

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE UPU CA MATTERS WORKING GROUP**

*Report by APPU Bureau*

1. The UPU CA Matters Working Group was attended by Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea (online), Malaysia, Maldives (online), New Zealand, Thailand and Vietnam, met on Wednesday, 14 August 2024.
2. The Bureau was represented by Secretary General Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, Mr Sandeep KP (Consultant, APPU Bureau), and Ms Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth (Manager, Administration and APPU Affairs).
3. The EC Vice Chair welcomed all members to the meeting of the Working Group. The EC Vice Chair informed that the Chair of the Working Group- PAKISTAN as regretted joining the meeting and has requested the Bureau to carry forward with the items of the Working Group. Based on the initial draft shared by Pakistan, Mr. Sandeep KP from the Bureau made the presentation.
4. The Bureau outlined the four items that the WG would deal with i.e.,
  - Purpose of Working Group
  - Brief Overview of Discussions in CA Session S-5
  - Dubai Congress
  - Any Other Business
5. The Bureau presented the purposes of the Working Group as:
  - 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.
6. Main items from the S5 session of the CA were listed as:
  - 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
  - UPU Dubai Congress 2025
7. Details of the discussions of the CA Committee 1 on Governance and the Management of the Union was reported as below:
  - 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 CA plenary took note of the reports/documents

8. Details of the discussions of the CA Committee 2 on Postal Policy and Regulation was reported as below:

- 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 CA plenary took note of the reports/documents

9. Details of the discussions of the CA Committee 3 on Strategy, Postal Economics and Markets was reported as below:

- The Committee discussed various matters including:
  - Details about the postal market economics
  - KPIs of the Committee
  - Postal Vision 2023
  - Congress resolutions from Abidjan and Riyadh on sustainability, climate change etc.
- The CA plenary took note of the reports/documents

10. Details of the discussions of the CA Committee 4 on Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance was reported as below:

- The Committee discussed various matters including:
  - UPU global development strategy for 2022-2025
  - Ongoing work on DRM and emergency assistance
  - Various activities under the Japan Fund
  - Recognition of the other donors including China, India and Thailand from the region.
- The CA plenary took note of the reports/documents

11. The Bureau gave the following information on the UPU Dubai Congress

- 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.

- 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.
- IB presented the proposed Congress committees and their functions, the draft timetable of meetings and the Congress documentation to be published.

12. The Bureau also provided details of the Committees of the Congress and their functions. They are as below:

- 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.
- 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

13. There was no other business. The meeting ended with vote of thanks.