



27th Universal Postal Congress



The 27th Universal Postal Congress was taken place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 9-27 August 2021. It was postponed in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and it was opened on 9 August 2021 at Sofitel Hotel in Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire.

Mr Bishar A Hussein
Director General of
UPU IB



Mr Patrick Achi
Prime Minister of
the Republic of
Côte d'Ivoire





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On 10 August, the Ministerial Conference was held with the theme “COVID-19 and the postal sector – what has and has not changed, and what needs to change”. The conference was taking stock of the transformation of the international postal sector resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and reflect on what was needed to bring about a sustainable postal future.

On 12 August, Congress approved by acclamation a compromise proposal that allowed members who were unable to travel to Abidjan to participate in the deliberations and to take part in electronic voting. However, the possibility of remote participation referred to above should not apply in the event of any secret ballot or any non-secret vote taken by the traditional system. These procedures should enter into force on 13 August 2021 and remain solely for the duration of the 27th Congress.



Began on 13 August, the Congress discussed the key topics related to the international postal sector including the possibility of opening up the UPU to wider sector postal players and sustainable postal development. It adopted the Abidjan Postal Strategy and Business Plan that would set the priorities and objectives and guide the postal sector throughout the 2022 - 2025 cycle.

The Congress designated the United Arab Emirates as the host of the 28th Congress.

APPU would like to congratulate Mr Masahiko Metoki from Japan as the next Director-General of UPU IB and Mr Marjan Osvald from Slovenia as the next Deputy Director-General of UPU IB.



Mr Masahiko Metoki



Mr Marjan Osvald



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APPU would also like to congratulate the following APPU members who have been elected as the members of UPU's Council of Administration (CA) and Postal Operations Council (POC).

CA: Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia and Thailand

POC: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam

For further information, you may access the following link.

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2021/8/UPU%E2%80%99s-Universal-Postal-Congress-opens-with-a-dance-a-commendation-and-a-note-of-thanks>

<https://www.upu.int/en/Press-Release/2021/Press-release-UPU-Ministerial-Conference-2021-calls-on-governments-to-unleash-talents-of-Posts>

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2021/8/Director-General-elect-I-will-commit-all-my-strength-to-UPU%E2%80%99s-future>

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2021/8/Marjan-Osvold-of-Slovenia-elected-Deputy-Director-General-of-the-UPU>

APPC Courses

The training courses for September to October 2021 are:

Marketing and Innovation for Posts (MIP)

16 Aug – 10 Sep 2021

Postal Management (PMC)

16 Aug – 17 Sep 2021

Express Mail Service (EMS)

11 – 29 October 2021

International Mail Accounting (IMA)

11 – 29 October 2021



APPC IOTP Workshops

APPC is organizing 7 IOTP workshops which are supported by UPU in the second and third quarter of 2021. The last two workshops of this series are:

Practical E-Commerce Management Workshop

30 Aug to 3 Sep 2021

Operations Management Workshop

30 Aug to 3 Sep 2021

