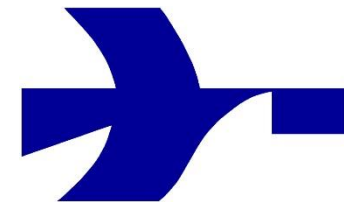


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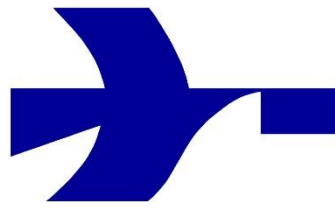
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Background

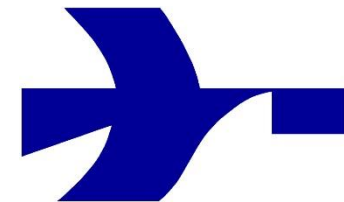
- **The 2017 APPU Congress accepted the offer of Thailand to host the next APPU Congress scheduled for September 2021 (13 months after the 2020 27th UPU Congress)**
- **APPU Congress is to be held not later than two years after holding of the UPU Congress**
- **COVID-19 has disrupted the timing for the UPU Congress – new date will be proposed once it is felt that the event can be held safely – very doubtful that it will be in 2020**
- **Delay in UPU Congress timing impacts the timing for the APPU Congress**



Purpose of Doc 18

Doc 18 looks at:

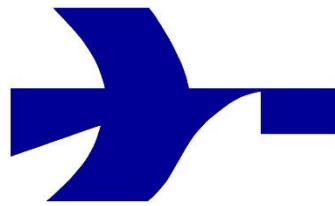
- **possibilities and options for the timings of both Congresses**
- **the need for an APPU EC meeting in 2021 if there is no APPU Congress (in 2021)**



Possibilities and options for timings of Congresses

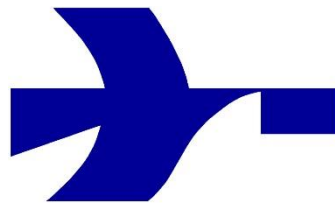
Option	UPU Congress Timing	APPU Congress Timing	Likelihood	Comment
1	2020	2021	$\leq 25\%$	Status quo
2	2021	2022	$\geq 75\%$	APPU will need to convene an EC meeting in 2021 if there is no APPU Congress (in 2021).

- Theoretically, Option 1 is possible. However, assuming a minimum lead-time of three months being necessary to arrange the UPU Congress, it is advisable to consider an alternative plan
- Option 2 is the more realistic timing to plan for. The main issue for the APPU is the need to hold an EC meeting in 2021 if the APPU Congress is postponed until 2022



Planning for APPU EC meeting in 2021

- **Given the increasing uncertainty of an APPU Congress being held in 2021, the Bureau is of the view that a plan should be in place for an EC meeting in 2021**
- **Bureau intends seeking offers to host a 2021 EC meeting from members.**
- **Bureau understands that it will be difficult for a member to commit to hosting a meeting because of the pandemic, particularly the mobility and budgetary situations in 2021**
- **A contingency plan is good business practice and the process should commence**
- **If there are no offers to host a 2021 EC meeting, the Bureau has to host the event in Thailand**



Decisions expected

note the background to the issue and the possible need to change the APPU Congress timing

note the two timing options and the likelihood of each

note that if Option 2 is confirmed then there will be a need to hold an APPU EC meeting in 2021

agree that it will be sensible planning to have a contingency plan for a 2021 EC meeting if the APPU Congress cannot be held in 2021

agree that the Bureau should seek offers from members to host a 2021 EC meeting as a contingency measure