

14th CONGRESS

Composition and Structure of the Congress

Introduction

1. The Congress is the supreme organ of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU), comprising representatives of all member countries. It is convened to review and, where necessary, revise the Acts of the Union, and to deliberate on matters of common interest to the postal sector in the region.
2. The structure and organisation of the 14th APPU Congress have been developed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of Congress and as endorsed by the APPU Executive Council meeting held in 2025.

Mode of Conduct

3. Subject to the approval of the Rules of Procedure of Congress, the 14th APPU Congress will be conducted in a hybrid format, enabling both in-person and virtual participation. This approach builds on the successful experience of the previous Congress and aligns with international best practices, ensuring wider participation and inclusivity across the region.

Congress Leadership

4. The Congress will be guided by its leadership, comprising:
 - Chair of the Congress
 - 2 Vice-Chairs of the Congress
 - Secretary-General of the Congress
5. These positions will be elected during the opening plenary session, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of Congress. As decided in the 2025 EC, one Vice-Chairpersonship is reserved for representation from the Pacific Small Island Nations. Secretary-General of the APPU will assume the position of the Secretary-General of the Congress.

Overall structure of work

6. The work of the Congress will be carried out through:
 - a) Plenary Sessions: The plenary sessions will serve as the principal decision-making platform of the Congress. Key functions include:
 - Opening of the Congress and election of leadership

- Consideration and adoption of reports and proposals
- Deliberation on key policy, financial, and operational matters
- Final adoption of Acts, decisions, and resolutions

b) Committees: To facilitate efficient and focused deliberations, the Congress will establish the following Committees as decided by the 2025 EC meeting:

- Committee 1: Credentials
- Committee 2: Finance
- Committee 3: General Policy and Management of the Work of the Union
- Committee 4: Postal Financial Services
- Committee 5: Drafting

These Committees will examine specific agenda items in detail and submit their recommendations to the plenary for final decision.

Chairpersonship and Membership of Committees:

7. Each Committee will be chaired or co-chaired by APPU member countries. The appointment of Chairs/Co-Chairs will be confirmed during the Congress upon proposal of the Congress Chair.
8. Membership of the following Committees will be based on nominations from member countries:
 - Credentials Committee
 - Postal Financial Services Committee
 - Drafting Committee
9. All APPU member countries will participate as members in the remaining Committees. This structure aims to ensure both inclusivity and efficiency in handling specialized topics.

Role of the APPU Bureau

10. The APPU Bureau will provide comprehensive secretarial and technical support to the Congress and all its Committees. This includes:
 - Coordination, preparation, and circulation of official documents
 - Logistical and administrative coordination
 - Supporting Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs in conducting meetings
 - Drafting, consolidation, and finalisation of reports and decisions
 - Managing digital platforms to facilitate hybrid participation

Reporting and decision-making process

11. Each Committee will submit its report and recommendations to the plenary session upon completion of its work. The plenary will deliberate on these reports and adopt final decisions of

the Congress. The Drafting Committee will support the finalisation of texts to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with the Acts of the Union.

Participation

12. All APPU member countries are invited to actively participate in both plenary sessions and Committee work. Provisions regarding observer participation will be communicated separately in accordance with the applicable Rules of Procedure and General Regulations.

Conclusion

13. The proposed structure provides a balanced framework to enable effective deliberations, inclusive participation, and timely decision-making.
14. Member countries are encouraged to actively engage in the Congress process, including through leadership roles and Committee participation, to collectively shape the future direction of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union.