



**Interregional Panel on the opening of the UPU to Wider Postal Sector Players**  
**February 24 and 25, 2021 – 10:30 am to 14:30 pm (GMT-3)**  
**Zoom and streaming**

Hour	Topic	Person in charge/Panelist
<i>Session of Wednesday, February 24</i>		
10:10	Participants access to Zoom and Streaming platforms	
10:30 to 10:40	Instructions for participation in the PUASP Discussion Panel via Zoom platform and Streaming	PUASP General Secretariat
10:40 to 10:55	<b>Opening and general introduction of the Interregional Discussion Panel</b>	Gerardo González, Moderator and Roberto Cavanna, Secretary General of PUASP
<b>Module 1 – General Aspects in the process of Opening the UPU to the wider postal sector</b>		
<b>Analysis of the proposal presented by the Task Force:</b>		
10:55 to 11:40	Scope of the proposal for the determination of members and sectors to be integrated, their eligibility and categories Access to UPU products and services Preserve a single postal territory and competitive rates Project financing opportunities Necessary amendments to the Acts of the Union, implementation phases and expected deadlines Development and characteristics of the work of the Special Task Force Opening the UPU to the Wider Postal Sector	- Jack Hamande, Co-chair of Task Force “Opening up of the UPU to wider postal sector players”
<b>Module 2 – Possible scope of the Opening of the UPU</b>		
<b>The perspective of the different players before the Opening of the UPU</b>		
11:40 to 12:00	UPU role regarding the Obligation of the Universal Postal Service. Objectives and challenges for its opening. Successful experiences of other United Nations agencies and organizations. The perspective of the private postal sector.	- Jorge Aldana, Postal Specialist
12:00 a 12:20	La perspectiva del sector postal privado respecto de la apertura.	- Walter Trezek, Chairman of the Consultative Committee of the UPU
12:20 to 12:30	<b>10 minute break</b>	
12:30 to 13:00	Challenges of opening the UPU for Governments and States in general and in particular as guarantors of consumer rights	- Rafael Crespo, Deputy Director General of Postal Regime, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda of Spain - Stuart Smith, Chief, International Postal Affairs, U.S. Department of State



13:00 to 13:30	Considerations in the process of opening to the wider postal sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Franklin Furtado, General Coordinator of Governance and Related Entities, Ministry of Communications of Brazil</li> <li>- Rajeev Venugopal, General Manager of International Relations, Canada Post</li> </ul>
13:30 to 14:30	<i>Opening of the discussion to the participants</i>	<i>Participants</i>
	<i>Closing of the first of the day of the event</i>	Moderator
<b>Session of Thursday, February 25</b>		
10:10	Participants access to Zoom and Streaming platforms	
10:30 to 10:45	The perspective of the UPU International Bureau on the opening of the Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Pascal Clivaz, Deputy Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU</li> </ul>
10:45 to 12:10	Vision of Restricted Unions on the Opening of the UPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIN Hongliang, Secretary General of Asian-Pacific Postal Union</li> <li>- Oleg Syromyatnikov, Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC)</li> <li>- Younouss Djibrine, Secretary General, Pan African Postal Union</li> <li>- Jean Paul Forceville, Chairman of PostEurop</li> <li>- Guillermo Raymond, Secretary General of the Caribbean Postal Union</li> <li>- Germán Vázquez, European Committee for Postal Regulation (ECPR)</li> <li>- Roberto Cavanna, Secretary General of PUASP</li> </ul>
12:10 to 12:20	<b>10 minute break</b>	
12:20 to 13:00	<i>Opening of the discussion to the participants</i>	<i>Participants</i>
13:00 to 14:00	Vision of the UPU Director General Candidates on the Opening of the UPU to wider postal sector players and implications for the new management of the International Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pascal Clivaz (Switzerland)</li> <li>- Jack Hamande (Belgium),</li> <li>- Masahiko Metoki (Japan)</li> </ul>
14:00 to 14:30	<i>General conclusions and closing of the Interregional Discussion Panel</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gerardo González, Moderator and Roberto Cavanna, Secretary General of PUASP</li> </ul>