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# 2025 Executive Council Meeting Welcome

30 June – 4 July, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

# Roll Call



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EC 2025 Doc 22

# APPU Project on Sustainable Development in the Postal Sector

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

Executive Council Meeting  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
4 July 2025



# Background



- Sustainable development has become a global imperative, with the postal sector playing an increasingly vital role in supporting national commitments to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Recognizing this, the UPU Congresses in Abidjan (2021) and Riyadh (2023) encouraged member countries to advance climate action and sustainability efforts through postal operations.



# The Project

- To support these efforts, APPU Bureau is conducting a project titled “Sustainable Development in the Postal Sector in the Asia-Pacific region” with the support of the La Poste France fund in the Universal Postal Union.
- The project will be spread over 2025 and 2026.
- Desk research of the project has already begun in the APPU Bureau.





# Objectives

- The overarching goal of the project is to assist postal operators in the region in mapping their sustainability efforts and aligning them with the UN SDGs, while also preparing for further involvement in global climate action initiatives.
- Specific objectives include:
  - Conducting desk research on sustainability practices in the Asia-Pacific postal sector.
  - Organizing two physical workshops (in 2025 and 2026).
  - Providing on-site assistance and expert support to member countries.
  - Publishing a comprehensive regional sustainability report.
  - Enabling APPU members to engage in UPU Climate Action and reporting.

# Budget and Support



- The total cost of CHF 50,000 has been approved by the La Poste France Fund for activities including organizing Workshops and Project management, including coordination, and publication of the reports online and offline.
- Fellowships for workshop participation will prioritize Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).



# Expected Outcomes



- At least 15 postal administrations will complete sustainability maps and reports.
- A growing number of operators will participate in the UPU Climate Transparency Action.
- Increased capacity within postal administrations to implement sustainable development initiatives.
- A shared regional report that consolidates best practices and progress in sustainability.

# Next Steps



- The project will involve close collaboration with:
  - UPU IB and APPU Bureau experts
  - Sustainability professionals from La Poste and UN agencies
  - APPU member country representatives
- The APPU Bureau will keep members informed of project milestones, and engagement will be encouraged through nominations to participate in workshops and consultations.





## EC 2025 Doc 22- Sustainable Development

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document



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EC 2025 Doc 23

# Establishment of Philatelic Gallery at the APPU Bureau

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

Executive Council Meeting  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
4 July 2025



# Background



- Article 109 of the General Regulations mandates that the APPU Bureau keep an up-to-date collection of postage stamps issued by the member countries.
- The Siem Reap EC Meeting approved the Work Proposal 4.6.1, which directs the APPU Bureau to take proactive activities to promote philately, raise awareness, and organize activities to promote philately.
- Accordingly, an appeal was made to all the member countries to share the latest editions of their stamp issues in the EC 2024 meeting. This was received well by member countries, with around half of the membership sharing the copies of their stamp releases.



# Objective of Establishing a Gallery

- More than 300 participants visit the APPU campus every year in addition to the visits of experts and delegations from member countries and beyond.
- Establishing a Philatelic Gallery will:
  - i. Promote regional philately by showcasing the artistic, cultural, and historical value of member country stamps.
  - ii. Create an educational platform for postal trainees and professionals to appreciate the evolution and significance of postage stamps.
  - iii. Strengthen APPU's role as a regional hub for postal heritage preservation and cultural exchange.
  - iv. Enhance the visitor experience by offering a unique and curated cultural feature within the APPU campus.



# Resources



- The room has been identified and earmarked for the purpose.
- Establishment of the gallery will require the purchase of display materials, minor renovation and curation, labelling, etc.
- In 2024, the Bureau saved more than USD 10,000 from the Administrative Section budget. This money has been deposited in the ASRF. The budget for the establishment of the gallery at this stage is USD 5,000, and it is proposed to allocate this money from the savings of 2024 for the establishment of the gallery.



# Discussions in Finance Committee

- The proposal was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting on Monday.
- The Committee endorsed the proposal





## EC 2025 Doc 23- Establishment of Philatelic Gallery

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the proposal
- Approve the project on establishment of Philatelic Gallery in the APPU



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EC 2025 Doc 24

# APPU Postal Regulations Expert Team (PRET)

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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30 June 2025



# Background



- The Monday plenary endorsed the creation of the Postal Regulations Expert Team as a support body under the APPU
- Vietnam has agreed to Chair the PRET.
- “Providing feedback to the Ministries and Postal Operators on regulatory updates and best practices” has been added to the Terms of Reference based on the discussions on Monday plenary

# Next Steps



- The nominations are still open for experts from all APPU member countries.
- First online meeting of the PRET will be held after consolidating the nominations.
- Consolidating the regulatory information from all member countries and digitally publishing the same in the APPU Knowledge Center/ Digital Library will be one of the first activities of PRET.
- The PRET will finalize the details of the first APPU Postal Regulatory Conference that will be hosted online/ offline in the coming months.





## EC 2025 Doc 24- PRET

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the information



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# APPU Pacific Small Islands Postal Conference

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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# Background



- APPU will organize inaugural edition of the Pacific Small Islands Postal Conference in November 2025.
- This initiative aims to enhance cooperation, strengthen policy and operational frameworks, and promote sustainable development of the postal sector in the Pacific Small Island Countries.
- Ministries, Regulators and Designated Operators from Pacific Small Island countries will be a part of the Conference.



# Objectives

- Facilitate high-level dialogue on digital and operational transformation
- Address regulatory and policy issues specific to small island contexts
- Explore opportunities for public-private partnerships and innovation
- Promote regional cooperation and capacity development



# Themes



- Postal policy and regulatory reform in Pacific Small Island countries
- Connectivity, last-mile delivery, and e-commerce
- Climate resilience and sustainable postal practices
- Digital postal innovations and shared infrastructure
- Human resource development and capacity building
- Partnerships with the wider postal and logistics sector



# Expected Outcomes

- Identification of regional priorities and actionable projects
- Strengthened cooperation among postal sector stakeholders
- Promotion of innovative and sustainable practices
- Adoption of a Joint Declaration to guide future collaboration





## EC 2025 Doc 25- PSIPC

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document



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# 12<sup>th</sup> APPU Postal Business Forum

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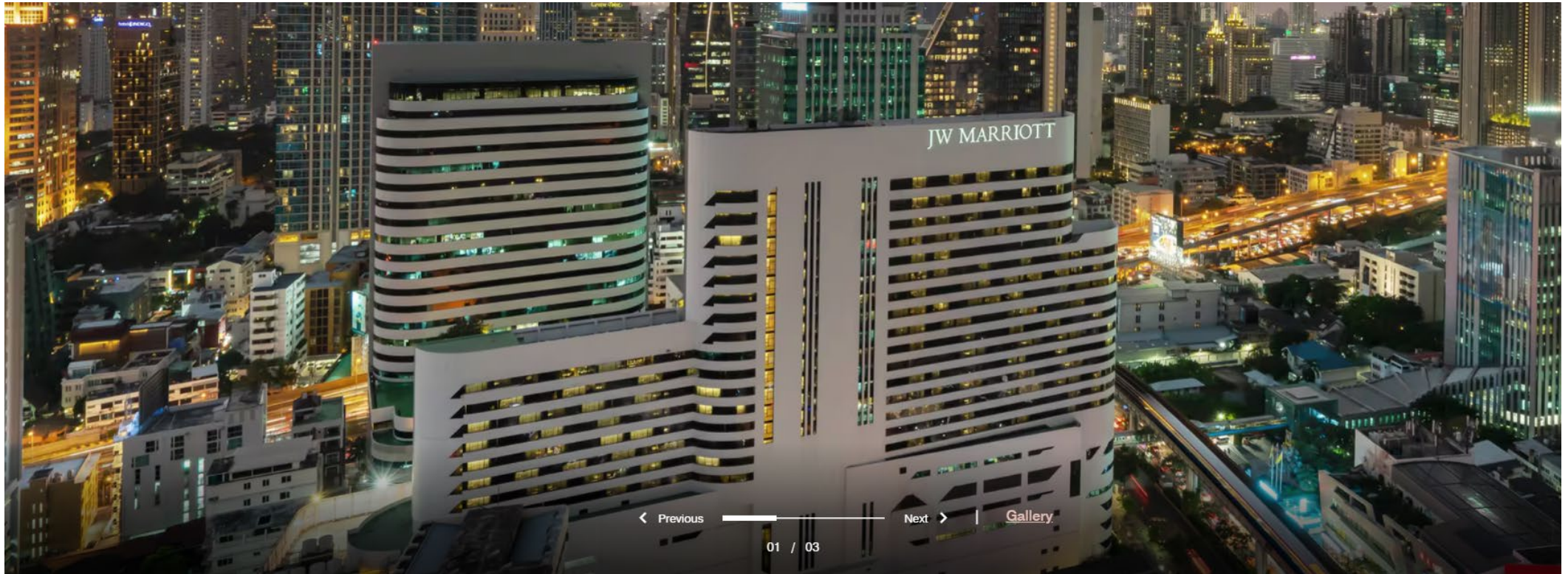




# Date and Venue

- 1- 4 December 2025
- Venue: JW Marriott Bangkok, Thailand





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# Highlights of the Forum

- Postal CEOs Roundtable
- Postal CEOs Forum
- Postal Business Forum
- Start-up and Innovation Forum
- AI Showcase

# Awards



- Innovation in the Postal Sector
- Sustainable Development in the Postal Sector





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Know more about the Postal Business Forum 2025



## Postal CEOs Forum

Know more about the CEOs Roundtable and Postal CEOs Forum which will be held in conjunction with the Postal Business Forum



## Participate

If you are a postal sector stakeholder wishing to participate in the Postal Business Forum, enter your details here!







## EC 2025 Doc 26- Postal Business Forum

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the information



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# Release an Omnibus stamp in 2027

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# What is an Omnibus Stamp?

An Omnibus Stamp Issue refers to a set of postage stamps issued by multiple countries using a common theme and often a harmonized design. While each participating postal administration releases the stamp under its own name and denomination, the shared design elements and synchronized release date reflect a joint celebration or commemoration.

# Do we have examples?



- ASEAN: ASEAN Posts has coordinated the release of 3 issues of Omnibus stamps.
- British Commonwealth: Numerous omnibus issues, such as the 1949 Universal Postal Union 75th Anniversary stamps, featured common designs across more than 70 countries.
- Europa Postage Stamps: Annual joint issue of stamps with common design or themes by postal administrations of the CEPT/ PostEurop.
- West African Postal Administrations have issued stamps with common themes such as regional integration, heritage, and economic development.





# Omnibus stamp in 2027

- The APPU Bureau proposes a regional Omnibus Stamp Issue in 2027 among interested member countries of the region with the following core features:
  - **Theme:** A common theme, to be finalized collectively, reflecting shared values, achievements, or aspirations (e.g., Diversity in the Region, Flora, Fauna, Postal Heritage, etc).
  - **Design:** A harmonized design framework, allowing for national customization while retaining regional coherence.
  - **Release:** A coordinated release schedule by all participating countries.
  - **Support:** Support from the APPU Bureau in coordination, promotion, and philatelic outreach.

# Timeline



- APPU EC 2025: In-principle approval of the proposal.
- Between APPU EC 2025 and APPU Congress 2026: A Select Committee (comprising interested member countries and philatelic experts) will be formed to:
  - Finalize the theme.
  - Coordinate design development.
  - Prepare promotional material and implementation guidelines.
- APPU Congress 2026: Formal approval of the theme, design, and release schedule.
- 1 April 2027: Simultaneous release of the omnibus stamps across participating member countries in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of APPU.





## EC 2025 Doc 31- Release of Omnibus Stamp

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document
- Approve the proposal
- Take note of the timelines as indicated in the document



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EC 2025 Doc 32

# Procurement Policy of the APPU Bureau

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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4 July 2025



# Background



- The Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is increasingly involved in the procurement of goods and services for its institutional functioning, training activities at the Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC), and the implementation of projects supported by member countries and development partners.
- To ensure transparency, fairness, and value for money in all such procurements, it is essential to have a clear and comprehensive procurement policy aligned with international best practices.
- While the APPU Financial Regulations provide general guidance, the absence of a specific, codified procurement framework poses operational challenges and limits the Union's ability to manage its procurement processes consistently and efficiently.



# Objectives

- Promote transparency, accountability, and fairness in procurement processes;
- Define procurement thresholds and methods suitable for APPU's scale of operations;
- Ensure compliance with international norms of integrity and ethical conduct;



# Key Features



- Guiding Principles: Fairness, transparency, efficiency, integrity, and avoiding conflict of interest;
- Procurement Methods: Clear thresholds for direct purchase, quotations, and competitive bidding;
- Evaluation Framework: Focus on price, quality, technical compliance, and value for money;
- Oversight and Approval: Procurement Committee for procurements above USD 20,000.
- Provision for Exceptions: Allowance for emergency procurement with proper justification;
- Periodic Review: Policy to be reviewed by the Executive Council.



# Thresholds

- If the estimated amount does not exceed USD 20,000, the contract can be awarded directly.
- If the estimated amount is between USD 20,000 and USD 50,000, the contract is awarded following the examination of at least three quotations.
- If the estimated amount exceeds USD 50,000, a public tender inviting bids is published on the APPU website and also circulated through the official channels.





## EC 2025 Doc 32- Procurement Policy

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document
- Approve the Procurement Policy at Annex 1



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EC 2025 Doc 27

# APPU Strategy for the 2027-2030 Cycle and APPU Vision 2030

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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# Special session on Strategy

- Discussions on Draft 0 of the strategy was held on 3 July.
- Mongolia will lead the works on Strategy and APPU Vision 2030 until the 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress.
- All member countries are encouraged to fill the survey sent earlier by the Bureau.
- The Bureau has taken note of the comments from member countries during the discussions.
- A revised draft will be shared with member countries for their comments.
- An online meeting on Strategy chaired by Mongolia will be organized in the first quarter of 2027.



## EC 2025 Doc 27- Strategy

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document





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# Election of the Secretary General of APPU in 2026

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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4 July 2025

# Introduction



- The Secretary-General of the APPU is elected by the Executive Council, or in the Congress year, by Congress, and the tenure of the office is fixed by the body which selects the Secretary-General as per the provisions contained under Article 107 of the General Regulations of the APPU.
- The current Secretary-General was elected in the 13<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress in Bangkok, and his current term is set from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026 by the 13<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress.
- Expected timings of the next Congress is from July to August 2026.





# Timelines

- The Secretary-General will send an APPU circular to all APPU member countries inviting them to submit their applications, if any, for the position of the Secretary-General of the APPU.
- With the expected timelines in mind, this circular will be shared with the member countries by 15 January 2026.
- Member countries may refer to the Position Description in Annex 1 for the selection of suitable candidates.
- The applications, accompanied by the curriculum vitae, must reach the APPU Bureau on or before 30 April 2026.

# Position Description



- Follows the same Position Description as approved in the 2021 Executive Council meeting for the election of the Secretary-General during the 13<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress
- Minor editorial changes has been made to bring more clarity and to align with the activities currently undertaken by the APPU
- Position Description is placed at Annex 1 of the document



# Elections



- One member country can nominate only one candidate.
- The candidates should be nationals of the member countries that put them forward.
- The APPU Bureau shall prepare the election documents for the Congress and publish them in the Document Centre of the APPU website.
- The 14th APPU Congress will handle all aspects of the selection process, including conducting the election. The procedure for the election will follow the Rules of Procedure of the 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress.



## EC 2025 Doc 28- Election of Secretary-General

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the report
- Approve the Position Description





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# Hosting of the 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress in 2026

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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4 July 2025

# Background



- Article 105, § 4 of the APPU General Regulations provides that
- *“In principle, each Congress designates the country in which the next Congress is to be held. If that designation proves inapplicable or inoperative, it falls to the Executive Council to designate the country where Congress is to meet, after consultation with that country. In the event where the venue of the next Congress is not decided or where the host country eventually show its inability to hold the Congress, its meeting would then be held in the country where the Bureau is situated.”*
- APPU Bureau in 2022 invited member countries to consider hosting the 14th APPU Congress in 2026. However, the 13th APPU Congress, held in Bangkok, was unable to finalize the venue as no member country expressed interest in hosting.



# Background



- Since the request to member countries was still open (as decided in the 13<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress) and in line with the provisions of the General Regulations which authorises the Executive Council to decide the venue, the Bureau issued another call to member countries in 2025, inviting expressions of interest to be considered at the 2025 APPU Executive Council meeting.
- As of date, no member country has yet expressed interest in hosting the 14th Congress.

# Timelines



- The Bureau proposes extending the deadline for member countries to submit expressions of interest to host the 14th APPU Congress until 30 November 2025.
- If no member country volunteers by the extended deadline, the provisions of Article 105 of the General Regulations will apply, and the 14th APPU Congress will be convened in the country where the APPU Bureau is situated.
- Bureau will consult with the Chair of the Executive Council to finalize the date and venue, which will then be formally communicated to all member countries



# Expenses



- While the General Regulations do not explicitly specify the financial arrangements in such cases, the Bureau proposes to follow the provisions applied when the Bureau hosts Executive Council meetings.
- As endorsed by the Finance Committee, the expenditure will be borne by the Bureau from its budget and will be proportionately shared with the member countries.



# Chairpersonship

- By tradition, the Chairpersonship of the Congress is entrusted to the host country.
- Should the Bureau serve as the host for the 14th APPU Congress, the Chairpersonship will be determined by the Congress during the opening plenary session.





## EC 2025 Doc 29- Hosting of Congress

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the information
- Approve the proposed steps regarding timelines, finances and chairpersonship



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EC 2025 Doc 30

# Organization and Structure of the 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress in 2026

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

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# Background



- The organization and structure of the APPU Congress are defined in the Rules of Procedure of Congress.
- In matters not explicitly addressed therein, general guidance may be drawn from the Rules of Procedure of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress.
- Accordingly, relevant best practices from recent and upcoming UPU Congresses have been studied, and the following is proposed regarding the structure and organization of the 14th APPU Congress.



# Date and Venue

- As of the date of this document, no member country has formally volunteered to host the 14th APPU Congress. Further details regarding the host, venue, and proposed timelines are contained in APPU EC 2025 Document 29.



# Mode of conduct



- The 13th APPU Congress was successfully conducted in a hybrid format. Building on that experience, the APPU Bureau has since developed further technical capacities to support virtual participation and online coordination.
- In line with international best practices—including those of the UPU—it is proposed that the 14th APPU Congress also be conducted in a hybrid format, following similar Rules of Procedure as adopted during the 13th Congress.
- The APPU Bureau will prepare the necessary draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of Congress to facilitate the hybrid conduct of the meeting, which will be presented at the opening plenary of the 14th APPU Congress.



## Chair/ Vice-Chair

- As per the Rules of Procedure of the APPU Congress, the first plenary session—presided over by the Chair of the Executive Council—shall elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Congress. If the elected Chair is unable to fulfil the role, the Vice-Chair shall act as a replacement.
- In accordance with established practice, the host country traditionally assumes the Chairpersonship of the Congress. If the Bureau is required to host the 14th Congress, the Chair will be elected during the opening plenary session.





# Additional Vice-Chairpersonship

- To promote greater inclusivity, it is proposed that an additional Vice-Chairpersonship be created and specifically reserved for representation from the Pacific Small Island Developing States.
- If agreeable to the 2025 Executive Council, the Bureau will prepare a corresponding proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure of Congress for consideration at the 14th Congress.



# Observers to the Congress

- Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of Congress outlines provisions regarding the participation of observers. Additional guidance regarding eligible observer categories is provided in the General Regulations of the APPU.
- In line with these provisions and established practice, the Bureau will circulate a provisional list of proposed observers to member countries four months prior to the Congress for review and comment.





# Committees of the Congress

- Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Congress stipulates that the business of Congress is generally dealt with at plenary sessions.
- However, if necessary, Congress may create Committees to carry out its work.
- In addition, the meeting of the Governing Board of the College is also held in conjunction with the Congress.



# Committees of the Congress

- Taking note of the Committee formation in the upcoming UPU Dubai Congress and studying it from the APPU context, the following committees are proposed for the upcoming APPU Congress:
  - 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





# Committees of the Congress

- Each Committee will be chaired or co-chaired by APPU member countries, with appointments to be confirmed during the 14th APPU Congress upon the proposal of the Congress Chair, in accordance with Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure.
- The Bureau will liaise with the Congress Chair and interested member countries in advance to facilitate the nomination and endorsement of Chairs and Co-Chairs for the Committees.

# Submission of reports to the Congress



- Article 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Congress mentions that when a Committee or Working Group has concluded work, its Chair shall make and present a report to the plenary session for approval.
- Accordingly, the Chairs/ Co-chairs of the Working Groups will present to the Congress the summaries of activities conducted in the cycle. The Chairs/ Co-chairs of the Committees of Congress will present interim updates and submit final proposals or decisions for adoption by the plenary.





## EC 2025 Doc 30- 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress

Decisions Expected:

The Executive Council is invited to:

- Take note of the document
- Approve the proposed steps in connection with the organization and structure of the 14<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress



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# Drawing of lots for the order of seating at the 2026 Constituent EC meeting

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### ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL UNION

The Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is a specialized intergovernmental organization comprising 32 member countries committed to fostering regional cooperation, enhancing postal infrastructure, and advancing the role of postal services across the Asia-Pacific. Headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, APPU is a Restricted Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Its primary purpose is to extend, facilitate, and improve postal relations among its members, while promoting collaboration and mutual assistance in the development of postal services throughout the region.



## Upcoming Courses/Meetings





Afghanistan



Australia



Bangladesh



Bhutan



Brunei



Cambodia



China



Fiji



India



Indonesia



Iran



Japan



Republic of Korea



Laos LPDR



Malaysia



Maldives



Mongolia



Myanmar



Nauru



Nepal



New Zealand



Pakistan



Papua New  
Guinea



Philippines



Samoa



Singapore



Solomon Islands



Sri Lanka



Thailand



Tonga



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## Newsletters 2025

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### FROM SECRETARY- GENERAL'S DESK



#### Greetings from the Asian-Pacific Postal Union!

The month of June often brings a subtle shift in rhythm — one that encourages both reflection and preparation. It's a moment to pause, take stock of how far we've come, and renew our focus on what lies ahead. I hope it offers us opportunity to reconnect with our goals and priorities.

Over the past few weeks, I've had the privilege of engaging in a range of thoughtful conversations — across our region and beyond. While each of our member countries continues to

partnerships to extend financial access; others are focusing on cross-border capabilities or modernizing operational frameworks to deliver better, faster, and more reliably. These efforts, while not without their challenges, speak volumes about the commitment and adaptability of our region.

At the APPU Bureau, we remain closely attuned to these shifts. One of our key focus areas is facilitating meaningful knowledge sharing across the Union. In that spirit, our international staff have been working on a series of original articles, grounded in desk research, that touch on emerging priorities for the postal sector. Topics include innovations in last-mile delivery, strengthening EMS services, the postal role in digital inclusion and socio-economic development, as well as evolving perspectives on the Universal Service Obligation and postal regulatory reforms. We look forward to sharing the first set of these articles soon on the Knowledge Centre portal of the APPU website — and continuing with more in the months to come.

Meanwhile, training activities at the Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) continue with great momentum. Our current courses on operations and international mail accounting are not just capacity-building exercises — they are part of our broader effort to build a shared base of practical knowledge for the region.

This month is also one of active preparation. On 6 June, we held the Local Executive Council Meeting of the APPC, reviewing academic progress and refining upcoming plans. And of course, much of our energy is now focused on the upcoming 2025 APPU Executive Council Meeting in Ulaanbaatar. We're working closely with our colleagues at



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### FROM SECRETARY- GENERAL'S DESK



#### Greetings from the Asian-Pacific Postal Union!

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to capture headlines and attention at global forums, I felt it timely to share a few reflections. For many of us in the postal community, it's natural to wonder how such rapidly evolving technologies will influence our work. While AI is already reshaping industries, our sector, grounded in physical infrastructure, complex logistics, and the promise of universal service, needs a considered and practical approach.

There is certainly great potential. From smarter address recognition and dynamic route planning to better data analytics and customer interaction, AI can support us in delivering more efficiently and responsively. But to

Last month, I was pleased to visit Philippines and join the **PHLPost Capacity Building Program** in Manila from 22 to 25 April 2025, supported by the UPU India Fund. It was inspiring to see the commitment of participants keen to sharpen their leadership and operational skills. My sincere thanks to the Postmaster General Luis D. Carlos and the entire PHLPost team for their proactive approach to human resource development and to all those who engaged wholeheartedly.

Looking ahead, May has been shaping up to be a very active month. The **Specialized Capacity Building Program on the 28th Universal Postal Congress**, from 5 to 16 May at the Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC), marks a historic first for us. Designed to demystify the workings of the UPU Congress, examine key proposals, and prepare participants for the upcoming Dubai Congress, this program also covers important topics like the UPU's Integrated Product Plan, Integrated Remuneration Plan and Integrated Quality of Service Plan.

Later this month, from **19 to 23 May**, we'll host the **sixth regional workshop under the UPU's Operational Readiness for E-Commerce (ORE 3)** initiative. With a focus on cross-border e-commerce, data exchange, supply chain visibility, and performance tracking tools like QCS Mail BigData and IQRS, the workshop tackles some of the most pressing issues our members face as global trade patterns evolve.

We'll round off May and begin June with two key training programs at APPC, **Parcel, Logistics and Operations Management (PLOM)** and **International Mail Accounting (IMA)**, running from **26 May to 20 June**.

At the same time, we are actively preparing for the **2025 APPU Executive Council Meeting**, to be held in Ulaanbaatar from **30 June to 4 July**, in close coordination with Mongol Post. I encourage all members who haven't registered yet to do so soon—we are aiming for a productive meeting and strong participation from across our membership in the region.

Colleagues and friends, while change is inevitable, what keeps





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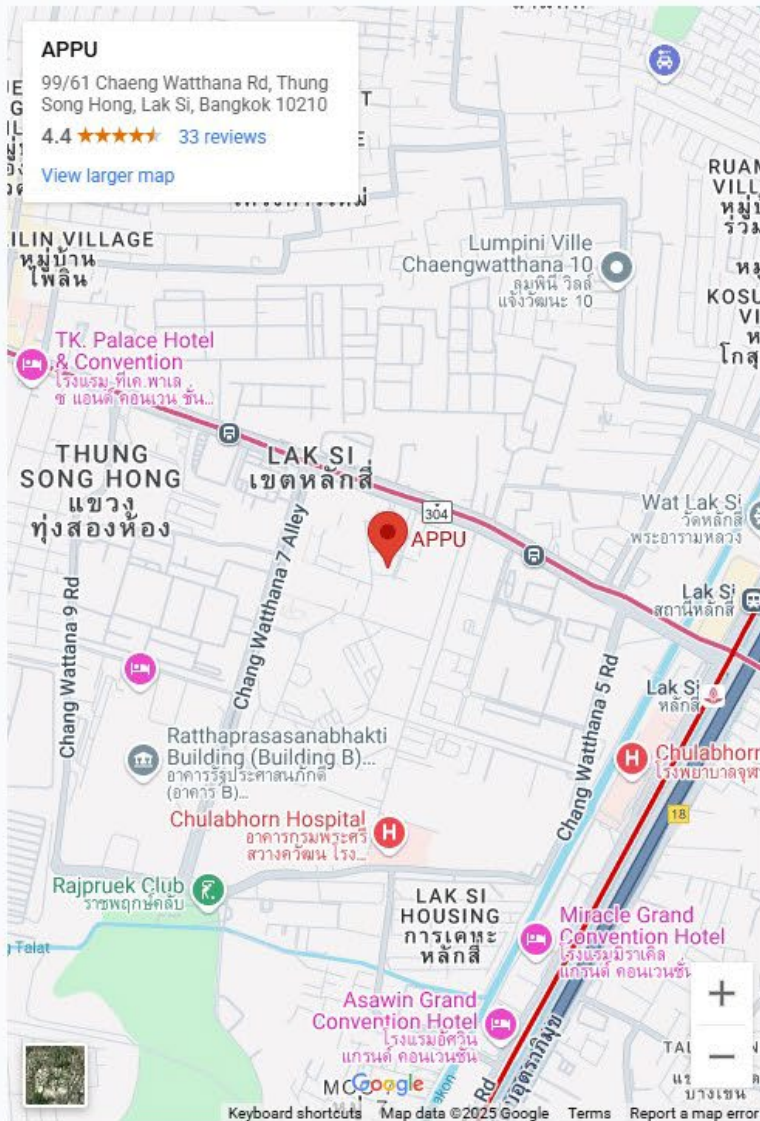
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Closing remarks



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Closing remarks



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Thank you!