



## POLICY AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

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### **BRIEF ON THE AFRICAN POSTAL REGULATORS FORUM (APRF)** **BUREAU MEMBERSHIP**

#### Agenda item No. 6.3

<b>1. Subject</b>  Brief on the African Postal Regulators Forum Bureau Membership	<b>2. References/paragraphs</b>  - Work Programme Working Group on Regulatory Development;  - Decision <b>No. 06/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024</b>
<b>3. Decision expected</b>  - Take note of this paper and make any relevant comments or inputs.	

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

By Resolution **No.18/PAPU/AC/XXXVI/2017**, the Administrative Council, meeting during its 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Nairobi (Kenya), established the African Postal Regulators Forum. Thereafter, the respective countries that have hosted the Administrative Council meetings equally took turns to serve as chairs of the Forum until 2023.

However, for the dual purposes of improved organization and realigning the bureau memberships of the Postal CEOs and Postal Regulators Fora with those of other Union bodies, the Administrative Council adopted Resolution No. 07/PAPU/AC/XLI/2023 approving the Term of Reference (ToRs) of the African Postal CEOs and Postal Regulators Fora during its 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session held in Arusha (Tanzania) from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## II. BUREAU MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING 42<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Bureau membership as envisaged in the ToRs was adjusted in 2023 by Council Decision **No. 06/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024**, adopted during its 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Arusha.

Accordingly, the Bureau membership of the Postal Regulators Forum is henceforth structured as follows:

- **Co-Chairs:** Central and North regions;
- **Rapporteurs:** West, East and Southern regions;
- **Secretariat:** PAPU General Secretariat.

## III. RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING THE BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

When implementing the Resolution, the General Secretariat note that since 2022, the Central Region has chaired the African Postal Regulators Forum. This does not promote the spirit of the principle enshrined in **point 7** of the Terms of Reference, whereby “***The Forum shall be chaired on a rotating basis by a Member State, with due regard to the geographical distribution of the African Union.***”

This calls for a re-alignment of the Bureau in line with the dual-chair principle enshrined in the Administrative Council's Decision **No. 06/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024** passed during its 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held in Arusha (United Republic of Tanzania) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## IV. NEWLY ADOPTED BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

On the recommendation of the PAPU General Secretariat, Member States in attendance during the preparatory meeting for the Postal Regulators Forum, held remotely on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 11:00 am GMT, adopted the following restructured bureau membership:

- ✓ Co-Chairs: **Niger (West Africa) and Morocco (North Africa);**
- ✓ Rapporteurs: **Chad (Central Africa), Malawi (Southern Africa) and United Republic of Tanzania (East Africa).**

The new bureau will conduct the proceedings of the 7th and 8th editions of the Postal Regulators Forum, pursuant to Point 7 of the Terms of Reference adopted by Resolution No. 07/PAPU/AC/XLI/2023 approving the Terms of Reference of the African Postal CEOs and Regulators Fora.

## **V. DECISION EXPECTED**

The Policy and Regulation Committee is hereby requested to take note of this paper and make any additional comments or inputs.