



SUPPLY CHAIN WORKING GROUP

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PAPU-AFRAA TASK FORCE (PATF)

24th MARCH 2025 (VIRTUAL)

09:00 Hours (GMT)

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PAPU-AFRAA TASK FORCE (PATF) ACTION PLAN

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| 1. Subject Status of Implementation of PATF Action Plan | References/Paragraphs PAPU Action Plan 2022-2025 |
| 2. Decisions Expected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take note of the activities undertaken;• Adopt the Report;• Submit to the Supply Chain Working Group. | |

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The PAPU-AFRAA Task Force reports to the Supply Chain Working Group (SCG) under the Operations and Technology Committee (OTC). The Task Force implements Transport-related activities in the consolidated PAPU Action Plan 2022-2025. The status of the implementation of the activities is contained in **Annex 1**.

2.0 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE TASK FORCE

During the financial year 2024/2025, the Task Force undertook the following main activities:

2.1 Africa Transport Think Tank Meetings

The Africa Think Tank Team held six (6) meetings from June 2024 to February 2025. These meetings discussed transport matters aimed at achieving efficient mail transportation in the African Region in line with the Team's Terms of Reference.

The main issues discussed in these meetings were related to:

- a. Compliance with EU transport regulations
- b. Regional Transport Hubs
- c. Paper Free Transport

2.2 Paper Free Transport Training Session

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) organized an online Paper-Free Transport Webinar on 21st November 2024 for the Arab and African Regions. The Webinar aimed to support Designated Operators in digitalizing international mail transport to reduce paper use and promote sustainability.

2.3 AFRAA Sky Connect Dialogue

The MoU signed between PAPU and AFRAA requires that the two parties attend each other's meetings and collaborate on transport matters in Africa. In the spirit of the MoU, the PAPU General Secretariat attended Sky Connect Dialogues organized by AFRAA on 5th February 2025.

2.4 Analysis of Supply Chain Questionnaire – Transport

The General Secretariat circulated a questionnaire on the Status of Supply Chain Services in Africa on 5th February 2025 to elicit and collect information on supply chain activities being implemented by Member States. Transport activities were part of the matters included in the questionnaire. Twenty-seven (27) Designated Operators responded to the questionnaire, and the analysis of their responses is contained in **Annex 2 (Excel sheet)**.

3.0 PAPU/ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES MoU

Following establishing the Regional E-commerce Hub, which was officially launched in Addis Ababa on 29th February 2024, Ethiopian Airlines engaged the General Secretariat in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration in mail conveyance in Africa. Thus, the MoU was symbolically signed during the 42nd Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council in June 2024. The MoU has since been sent to Ethiopian Airlines Headquarters for formal signing after realignment to ensure conformity with the current format of PAPU MoUs. That notwithstanding, the MoU is not exclusive. DOs are free to sign SLAs with other airlines that exchange electronic data and meet international requirements for the conveyance of international mail.

4.0 DECISIONS EXPECTED

The Report is submitted for the Task Force to:

- Take note of the activities undertaken;
- Adopt the Report;
- Table the Report with the Supply Chain Working Group.

OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY ACTION PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2022-2025

SUPPLY CHAIN- TRANSPORT

| S/N | KEY FOCUS AREA | MILESTONE | PERIOD | Done | In progress | Not Done |
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| SUPPLY CHAIN | | | | | | |
| 1. | Transport Matters | i) Provide guidelines for Service Level Agreements with airlines | Q4 2022 | | | |
| | | ii) Achieve affordable mail conveyance rates | On-going | | | |
| | | iii) Exchange of Electronic Advance Data (CARDIT, RESDIT) with airlines and maintenance of up-to-date EAD Compendium | Q1 2023 | | | |
| | | iv) Efficient intra-Africa mail conveyance | Q4 2023 | | | |
| | | v) Constitute National Contact Committees with transport stakeholders (Airlines, Aviation, Handling Agents etc.) | Q2 2023 | | | |
| | | vi) Consolidate reports on participation and feedback from PAPU /AFRAA Taskforce | Bi-annually | | | |
| | | vii) Transport information feedback from Members (Questionnaire) | Q4 2024 | | | |