



Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization (WGPL)

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IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE WGPL PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

Agenda item N°3.1

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| 1. Subject Implementation Status of the WGPL Programme of Activities | 2. References/paragraphs Policy and Regulation Committee Action Plan, 2022-2025 |
| Decision expected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take note of the document• Make any relevant comments, observations and recommendations;• Adopt the recommendations. | |

I. INTRODUCTION

Since it was adopted, the Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization's Work Plan has been implemented steadily. This document provides an update on activities carried out.

II. DECISION EXPECTED

The Committee is requested to take note of the document, make any relevant comments, and adopt the following recommendations:

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- i) Endeavour to timely respond to the questionnaire issued from the General Secretariat;
- ii) Propose amendments to the Acts of the UPU following the example set by UPU Member States in other regions of the world;
- iii) Under the coordination of the PAPU General Secretariat, harmonize Africa's positions ahead of UPU meetings for the continent to speak with one voice;
- iv) The General Secretariat, needs to identify shortcomings and gaps in the UPU Acts so that they could be discussed with Member States.

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| 1. | Committee Terms of Reference (ToRs) | Take ownership of Committee ToRs | Q3 2022 | Completed: ToRs adopted by the AC during its 40th Ordinary Session held from 12-14 July 2022 in Kinshasa (DRC) |
| | | Implement the ToRs | | Completed: They are steadily implemented throughout the cycle |
| 2. | Equip the Committee with Rules of Procedure | Consider the Draft Rules of Procedure | Q2 2022 | Completed: The Committee examined its Rules of Procedure in February 2022 |
| | | Adopt the Rules of Procedure internally | | Completed: The Committee adopted its Rules of Procedure in February 2022 |
| | | Present the Rules of Procedure to the AC for adoption | | Completed: The harmonized Rules of Procedure of the Committees were considered and adopted by the AC during its 41st Ordinary Session held in Arusha from 29 to 30 August 2023. |
| | | Implement the Rules of Procedure | | Completed: The harmonized Rules of Procedure are implemented on an ongoing basis |
| 3. | Propose amendments to the Acts of the Union | Consider proposed amendments to the Acts of the Union | Q2 2025 | Pending: Proposed amendments on the introduction of online meetings were considered in 2023. As this activity is expected to continue throughout the cycle, further proposed amendments will be considered in March 2024 for submission to the Administrative Council during its 42nd Ordinary Session. |

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| | | Consider proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations, the Staff Rules and Regulations, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Conference and the Council | | Pending: In progress: Proposals for amendment of the Financial Regulations, the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Council, the committees, and the Staff Rules and Regulations will be considered during the upcoming meeting of the Working Group and submitted to the 43rd ordinary session of the Administrative Council. |
| | | Present recommendations to the Administrative Council and/or Plenipotentiary Conference for consideration. | | Completed: The amendments to the Acts on introduction of online meetings were submitted to the Council during its 41st Ordinary Session held from 29 to 30 August 2023 in Arusha. The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the General Secretariat to submit a resolution amending the Acts to the Conference during its 11th Ordinary Session. |
| 4. | Oversee the implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference (PC) and Administrative Council and the Administrative Council (AC) on matters of policy | General Secretariat to establish a framework for monitoring/evaluation of implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council. | Q2 2025 | Completed: The two (02) organs have a monitoring and evaluating (M&E) framework for resolutions and recommendations. |

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| | | Consider the proposed framework for monitoring/evaluation of implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council. | | Completed: The M&E framework for decisions, resolutions and recommendations was examined by the Policy and Regulation Committee in July 2022. |
| | | Present the monitoring and evaluation framework for adoption | | Completed: The M&E framework for decisions, resolutions and recommendations taken by the Conference and the Council was adopted by the Council during its 40th Ordinary Session held from 12 to 14 July 2022 in Kinshasa. |
| | | Draw up the status of implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Conference and the Council. | | Completed: The implementation status of decisions, resolutions and recommendations is drawn up annually for submission to the Conference and/or the Council. |
| | | Consider implementation statuses of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council at the agreed frequency. | | Completed: The M&E framework for decisions, resolutions and recommendations taken by the Conference and Council is updated annually; |

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| 5. | Develop an operations and governance policy framework for the Union | Submit for consideration and approval the latest trends in postal regulation | Q2 2025 | Pending: In a letter dated 8 February 2023, the General Secretariat requested Member States and Restricted Unions to provide models for the preparation of strategic documents. The Communication Regulators Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) and the Southern Africa Postal Operators Association (SAPOA) submitted their models. During its 41st Ordinary Session, the Council therefore instructed the General Secretariat to contact Member States and Restricted Unions that have such models to avail them. In this regard, a follow-up letter was sent. Latest trends in postal regulation to be submitted in 2025 |
| | | Consider and make recommendations on the most appropriate guidelines to be developed | | Pending: This activity is in line with the previous one. Recommendations on the most relevant guidelines will be made in 2025. |
| 6. | Monitor and implement the African Postal Guidelines; | In partnership with the General Secretariat, monitor the process for approval of the Guidelines by the competent body of the African Union; | Q2 2025 | Completed: A reminder has been sent to the AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy. |
| | | Identify in order of priority, the areas to be harmonized as highlighted in the Guidelines | | Pending: Implementation of this activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union. |

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| | | Monitor implementation of the Guidelines; | | Pending: Implementation of this activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union. |
| | | Identify bottlenecks and propose appropriate actions to Council Propose detailed regulations for operationalizing the African Postal Guidelines; | | Pending: Implementation of this activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union. |
| | | Consider the report analyzing Africa's postal market as proposed in the Guidelines. | | Pending: Implementation of this activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union. |
| 7. | Harmonized Committee Rules of Procedure implemented | Harmonization of Rules of Procedure of the Administrative and Technical Committees. | Q3 2023 | Completed: The Administrative and Technical Committees are now equipped with harmonized Rules of Procedure adopted by the Council during its 41st Ordinary Session held from 29 to 30 August 2023 in Arusha. It is implemented on an ongoing basis. |
| 8. | Consider amendments to the UPU Acts and Regulations | Make appropriate recommendations to the amendments proposed by Member States Ensure that the interests of Member States are safeguarded | Q2 2025 | Pending: No proposed amendments to the UPU Acts has been submitted; |

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| 9. | Handover/takeover procedures | Handover/takeover procedures between incoming and outgoing officials | Q2 2024 | Completed: A handover/takeover procedure has been proposed and will be submitted to the Council enroute to the Conference. |

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