



How COVID-19 is changing the world : a statistical perspective



We have been living with COVID-19 for more than a year and it continues to affect the world today. We would like to know the impact of the pandemic and how the world is rapidly changing to reduce the impact.

The report led by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) of the United Nations are the two-volume reports released in May and September 2020. The reports bring a snapshot of data and statistics on how COVID-19 is affecting the world.

The two-volume reports are “How COVID-19 is changing the world: a statistical perspective” (Volume I) and “How COVID-19 is changing the world: a statistical perspective Volume II”. It compiles statistical data on the impacts of COVID-19 gathered by 36 international organizations, including UPU.

To have a glimpse on how COVID-19 is affecting the world in this unprecedented crisis, changes affecting the global economic and environmental, changes affecting the individual employment and livelihood, and changes affecting public services such as civil aviation and postal services. You may access the following link to read the reports by CCSA.

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ccsa/documents/covid19-report-ccsa.pdf>

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ccsa/documents/covid19-report-ccsa_vol2.pdf

Vanuatu's Graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC)



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) extended its congratulations to the Pacific Island State of Vanuatu on its graduation from the least developed country (LDC) status - 35 years after its inclusion in the category.

You may access the following link to read the press release from ESCAP.

<https://www.unescap.org/news/vanuatu-graduation-least-developed-country-status-major-development-milestone-highlights>



Upcoming APPC IOTP Workshops

Due to the travel restriction caused by COVID-19 pandemic, APPC is conducting 6 IOTP workshops online in the first quarter of 2021 which are supported by UPU and funded by China.

The IOTP workshops for March 2021 are:

Last Mile Delivery and Fulfilment (LMDF)	8 to 12 Mar 2021
Quality Management for Service Excellence (QMSE)	8 to 12 Mar 2021
Strategy to adapt in the “New Normal” (SNN)	15 to 19 Mar 2021
Setting Service Standards (SSS)	15 to 19 Mar 2021



Upcoming APPC Courses

The upcoming training courses for March to April 2021 are:

Parcel & Logistics Management (PLM)	1 Mar – 26 Mar 2021
Operations Management (OMC)	1 Mar – 26 Mar 2021
Transformation of Postal Organization (TPO)	26 Apr – 7 May 2021
Strategy Formulation & Execution (SFE)	26 Apr – 7 May 2021



Update of 27th Universal Postal Congress

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Universal Postal Union (UPU) has agreed to postpone its 27th Universal Postal Congress which was set to be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 10-28 August 2020 to August 2021.

The CA also agreed to review the progress of the preparation for the Congress in their forthcoming meetings in December 2020 and April 2021. If CA by 30 June 2021 concluded the event could not be held at the designated place and dates due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congress would be moved to Switzerland.

For update and further information, you may access the following link.

<https://www.upu.int/en/Universal-Postal-Union/About-UPU/Bodies/Congress>

