

**42<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PAN AFRICAN POSTAL UNION (PAPU) ADMINISTRATIVE  
COUNCIL**

**11<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> June, 2024**

**ARUSHA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

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The 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania. It was preceded by the Administrative and Technical Committee meetings held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The Council was initially presided over by the Chairperson, **Mrs. Tshibonge Mbiye Sandra, the Director General of the Post of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. After the new Bureau was installed, Mr. BARA Abdelouahab of Algeria presided over it.**

Hon. Eng. Maryprisca Winfred Mahundi (MP), Deputy Minister, Ministry for Information, Communication and Information Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania presided over the official opening ceremony.

**I. Participation**

The following Council Members participated in the session:

**Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**

The following members of the Administrative Council were absent: **Burundi, Eswatini, Madagascar and Tunisia.**

The following participated as observers:

Member States: **Angola, Chad, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Republic, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, South Africa, Togo and Uganda.**

The following organizations participated as partner organizations and restricted unions: **African Advance Level Telecommunication Institute (AFRALTI), Communications Regulators Association of Southern Africa (CRASA), East African Communications Organization (EACO), Group LaPoste France, Ship2MyID, Postal Union for the Mediterranean (PUMed), Southern Africa Postal Operators Association (SAPOA), Uni-Global Africa, Universal Postal Union (UPU) and West Africa Postal Conference (WAPCO)**

## II. Election and Installation of the Bureau

The Bureau was installed as follows:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Algeria;
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman:</b>	Burkina Faso;
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman:</b>	Tanzania;
<b>Rapporteurs:</b>	Botswana and Burundi.

## III. Agenda

During the session, the Council examined all the agenda items under the following broad topics:

- Opening Remarks by Chairperson;
- Confirmation of quorum;
- Election and Installation of the Bureau
- Remarks by the Incoming Chairperson
- Adoption of the Agenda and the Work Programme;
- Goodwill Messages from Partners
- Signing of Memoranda
  - ET Cargo
  - PUMeD
- Report of the Chairman of the Administrative Council;
- Matters Arising from the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Administrative Council Session:
  - Matters Arising Report by the General Secretariat;
  - UPU Matters:
    - Update on Congress preparations;
    - Official launching of the QSF Common Funds projects for LDCs;
    - Presentation of the Africa Postal Regulatory Framework.
- Report of Activities of the General Secretariat for the 2023/2024 period;
- Consideration and Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Technical Committees, including Forums:
  - Operations and Technology;
  - Finance and Administration;
  - Policy and Regulation;
  - Strategy;

- CEO's and Regulators' Forums;
- Consideration and Approval of the External Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements of the Union for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023;
- Date and venue of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AC.

#### **IV. Report of Activities of the General Secretariat**

The Secretary General presented the report of the Activities of the General Secretariat for the period 2023/2024, focusing on the following key areas:

- Reference to Article 9 of the Convention of the Union that outlines the objectives of the Union;
- Strategic issues;
- Union membership drive;
- Non-payment of mandatory contributions;
- Environmental risks;
- Financial management;
- Remuneration of postal services activities;
- Digitalization and Innovation;
- Philatelic activities;
- Supply Chain matters;
- The African Postal Regulators conference;
- Opening up of the UPU to wider postal sector players;
- Key projects;
- Development cooperation and stakeholder engagement;
- Implementation status update for Decisions, Resolutions and Recommendations;
- Information technology;
- Communication activities;
- Human resources management;
- International conferences, meetings and workshops;
- Conclusion and outlook for the next financial year – 2024-2025.

The General Secretariat Report for the period under review and the Resolution were unanimously adopted.

#### **V. Reports of the Administrative and Technical Committees**

Chairpersons presented their reports as follows:

- a) Operations and Technology Committee;
- b) Finance and Administration Committee;
- c) Policy and Regulation Committee;
- d) Strategy Committee;
- e) Declaration of the CEOs and Postal Regulators' Fora.

#### **VI. External Auditor's Report**

The External Auditor's report on the financial statements for the year ending 2022/2023 was presented by Ernst & Young and adopted.

#### **VII. Date and venue of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Administrative Council Session**

The Council was informed that the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session will be held in May 2025, in principle. The General Secretariat will communicate the exact date and venue after consulting with the host country.

#### **VIII. Adoption of Decisions, Resolutions, and Recommendations**

At the end of the proceedings, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Council approved and adopted several Decisions, Resolutions, and Recommendations as presented by the General Secretariat.

Delegates commended the seriousness and determination that characterized the session, the quality of documents presented, and the outcomes of the deliberations.

#### **IX. Vote of Thanks**

Ethiopia addressed a vote of thanks to the authorities of the United Republic of Tanzania.

***Done in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.***