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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE ACTION GROUP FOR THE
PROMOTION OF PHILATELY IN AFRICA - (AGPPA)**

HELD AT IMPERIAL ROYAL HOTEL

**KAMPALA, UGANDA
24-26 November 2009**

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE ACTION GROUP FOR THE PROMOTION OF PHILATELY IN AFRICA (AGPPA)

The Action Group for the Promotion of Philately in Africa (AGPPA) meeting was held in Kampala on 24 – 26 November 2009.

1.0 PARTICIPATION

1.1 **PRESENT:** BURUNDI, EGYPT, NIGERIA, TUNISIA, ZIMBABWE and PAPU

1.2 **ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:** SOUTH AFRICA

1.3 **ABSENT:** BOTSWANA, COMOROS, GABON, MADAGASCAR, MOZAMBIQUE and ZAMBIA

1.4 **OBSERVERS:** KENYA AND UGANDA

1.5 **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:** The list of participants is attached

2.0 BUREAU

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| CHAIRMAN | - | TUNISIA |
| VICE-CHAIRMAN | - | NIGERIA |
| 1 ST RAPPORTEUR | - | BURUNDI |
| 2 ND RAPPORTEUR | - | EGYPT |

3.0 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed members and asked them to participate actively considering the long agenda. It was observed that matters arising from the report of the previous meeting and the status of implementation are recovered in the agenda items and therefore would be dealt with at once.

4.0 AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Matters arising from the report of the previous meeting held on 2nd June 2009 in Cairo, Egypt and status of implementation

4. Sensitization of members on the committee's Terms of Reference
5. Progress reports on the 30th PAPU Anniversary Stamp
 - Update by PAPU
 - Members' reports
6. Progress reports on preparations for the issuance of the 2010 World Cup Commemorative Stamp
 - PAPU
 - South Africa
 - Members
7. Progress report on a study to establish an African Philatelic Museum by Egypt
8. Report on the WADP meeting and Italia 2009 Stamp Exhibition in Rome, Italy, by PAPU
9. Programmes scheduled for 2010.
 - South Africa
 - Tunisia
10. A.O.B.
11. Adoption of the report
12. Closing

5.0 OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson welcomed members and asked them to actively participate in the committee's work, after which the agenda was presented and adopted.

6.0 SENSITIZATION OF MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following Terms of Reference were presented and deliberated on in order to understand the mandate of the committee:

- 1- Preparation of an annual programme of activities for implementation;
- 2- Preparation of annual progress reports on philately in Africa and its contribution to postal revenue streams;
- 3- Sensitizing members on their obligations under the provisions that created Administrative and Technical Committees;
- 4- Promoting marketing and developing a philatelic culture in Africa with special emphasis on its economic, national and cultural value;

- 5- Recommending when appropriate common themes of stamps and promoting joint issues among members;
- 6- Translating into action plans, the UPU Congress decisions and recommendations on philately;
- 7- Encouraging and supporting PAPU General Secretariat in terms of philatelic development activities;
- 8- Seeking funding from partners for promotion of philately;
- 9- Implementing the proposals and recommendations by UPU's Action Group for Promotion of Philately;
- 10-Preparing annual reports and recommendations to be submitted to the Administrative Council and/or the Conference in line with the provisions of the relevant Convention and Regulations;
- 11-Drawing up strategies for combating illicit and illegal stamp issuance in AFRICA.

The code of conduct for Administrative and Technical Committees was also presented for the information of members.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All members of the committees shall actively participate in the activities of their respective committees on a regular basis. Pursuant to this, any member country that absents itself from committee meetings without apology, for two consecutive times shall be deregistered from the committee;
2. Tasks assigned by the committee must be concluded within the specified time limit. Member countries who fail to complete their assignments within the stipulated time will not be allowed to participate in similar assignment within the next quadrennial cycle;
3. Member countries of the Secretariat Management Board and the Credentials Committee shall be actively involved in not only settling their annual contributions to PAPU budget in advance, in line with Article 17 of the Detailed Regulations of the Union, but shall also assist the Secretariat in recovering the outstanding debt of members within their sub region.

7.0 PROGRESS REPORT ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY STAMP

PAPU gave an update on the 30th Anniversary stamp after which the following recommendations were made:

- All member countries should ensure that they produce the stamp for launching on 18th January 2010 in Arusha, Tanzania
- PAPU to re-forward the logo and other pertinent information to member countries with a copy to the officers responsible for Philately by end of November 2009.
- In order to improve flow of information between PAPU and member countries particularly on philately issues, communication to Chief

Executive Officers should be copied to Heads of Philately in postal administrations for follow up and implementation

- Member countries should forward 4,000 stamps to PAPU as agreed during the last Administrative Council meeting in Cairo
- In the framework of celebrating the 30th PAPU anniversary, Egypt issued stamps in honour of African Nobel Prize winners which will be distributed on 18th January 2010.
- Information on the production of the PAPU special commemorative book will be provided to member countries that are required to submit scanned copies of the stamps issued since 1980 as well as pertinent information on postal development in their countries to PAPU for onward publishers of the book by end of November 2009.

7.1 PREPARATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF FIFA 2010 WORLD CUP COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

- The Committee received information from South Africa that consultations with FIFA on the production of the commemorative stamp on 2010 World Cup are still on-going. Once they are concluded, member countries should be informed immediately to facilitate production of the joint stamp.
- PAPU should follow up with South Africa to conclude the matter so that member countries can be advised on the costs and other requirements.
- All member countries should issue the commemorative stamp to mark this historic event on the African soil.

8.0 PROGRESS REPORT ON A STUDY TO ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM BY EGYPT

- Egypt made a presentation on the concept including architectural designs of the project without a definite budget.
- Member countries are encouraged to support the project by way of more ideas, proposals, etc.
- The proposals and ideas to be presented to members during the March 2-3, 2010 International Conference on the Future of the Postage Stamp in Hammamet, Tunisia
- PAPU should sensitize member countries on the meeting and encourage them to attend the Hammamet meeting. Tunisia, the host country, will also communicate to PAPU and member countries with a view to encouraging good attendance of the meeting.

9.0 REPORT ON THE WADP MEETING AND ITALIA STAMP EXHIBITION IN ROME, OCTOBER 2009

- The event focused on two important topics: how to combat illicit issues of stamps and how to use up-to-date technologies in the promotion of philately in Africa.
- The AGPPA urges member countries to take note of the following recommendations:
 - **WNS-** Using the World Numbering System (WNS) to register issued stamps can help postal administrations to keep track of their stamps and raise a red a flag in good time in case of any problems. However, many African countries are not sending the stamps fast enough to the UPU (1 month after the date of issue recommended).
 - **Agents:** No problem if good, reputable stamp agents are selected. Some member countries go to agents with no credibility. Close liaison with UPU is recommended.
 - **Illegal Issues:** There are clear procedures recommended by the UPU through the Code of Conduct to avoid such issues. However, many countries do not adhere to the guidelines in spite of several reminders by the IB and PAPU General Secretariat.
 - **Stamp Issues:** Members have been advised to stop production of the miniature sheets issues and turn to more innovative and secure productions like booklets, security perforations, etc.)
 - **Stamp Issue Themes:** Members are advised to depict local culture and not international unfamiliar themes such as celebrities like Michael Jackson, Lady Diana, Elvis Presley, etc. it is always safe to focus on African natural resources such as birds, mushrooms, fauna, etc.

- **Bad philatelic policy:** Lack of planning and adherence to the established rules of the game adversely expose postal services to abuse by dishonest agents. There is need for development of a good policy on issuance of stamps.

10.0 PROGRAMMES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- 10.1 **International Philatelic Conference** – Hammamet (Tunisia) on 2 and 3 March 2010. It will be open to all PAPU member countries as well as Arab, Southern and Eastern European countries. The theme will be **“The Future of the stamps.”**
- 10.2 **International Philatelic Forum** – Berne (Switzerland) in April 2010. Open to all UPU members, the theme will be: **“Forever Stamps.”**
- 10.3 **Philatelic Training Workshop and Exhibition** – Johannesburg (South Africa) from 27 to 31 October 2010, open to all PAPU members and the theme will be: **“Innovation, Best Practices, Rules and Contracts.”**
- 10.4 **International Conference on Philatelic Problems in Africa** – Tunis, Tunisia in December 2010.
- 10.5 PAPU Secretariat should jointly with hosts of the above meetings, sensitize member countries in order to achieve good attendance of the meetings.

11.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The following countries gave their experiences in marketing and development of philately in their respective markets: Burundi, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
- There is need for marketing of philately in schools, stamp clubs, among young people and retirees
- Participation in international stamp exhibitions and sales as a marketing function was emphasized. PAPU should request Chief

Executive Officers of postal administrations to facilitate attendance of such exhibitions by managers responsible for Philately.

- Need for organization of a training programme on philately by AGPPA, PAPU and member countries in order to build a team of trainers.
- Members' e-mail and telephone contacts to be circulated in order to facilitate exchange of information between members.
- PAPU should develop an effective system of regular update of information that member countries need to know on various aspects of postal services including philately.
- PAPU to compile information on philately for distribution to all member countries who request for it. The information package will be prepared by each of the members of AGPPA and forwarded to PAPU for onward transmission to members.
- Following Uganda's active participation, AGPPA proposes that she joins the committee as a member.
- Postal administrations should use philately as a tool of promoting other businesses that need to feature on stamps in order to increase revenues.
- AGPPA expressed profound gratitude to PAPU, Uganda Communications Commission and Uganda Post Limited for their excellent organization of the meeting, hospitality and the facilities extended to the members.

12.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The report was presented and adopted

13.0 CLOSING

The chairperson thanked everybody for their active participation and said "Long Live Philately in Africa".

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CHAIRMAN

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1ST RAPPORTEUR

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Ugo C. Ugo
Vice-Chairman

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2ND RAPPORTEUR

Kampala, 26th November 2009

VOTE OF THANKS

We, Members of the following PAPU Administrative and Technical Committees: Action Group for Postal Development, Action Group for the Promotion of Philately in Africa and the Credentials Committee, meeting in Kampala, Uganda from 24 – 26 November 2009;

Considering the warm welcome and hospitality, in the true African traditions, extended to all the participants, as well as the efficient organization put in place by the host country;

Noting the positive outcome of the deliberations concerning strategies for sustainable development of postal services in Africa, promotion and development of philately and ways and means of enhancing financial health of and compliance to the Acts of the Union

Congratulate the PAPU General Secretariat for organizing this highly successful meeting

Express our profound gratitude to the Executive Director of Uganda Communications Commission and his collaborators, the Managing Director of the Uganda Post Limited and his collaborators, as well as the organizing committee for effective facilitation of this meeting

Affirm our total commitment to the implementation of all the relevant recommendations made by the respective committees and urge all member countries to support all the initiatives and actions to be taken.

Done in Kampala, Uganda

On 26th November 2009

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