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Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands,
Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam

Subject: Invitation to attend an online meeting on “APPU talks UPU - Briefing on the upcoming 4th UPU Extraordinary Congress”, 11 July 2023

Dear APPU Members,

The Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) will hold its Executive Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand from 14 to 18 August 2023, where a dedicated session will discuss the upcoming 4th Extraordinary Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on opening up the UPU to wider postal sector players and other urgent postal issues. The session during the EC will provide an excellent opportunity for the members to discuss regional perspectives on the Extraordinary Congress proposals and seek to negotiate regional consensus or principles that can enhance the outcome achieved for all members.

To assist with preparations, the APPU Bureau is pleased to invite you to attend an online meeting on “APPU talks UPU - Briefing on the upcoming 4th UPU Extraordinary Congress” on 11 July 2023 at 12:00 hrs Bangkok time. In continuation of our earlier meetings on the topic of opening up the UPU to wider postal sector players, the meeting will be chaired by Australia and India.

To facilitate productive discussions, subject matter experts will be present to deliver presentations and answer questions related to the proposals. Please find enclosed the agenda for the meeting which includes important topics such as the Opening up of the UPU to Wider Postal Sector Players, the Postal Financial Services Package, Sustainable Development (green package), Finance Matters, and other urgent postal issues.

We kindly request your participation in this vital meeting to contribute your valuable insights and bring your country's perspective to the discussions. Your active involvement will significantly contribute to the regional dialogue and help shape the future of the postal sector in the Asian-Pacific region. Below are the Zoom details to access the meeting.

Meeting ID: 848 6510 0580

Passcode: 110723

Should you require any additional information or have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact the following colleagues:

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Yours sincerely,


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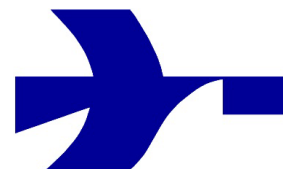
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“APPU talks UPU” – Briefing on the upcoming 4th UPU Extraordinary Congress



Date: 11 July 2023

Time: 12:00 pm Bangkok for 2hrs 30 minutes.

Ottawa, Washington DC	Bern, Brussels, Oslo, Vienna	Tehran	New Delhi	Bangkok	Canberra	Nuku'alofa
1:00am	7:00am	8:30am	10:30am	12:00pm	3:00pm	6:00pm

Purpose

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The Asia Pacific is a diverse region with differing levels of postal capacity. It is the heart of e-commerce, where an estimated 26% of global cross-border e-commerce occurs and a further 50% involves the region. The Extraordinary Congress presents further opportunities for governments, postal operators, and citizens.

The Executive Council will discuss regional perspectives on the Extraordinary Congress proposals and seek to negotiate regional consensus or principles that can enhance the outcome achieved for all members.

To assist with preparations, a virtual briefing from subject matter experts will be held to inform APPU members of the proposals and answer questions. Member countries are then invited to consider the proposals and bring their perspective to the APPU Executive Council to contribute to regional discussion.

Agenda

No.	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTED BY	TIME (Bangkok)
1	Welcome and introductions	Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, Secretary General Prannoy Sharma, India William Lee, Australia	12:00 pm (15 minutes)
2	Opening Up the UPU to wider postal sector players (WPSPs) a) Institutional framework b) UPU products and services c) Reform as a continuum	Stuart Smith, United States of America Siva Somasundram, International Bureau	12:15 pm (50 minutes)
3	Postal Financial Services Package	Prannoy Sharma, India	1:05 pm (15 minutes)
4	Sustainable Development (green package)	Oliver Kaliski and Peter Koller, Austria	1:20 pm (15 minutes)
5	Finance Matters	Jean-Alexandre Ducrest, International Bureau	1:35 pm (15 minutes)
6	Urgent postal issues: POC matters	Jorge Gutierrez, Canada Nadine Devisch, Belgium	1:50 pm (20 minutes)
7	Urgent postal issues: Reservations to the Acts of the Union	Albertine Albrektsen-Mitzelos, Norway	2:10 pm (15 minutes)
8	Closing	Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, Secretary General	2:25 pm (5 minutes)