



PAPU GENERAL SECRETARIAT BRIEF ON ORGANIZATION OF THE 3RD AFRICAN POSTAL REGULATORS CONFERENCE

Le 18th June 2025

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BACKGROUD

- ☐ The inaugural edition of the African Postal Regulators Conference was held from 23rd to 24th May 2023 in Dakar, Senegal ;
- ☐ In light of the salient outcomes from this first edition and the overwhelming support it elicited, the Administrative Council adopted Resolution No. 06/PAPU/AC/XLI/2023 establishing the African Postal Regulators Conference, during its 41st Ordinary Session held from 29th to 30th August 2023 in Arusha - Tanzania ;
- ☐ Pursuant to this Resolution, the General Secretariat is mandated to organize the African Postal Regulators Conference ;
- ☐ Accordingly, the second edition of the Regulators' Conference was held from 2nd to 3rd December 2024 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe;
- ☐ This paper is to invite Member States to express interest in hosting the next edition of the event and seek to propose themes and dates through the the Working Group on Regulatory Development.

PROPOSED THEME:

- *Regulating to achieve growth and development of Africa's postal market amid the influx of courier players and technology advancements?" .*

JUSTIFICATIONS

- *This theme has been picked on the grounds that a growing number of individuals and companies are engaging in postal activities on the fringes of the legal framework governing postal operations, without having sought or obtained prior authorization from the competent authorities. In doing so, unlicensed operators are not subject to financial, technical and legal obligations and thus create unfair competition for legally authorized operators, with the attendant consequences of consumer rights being flouted, state revenue being lost (non-payment of postal charges), legally authorized companies suffocating in business, etc. However, postal sector regulators are primarily responsible for ensuring fair and healthy competition in the postal market.*

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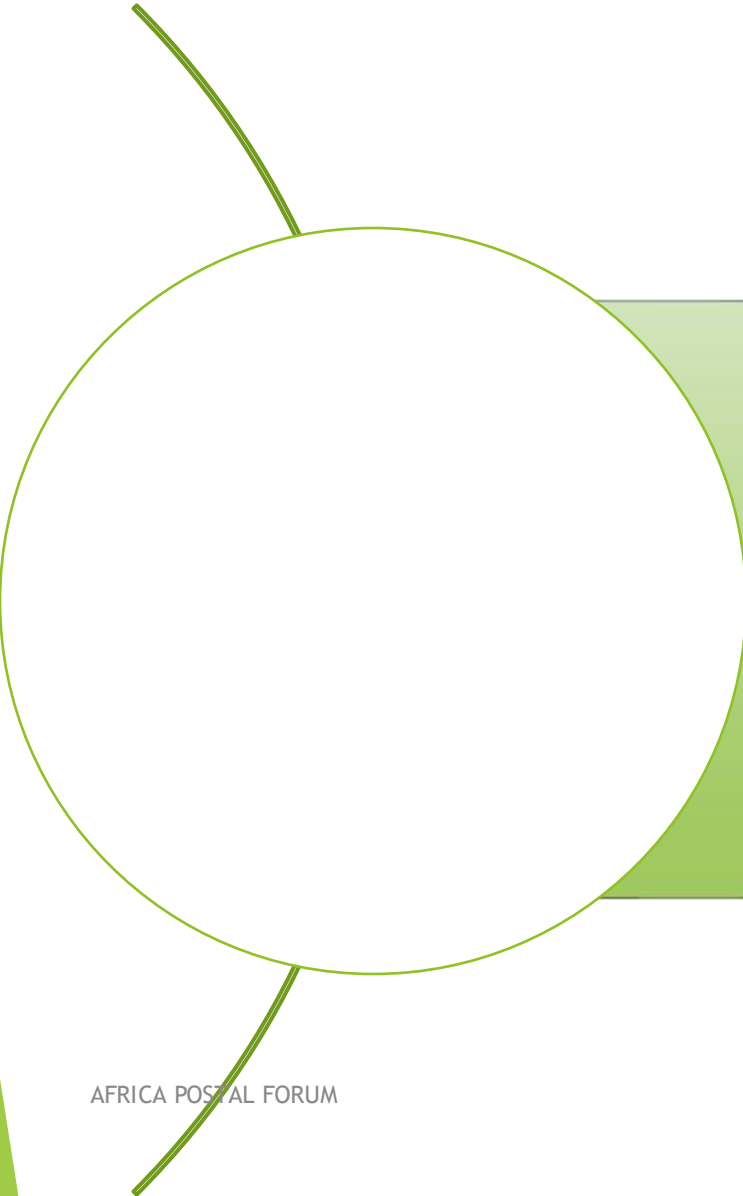
- *The PAPU Secretariat General is projecting the organization of the third Postal Regulators Conference during Q4 2025, assuming a Member State offers to host on a date to be agreed with the Secretariat General*

VENUE:

- *The General Secretariat is therefore extending an invitation to Member States to express interest in hosting the event. In case of multiple offers, the venue will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, with due regard for regional and linguistic balance. Should no Member State express interest, the third African Postal Regulators Conference will be hosted at the PAPU Headquarters in Arusha - Tanzania, subject to availability of funds.*

DATE AND VENUE

DECISION EXPECTED



The Policy and Regulation Committee is requested to consider this document, note the theme of the Third African Postal Regulators Conference, and make any relevant comments or counter-proposals. .



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

