to the IB's organizational structure.

### **Committee 2 (Postal policy and regulation)**

Canada and Egypt co-chaired the meeting. The main issues of CA Committee 2 included an innovative way of organizing the work of Committee 2 during the 2022–2025 cycle by devising a vision statement and connecting the various workstreams under the purview of the Committee to six thematic work pillars, which are: the USO and postal regulatory reform; Digital transformation and e-trade; Governance and compliance issues; Sustainable postal services; Inclusive financial services; Public-private partnerships.

### **Committee 3 (Strategy, Postal Economics and Markets)**

Uruguay and Zambia co-chaired the meeting. The main issues of CA committee 3 included UPU Strategy Implementation Report, revised Abidjan Business Plan. The discussions further took place regarding UPU official postal statistics, Economic research activities by the UPU, and the latest trends in the world economy and the postal sector.

### **Committee 4 (Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance)**

Belarus and Qatar co-chaired the meeting. The main issues of CA Committee 4 included the structure, composition and work program of CA Committee 4, the global development cooperation strategy, Disaster risk management, Emergency assistance and other Japan Fund activities, the Financial Inclusion Technical Assistance Facility (FITAF) and Post4Health activities.

### **Update on the CA Rules of Procedure**

According to the provisions of article 108.1 of the General Regulations, the CA draws up its Rules of Procedure. At its constituent meeting in Abidjan, the new

CA adopted the Rules of Procedure of the former CA, with a number of amendments, to take immediate account of the principal changes made by Congress. Following the recent practice of allowing remote participation on a temporary basis, the Rules of Procedure have been amended to permit this practice on a permanent basis.

### **Task force on the Opening up of UPU to wider postal sector players:**

The Abidjan Congress adopted resolutions C 11/2021 and C 12/2021, which respectively instructed the Union's bodies to continue work on proposals aimed at engaging in "further reform and opening of the Union to wider postal sector players" and holding "an Extraordinary Congress in 2023. At its November 2021 session, the CA formed a new task force (TF) to carry out the mandate from Congress on opening up. A first version of the TF's terms of reference (TOR) was presented at that session (document CA 2021.2–Doc 18). After deliberating on the matter, the CA eventually took note of the document, and approved the establishment of the TF and its associated TOR, with its duration extended to the 2023.1 session (S3). In addition, the CA approved the designation of Algeria and the United States of America as Co-Chairs.