

The Administrative Council of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), held its 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

The following Council Members participated: **Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.**

The following Member Countries were absent: **Libya and Sudan.**

The following participated as observers:

- PAPU Member Countries: **Burkina Faso, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe.**
- Other Organizations and Countries: **AFRAA, ATU, CCPA, COPTAC, CPAO, CRASA, EACO, ECOWAS, ESCHER, IOM, NEPAD, SAPOA, Precintia, Reason Solutions, UNI Global, Universal Postal Union (UPU), Belgium, France, India, South Sudan, Switzerland and United States of America.**

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Honourable, Debretsion Gebre Michael, Minister for Communication and Information Technology of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

The following Bureau was elected:

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Benin</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Zambia</b>
<b>Rapporteurs</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Egypt and Congo Republic</b>

During this session, the Council considered all the agenda items, among them:

- Report of Activities of the Secretary General for 2010-2011;
- The Draft Programme of Action of the Union for 2011-2012;
- Theme of the Pan African Post Day Celebrations 2011-2012;
- PAPU Administrative and technical committees' Reports:
  - a. Report of the Action Group on Postal Development;
  - b. Report of PAPU/AFRAA Contact Committee, Mail Circulation, and Postal Security in Africa;
  - c. Report of E-post, Promotion and Development of Postal Financial Services in Africa;

- d. Report of the Action Group for the Promotion of Philately in Africa;
  - e. Report of the African Support Committee in Charge of the UPU Key Content issues
  - f. Report of PAPU Strategy Board;
  - g. Report of PAPU Secretariat Management Board;
  - h. Report of the Credentials Committee on the financial situation of the Union;
- Financial Report of the Secretary General for the financial year 2009/10 and for the Interim period, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011
  - Report of the External Auditor on the Accounts of the Union for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010;
  - The draft budget of the Union for the 2011-2012 financial year and scale of assessment.

During the proceedings, presentations on various themes of interest on the development of postal services in Africa were made as follows:-

- “The role of e-services in the transformation of postal services in Egypt” (Egypt Post)
- “Multi-functional postal solutions – Korea Post’s Experience” (Korea Post)
- “Counter automation, an effective reengineering tool”: T.B. Reddy, Managing Director, Reason’s solutions
- “Major findings in the postal financial services study in Africa and future implications for the continent” (AU Study by Senegal)
- “Experience in implementing International Express Money Order Service in Africa” (LaPoste Gabon)
- “Migration Corridors in Africa, and between Africa and Europe: Implications on money transfers and Africa’s socio-economic development” (International Organization for Migration)
- “The rise of mobile money transfers: How it works and Lessons for the Post” – the Kenyan experience (Communications Commission of Kenya)
- “Development of postal financial services – opportunities for growth” (UPU)

- “Milestones in the joint implementation of regional development projects (PAPU and UPU)
- Development of security standards globally applicable to UPU members by UPU Inter Committee Security Group (ICSG)
- “The resurgence of international parcels business and development of strategies to build on the gains” (NIPOST)
- “Development of National Addressing Systems: Lessons for Africa” (South African Post office)
- “Mobilization of public awareness on national addressing system: Tanzania’s experience” (Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority)
- “The evolution of the UPU Terminal Dues System and implications for Developing Countries” (Belgian Post)
- “Implementation of AU Declarations and Decisions on Postal Sector Development in Africa” (AUC)
- “Implementation of IPDP in Africa: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities” (Cameroon, UPU Study)
- “Postal Solidarity” (Benin)
- “Human capacity development opportunities in India for sustainable development of the postal sector in Africa” (India Post)
- “Measures for reducing the negative effect of global warming in the activities of the post: The South African Post Office experience” (SAPO)
- Harnessing e-commerce by postal operators (InPost, Poland)
- Postal Digital Mail by Escher Group Limited, Ireland

At the end of the proceedings the Council made key decisions and resolutions.

A vote of thanks was addressed to the authorities of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

***Done in Addis Ababa on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011***