



MINISTERIAL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE 1st SEPTEMBER, 2023

AICC, ARUSHA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

PAPU TOWER, Inspiring the African Postal Sector Transformation to Anchor Digital and Smart Economies

The **MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE** is a one-day event with two moderated sessions where an Expert will make a 10-minute presentation followed by a discussion by 4 Panelists of Honourable Ministers

OPENING CEREMONY		
TIME	SUB-THEMES AND SESSIONS	PANELISTS
	08:00 - 08:30 Arrival of dignitaries	
	08:35 - 08:40 Commencement of Programme	
PANEL 1: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE POSTAL SECTOR IN AFRICA		
MODERATOR: Mr John Omo, Secretary General African Telecommunications Union		
09:00-10:15	<p>The Government, as the Shareholder of the Postal Company, invested in the massive physical post office infrastructure. The lack of a consistent re-capitalization programme for the Designated Operators caused by prioritization on other National priorities crowds out the Post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Are the Public-Private Partnerships the panacea for closing the investment gap in the Postal sector? Is Africa ready? What other options are available? ➤ Is the Government ready to take the next step for availing connectivity bandwidth and power backup for this infrastructure? What policy options are available? 	<p>Presenter: Mr. Victor Adetola Onayemi - Trademark Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hon. Mondli Gungubele, Minister for Communications and Digital Technologies - RSA ▪ Hon. Moses Kunkuyu Kalongashawa, Minister for Information and Civic Education - Malawi ▪ Hon. Worlea Saywah Dunah, Minister for Post and Telecommunications- Liberia ▪ Mr Mohamadou Saoudi, Permanent Secretary Cameroun

PANEL 2: TRANSFORMING THE POST IN AFRICA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.		
MODERATOR: Ms. Bridget Linzie, Executive Secretary, CRASA		
11:15-12:30	<p>The emergence of Digital Economies presents huge opportunities for the Post. Innovation and Digital transformation are not negotiable. The sustainability box needs to be ticked for an environmentally friendly transformation of the Postal Sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What are the Government interventions that are in place to support this new postal reality? ➤ What is the Government doing on cross-border e-commerce and trade that supports AfCFTA initiatives and Regional Integration? ➤ Are African Posts ready for it? 	<p>Presenter: Mr. Peter Somers, MD BOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Hon Nape Moses Nnauye, Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology - Tanzania</i> ▪ <i>Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister For ICT & National Guidance – Uganda</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Bara Abdelwaheb - Secretary General Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications Algeria</i> ▪ <i>Mr Christian Minoungou, Ministerial Advisor, Burkina Faso</i>
1230:1300	<p style="text-align: center;">SIGNING OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS</p> <p>PAPU CONVENTION PREAMBLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Convinced of the necessity to develop and maintain an effective coordination framework to ensure harmony in the development of postal services in Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PAPU and EMSP ▪ PAPU and ATU ▪ PAPU and UPU ▪ UPU and Government of UR Tanzania (PAPU)
VISIT TO EXHIBITIONS		
1330-1430	LUNCH BREAK	
1430-1530	VISIT TO THE PAPU TOWER BY HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS	
1530-1630	Bilateral Meetings for Honourable Ministers – AICC	