

FOCUS AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Memorandum by the Secretary General

Background

1. Pursuant to Article 6.2 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses, “The Chairman shall submit for the approval of Congress the choice of Chairman and rapporteurs of Committees”. In setting out this provision, there is no requirement to have specific Committees or Working Groups i.e., it is at the discretion of the Chairman and as approved by the Congress.
2. At the 2009 Congress in Auckland the following Committees and Working Groups were approved:
 - Credentials Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Drafting Committee
 - Terminal Dues Working Group
 - Postal Financial Services Working Group
 - Parcels Working Group
3. During the 2009-2013 cycle a Sustainable Development Working Group was also established.

Comment

4. The Credentials Committee and Drafting Committee are specific to Congress and would normally be retained.
5. The Finance Committee is a standing Committee for a full cycle and should be retained.
6. The Working Groups have, in the past, borne some resemblance to the organisation of the Postal Operations Council (POC). In this regard, the POC has been reorganised to have a focus on:
 - Supply Chain Integration
 - Markets Development
 - Physical Services
 - E-Services
 - Postal Financial Services

Proposal to Consider

7. The issue for the APPU Congress to consider is whether there should be a change in the focus of working groups in order to align with the POC organization and the Doha Postal Strategy’s physical, electronic and financial dimension of the global postal networks. In this regard, a proposal would be for Working Groups on:
 - Physical Services
 - E-Services
 - Postal Financial Services (no change)

8. Further the APPU Congress should consider the reconstitution of a Working Group on Sustainable Development.
9. In consultation with the Chairman of the Congress, the following composition of committees and working groups are proposed :

9.1 Credentials Committee

Thailand (Chairman)
Mongolia
Sri Lanka
Vanuatu

9.2 Finance Committee

Australia (Chairman)
China
India
Japan
Korea
Pakistan
Thailand

9.3 Drafting Committee

New Zealand (Chairman)
China
India
Philippines
Singapore

9.4 Physical Services Working Group

New Zealand (Chairman)
Australia
Bhutan
China
Fiji
India
Indonesia
Iran
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam

9.5 E-Services Working Group

Macao, China (Chairman)
Australia
Bhutan
India
Indonesia

Iran
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Mongolia
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam

9.6 Postal Financial Services Working Group

India (Chairman)
Australia
Bhutan
Japan
Indonesia
Korea
Malaysia
Maldives
Pakistan
Philippines
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam

9.7 Sustainable Development Working Group

Pakistan (Chairman)
Australia
Bangladesh
Bhutan
China
Fiji
Indonesia
Korea
Malaysia
Mongolia
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Tonga
Vanuatu