



Update of APPU EC 2021



The date of the EC 2021 Plenary meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, 20th July 2021. It would be a session of report presentations from various Committees, Working Groups and individual parties. All the various Committees and Working Groups meetings including APPC GB and APP GA are scheduled from 21st June to 7th July 2021.

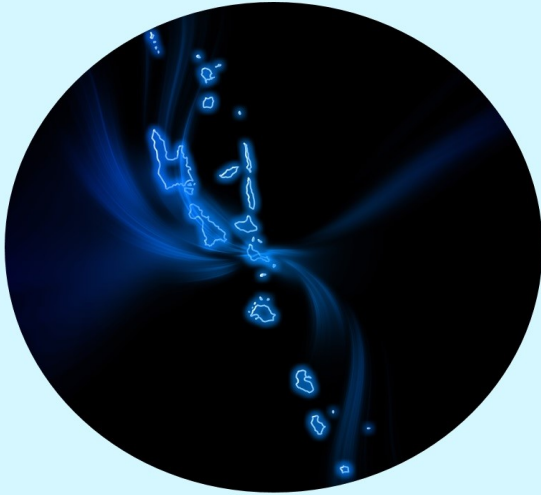
The EC 2021 meeting would be a remote meeting via Zoom. Members, partners and observers would be receiving the invitation letter to join the EC 2021 meeting. The schedule of this year EC 2021 meeting is

APPC Governing Board	21 June 2021	13:30-15:30
Finance Committee*	22 June 2021	13:30-15:30
Physical Services Working Group	23 June 2021	13:30-15:00
Market Development and E-Services Working Group	28 June 2021	13:30-15:00
Supply Chain Integration Working Group	29 June 2021	13:30-15:00
APPU/UPU Reform Working Group	30 June 2021	13:30-15:30
APP General Assembly	05 July 2021	13:30-15:30
Postal Financial Services Working Group	06 July 2021	13:30-15:00
UPU CA Matters Working Group	07 July 2021	13:30-15:00
2021 APPU EC Plenary	20 July 2021	12:00-16:30

*Finance Committee members only.



Vanuatu points the way forward on digitalization for SIDS



Infrastructure obstacles often hamper developing countries, including small island developing states (SIDS).

Digitalization could help these nations in development, and aid posts on efficient cross-border e-commerce and customs clearance. Vanuatu has become an example of these efforts.

Vanuatu Post is moving to interface its post and customs data for cross-border e-commerce and customs clearance. In December 2020, Vanuatu graduated from the least developed country status and has become the first Pacific island nation to move its customs and biosecurity processes online.

The interface efforts are part of the collaboration between the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The interface between the UPU's Customs Declaration System (CDS) and UNCTAD's Automated System for Customs Data could be implemented to exchange electronic advance data (EAD).

Please refer to the following URL link to find out more.

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2021/4/Vanuatu-points-the-way-forward-on-digitalization-for-SIDS>

Dogs that bite

According to US Postal Service (USPS) figures, the number of dogs attacked the postal workers in 2020 had already outpaced the total number of incidents in 2019. Nearly 6,000 postal workers had been victimized by dogs in 2020 in the United States, compared with 5,803 in 2019.

Please refer to the following URL link to find out more.

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2020/12/Dogs-that-bite>

You may also like to read the following article: USPS steps on how to avoid being bitten - Don't run past a dog. The dog's instinct is to chase people who run.

<https://www.upu.int/en/News/2020/12/USPS-steps-on-how-to-avoid-being-bitten>





Upcoming APPC Courses

The APPC training courses for July to August 2021 are:

E-Business and Technology (EBT)

28 June – 16 July 2021

Digital Financial Services (DFS)

28 June – 16 July 2021



Upcoming APPC IOTP

APPC is organizing 7 IOTP workshops which are supported by UPU in the second and third quarter of 2021. The upcoming IOTP workshops are as follow:

Driving Digital Strategy Workshop

5 to 9 July 2021

International Financial Services and Financial Inclusion

5 to 9 July 2021

Corporate Level E-commerce Strategy Workshop

23 to 27 August 2021

Leadership and Innovation Management

23 to 27 August 2021



Update of 27th Universal Postal Congress

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UPU's Exceptional CA has agreed to postpone its 27th Universal Postal Congress. The event will now be held from 9 to 27 August 2021 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The CA reviewed the progress of the Congress in the meetings in April 2021. It proposed the legal, logistical, technological and other arrangements including "Plan B" that would be required to host the 27th Congress with the possibility of remote representation.

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

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

