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# Recent developments in the Council of Administration

APPU Executive Council Meeting  
Bali, Indonesia  
21-25 June 2010



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## UPU Forum on postal Regulation

Forum on  
Postal Regulation

Heinrich von Stephan Hall, UPU International Bureau

Berne, 12 November 2009



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- **Objective:**
  - To promote and share “good practice” experiences on the postal regulatory issues
  
- **Target audience**
  - About 300 participants from 80 member countries including governments, regulators, designated operators and external stakeholders



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- **Selection of the most timely subjects – Results of the Survey**
  - Various regulatory models;
  - Financing universal postal service;
  - What is the global impact of postal market liberalization
  
- **13 Speakers from**
  - Academic and research institutes: University of Zurich, Ecorys and WiK
  - Regulators: Algeria, Argentina, China, Russia, U.S.A, European Commission
  - Designated operator: Belgium
  - New entrant: Onepost
  - Customers and Trade Union



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- UPU IB Director General's closing remarks
  - The first forum of the CA on the subject of postal regulation;
  - The first formal occasion at the UPU level invited postal regulators to exchange their views and experience;
  - The UPU will continue to provide such kind of worldwide forums for all postal stakeholders
- The State Post Bureau of China hosted a UPU forum on postal regulation in Hangzhou, China from 26-28 May 2010



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## Committee 1 (Governance issues)

### .Post Project

- Negotiation between ICANN and UPU finalized with the aim of creating a sponsored top-level domain to benefit the postal sector;
- What steps need to be taken and a roadmap of activities to be followed by member countries to benefit fully from .post

### Interconnectivity PG

- ETOEs: various operational issues presented by the USPS - "Return mail issue"
- UPU member countries' policy on ETOE mails



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### WTO issues

- The WTO Secretariat decided to update the sector paper prepared in 1998, including the postal and courier services, which will be discussed in the beginning of the next year.

### Terminal Dues Governance Issues PG

- Requests of Fiji and UAE for reclassification approved



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## Committee 1 (Governance issues)

### Reform of the Union PG

- Study on the impact of new market players in the postal sector on the Union and its activities:
  - to be conducted by Pricewaterhouse Coopers
  - With the guidance of an ad hoc group (BE, BR, CA, CN, DN, EG, FR, JP, NO, USA and CC)
  - with the close collaboration of the International Bureau
  - Final results will be presented at the 2010 CA session



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### Reform of the Union PG

- Questions re UPU extrabudgetary activities
  - UPU extrabudgetary activities driven by designated operators have greatly contributed in achieving the UPU mission and objectives
  - Would the UPU need to establish a general policy which better ensures the legal security of these activities and at the same time allowing a certain level of their flexibility?
- A concept to introduce an arbitration procedure for designated operators in relation with interpretation of provisions in the UPU Regulations



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### Acts of the Union PG

- UPU membership survey concerning the possibility of introducing a permanent UPU Convention and Postal Payment Services Agreement, as proposed by Japan
- UPU membership survey to determine whether the UPU should revise the definition of Literature for the Blind and update the Convention and Letter Post Regulations in order to accommodate any changes to the current situation
- Revision of the UPU Acts



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## Committee 1 (Governance issues)

### Universal Postal Service PG

- Results of the annual survey on the five essential areas of the universal postal service obligation, including regulatory regimes
- Seminars to promote and share various experience and options of financing universal postal service among UPU member countries



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## Committee 2 (Development Cooperation)

### Postal Economics PG

- Impact of the global economic and financial crises on the postal sector;
- Quarterly monitoring of the crisis put in place
- A two-day seminar on “financial inclusion policies and postal bank” was organized and funded by the Alliance for Financial Inclusion”

### Sustainable Development PG

- SD study based on the 20 priority actions – Promotion of “best practices”
- Preparation of an inventory of carbon footprint in 2010 in order to assess the impact of its efforts to cut CO2 emissions



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## Committee 2 (Development Cooperation)

### Technical Cooperation & Postal Reform PG

- Implementation status of the development cooperation programme for 2009–2012
- Progress of the work of the ad hoc IPDP Support Group

### E-commerce development Project Team

- Analysis of international postal e-commerce development presented by China State Post Bureau
- Barriers faced by postal operators in growing revenue from e-commerce in DCs and LDCs



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## Committee 3 (Finance and HR issues)

### Creation of two “reflection groups”

- Reflection Group on IB human resources management, to be led by the U.S.A
- Reflection Group on the international auditing, to be led by Canada.
- Meetings were held during the POC 2010 session



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## Committee 4 (UPU Strategy)

### Possible factors influencing the UPU future strategic direction

- Role of the postal sector in the global economy and the impact of the current economic crises on postal activities
- Contrasting effects:
  - The Letter mail segment had been hit by the crisis with steep rates of decline, while other segments such as parcel and postal banking had proved more resilient and even successful:
  - With this, One strategic question; postal revenue will grow again or decline?



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## UPU Strategy Conference in Kenya

**Venue:** United Nation Office in Nairobi

**Dates:** 22 – 24 September

### Theme/Concept

- To take stock of the achievements in implementing the UPU Nairobi Strategy
- To serve as a platform to start shaping the future strategy



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## 25th UPU Congress, Doha Qatar

### Duration:

- 25 September – 15 October 2012  
(15 working days)

### Formal working days

- from Sunday to Thursday

### Chairman designated:

- Mr. Abdul Rahman Ali Ai-Aquaily, Acting  
Chairman of Qatar Post



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Thank you for your attention!