

## **ABUJA DECLARATION**

We, Member Countries of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), meeting on the occasion of the Phila Africa 2012 Stamp Exhibition and Workshop held on 31<sup>st</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 in Abuja, Nigeria:

**Recognizing** that philately constitutes a major part of postal business activity, thus contributing to overall postal development;

**Aware** that postage stamps and philatelic products continue to represent a major source of income for the Post both when used for mailing and for commercial and philatelic purposes;

**Noting** that philately is yet to be embraced by the youths and older generation alike on the African Continent due to lack of awareness and effective strategies for its development;

**Further noting** with concern that many member countries are victims of abusive stamp issues and other criminal activities targeting philatelic business in Africa;

### ***Commits ourselves to:-***

1. Intensify efforts to create more awareness on promotion and development of philately through exchange of experience and best practices, training programmes and partnership with stamp collectors and philatelists.
2. Forge close collaboration with security printers, philatelic agents and dealers to enhance the business of philately.
3. Encourage the establishment of a continental philatelic federation to harness synergies and explore ways and means of increasing the African share of the philatelic market.
4. Encourage and support African countries to patronize indigenous security printers to safeguard the interest of members against fraud.
5. Urge member countries to adhere to international standards and best practices in the production and sales of philatelic products.

***Done in Abuja, Nigeria, this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of February 2012.***