

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2025

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNION (Report by the APPU Bureau)

1. Subject Informing EC of: - the projects undertaken by the APPU	Paragraphs § 1-9
2. Decisions expected The EC is invited to: - take note of the report	§ 1-9

Postal Regulatory Reforms project

1. This joint project of the UPU and APPU aims to assist the ministries, regulators, and operators in the region in updating their postal acts, regulations, and policies. In the initial stage, data is being collated regarding the current postal regulations in the member countries. The project is supported by a budgetary allocation of CHF 50,000 from the China Special Fund at the UPU.
2. A workshop was held in December 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam, on “Postal Policy and Regulation” in connection with the project, hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam. More than 30 participants actively participated in this workshop.
3. After the desk research, survey, and workshop conducted in 2024, the APPU Bureau prepared the first draft of the project report in 2025. The final report of the project is under submission to the International Bureau of the UPU for final approval and is expected to be published soon.

LDC Special QSF Common Fund Project

4. APPU Bureau is the Project Management Office of the first-ever UPU LDC Special Account QSF Common Fund Project titled “Capacity Building for Mail Quality Improvement of LDCs- Asia-Pacific Region”. With a total budget of USD 500,000, this project is designed to assist the posts in capacity building for mail quality improvement. 11 countries from the region are part of the project.
5. As part of the project, 2 Electric Delivery Vehicles, 65 Electric Scooters, 14 Motorcycles, 12 Delivery Vehicles, 21 Computer Terminals, and 1 Server package have been procured/ under various stages of procurement in 11 different countries.

Supporting the UPU projects

6. The APPU Bureau supports the UPU in the implementation of various UPU projects in the region. In the last year, the section assisted the UPU in the project of Governmental and Citizen Services

in the Asia-Pacific region, ORE- on-site Process Review of the Designated Operators, and in Security Certification. Experts from the Bureau visited 10 countries as a part of these projects in 12 different missions.

Sustainability Initiatives:

7. Sustainable Development of Postal Services is given priority by the Union, and the Bureau plays a major role in sensitizing Posts in the region about Sustainable Development in the Sector and the role of Posts in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In June 2024, a dedicated workshop was organized to learn more about sustainability initiatives and to collate the best practices from Posts in the region and beyond. A similar workshop is planned for 2025.
8. The Bureau is also undertaking a project budgeted at CHF 50,000 on Sustainable Development of the Postal Sector in the Asia-Pacific region. In-principle approval for the project has been obtained from the sponsoring organisation, and desk research is progressing. Details of the project are at EC 2025 Doc 22.

Cross Border Research:

9. The APPU Bureau has submitted a project proposal to support Regional Research on Cross-border E-commerce in Postal Operations. This project is proposed to be supported by the China Special Fund at the UPU with a budgetary allocation of CHF 50,000 for the year 2025. Further details of the project will be communicated to APPU member countries upon approval of the project proposal.