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Masahiko Metoki

Director General, UPU International Bureau

Mr Metoki is currently Director General of the UPU International Bureau. He first joined the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in 1983. He later took on the role of Postmaster at the Nihonmatsu Post Office in the Fukushima Prefecture, and subsequently returned to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in the role of Director of the International Service Office of the Postal Savings Bureau.

In 2003, he made his way back to Japan Post, where he continued his work in the postal savings business. He was then called upon to join the organization's privatization efforts as Director of the Office for the Promotion of Privatization of Postal Services in the Cabinet Secretariat. Following the Post's privatization, Mr Metoki held executive roles relating to the Post's initial stock offering, governance and international postal affairs.

In addition to his experience with the Post, Mr Metoki has worked with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Japan in Thailand.

Prior to taking up his current role, Mr Metoki was a familiar face at the UPU, having represented Japan as Chair of the Postal Operations Council (POC) since 2012. He chaired POC Committee 5 (Postal Financial Services) and the Postal Financial Services Group throughout 1999 and at the 22nd UPU Congress. In this role, he emphasized that the UPU, as a UN organization, must support postal financial services in a comprehensive manner.

Mr Metoki also led the first revision of the UPU's Convention, allowing for equipment containing lithium batteries to be sent via postal channels.

He holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) in social psychology from the University of Tokyo. In 1995, he was decorated with the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (third class). He is co-author of the academic paper "Postal Savings for National Development" (2008).



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Marjan Osvald
Deputy Director General, UPU International Bureau

Mr Osvald is an accomplished executive with 24 years of experience and progressive responsibility in international postal operations, strategy and sales.

Following 12 years of service as International Mail Director, Mr Osvald was promoted to the position of Senior Adviser to the Executive Management of Pošta Slovenije, with responsibility for international relations and organizations.

Throughout his career, Mr Osvald has been deeply involved in international postal business. He was an active member of the PostEurop Management Board for three consecutive mandates, chairing the Market Activities Circle that focuses on philately and emerging industry trends, such as blockchain and online platforms. He is a longstanding member of various steering committees within the International Post Corporation. He also participated in the establishment of the Postal Union for the Mediterranean (PUMed) and, in 2019, was elected member of the PUMed Board of Directors.

In his home country, Mr Osvald has served as Chairman of the Slovenian National Stamp Advisory Committee and has lectured in international postal operations at the Vocational College of Postal Services and Telecommunications in Ljubljana. He was also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Feniksšped (a freight and forwarding company) from 2011 to 2018.

Prior to taking up his current role, Mr Osvald actively participated in the work of the UPU, including the UPU Congresses of 1999, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2018. He has served as a UPU National Quality of Service Coordinator with responsibility for two award-winning projects, including one relating to a new concept of postal customs procedures backed up by a software solution, which won the 2014 Postal Technology Award for the Digital Innovation of the Year.

Mr Osvald graduated from the University of Maribor with a Bachelor's degree (BSc) in economics (foreign trade). He is actively involved in research and innovation projects (as part of the EU's Horizon 2020 project team) on cognitive logistics, involving core technologies such as artificial intelligence, the Social Internet of Things and big data analytics. He aims to move the postal industry towards Logistics 4.0. He is a regular speaker at international conferences and events related to international postal services.



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Saleh Bin Nasser Al Jasser

Minister of Transport and Logistics Services Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Mr Al Jasser is currently the Minister of Transport and Logistics Services of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mr Al Jasser holds a Bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. He also obtained a Master's degree and an MBA from King Saud University in Riyadh. Mr Al-Jasser served as Director General of Saudi Arabian Airlines from August 2014 to October 2019. Prior to that, he was Chief Executive Officer of the National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia from

November 2010 to June 2014.

He has served as a board member and chairman for various entities, including the Saudi Research and Marketing Group, Arabia Insurance Cooperative Company, Etihad Etisalat Company, Saudi Airlines Catering Company and Saudia Aerospace Engineering Industries.



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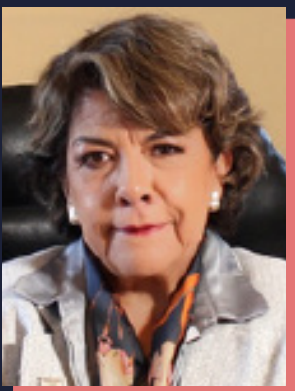
Dr Aminata Zerbo/Sabane
Minister of Digital Transition, Posts and Electronic Communications,
Burkina Faso

Dr Zerbo/Sabane is currently Minister of Digital Transition, Posts and Electronic Communications in Burkina Faso.

As an expert in digital innovation and transformation, Dr Zerbo/Sabane has previously served as General Director of the National Agency for the Promotion of Information and Communication Technologies (ANPTIC), and as Technical Secretary within the Ministry of Digital Transition. She also has private-sector

experience in information technology.

Dr Zerbo/Sabane has played a central role in coordinating major structural projects in Burkina Faso, including the e-Burkina project and the "Ecosystem and Digital Transformation" budgetary programme, within which she is responsible for monitoring and coordinating national projects relating to the digital transition.



Rocío Bárcena Molina
Director General, Correos de México

Ms Bárcena Molina is currently Director General of Correos de México.

She has 26 years of academic experience and 28 years in public administration, and has held leadership positions at both federal and state level.

During her time in public administration, Ms Bárcena Molina has served as Director General of Port Development and Administration, and was responsible for the development of Mexico's National Port System. She was also Head of

the Vulnerable Population Care Unit in the National System for Integral Family Development (SNDIF), promoting public policies for the care of vulnerable people. As Director General of the Institute for the Care of the Elderly of Mexico City, she coordinated the food pension programme for older adults. In addition, she has served as Director of Strategic Planning and Director of Inter-institutional Liaison, both for the Government of Mexico City.

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Abdulla Mohammed Alashram
Group Chief Executive Officer, Emirates Post Group

Mr Alashram is Group CEO for the Emirates Post Group, a public joint stock company under the Emirates Investment Authority, with operations across the United Arab Emirates. He has full responsibility for the Group's strategic direction and for oversight of the management and operations of its subsidiaries, which include Emirates Post, Wall Street Exchange and Electronic Documents Centre.

Mr Alashram joined the organization in 2001 and, since then, has been instrumental in the organization's growth by leveraging stakeholder relationships and focusing on maximizing margin enhancement. His focus remains to enable success through enriching customer experiences and investing in industry advancements to deliver integrated and convenient solutions. At present, Mr Alashram is spearheading the Group's business through a positive transformation towards a more profitable future, seeking opportunities in an ever-changing landscape.



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Minette Libom Li Likeng

Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Cameroon

Ms Libom Li Likeng is the current Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in Cameroon. She spearheaded the drafting of Cameroon's 2020 Digital Plan, which serves as a compass for the government, providing a concrete plan of action and vision to enable Cameroon to become a leader in the digital economy.

Ms Libom Li Likeng trained as a senior customs inspector and has spent much of her career in the Ministry of Finance, where her roles included that of Managing Director of Customs for eight years. In this capacity, she worked towards the modernization of the Cameroon customs authority, including the initiation of an assessment system for personnel and for the prevention of bad practices. This led to a marked increase in customs revenue.



Vineet Pandey

Secretary (Posts) and Chair of the Postal Services Board, India

Mr Pandey is currently Secretary (Posts) and Chair of the Postal Services Board at the Indian Department of Posts.

He is an officer of the 1986 cohort of the Indian Postal Service and has more than 33 years of experience in postal services. He has also worked for other government organizations, such as Telecommunication Consultants India Ltd., the Department of Personnel and Training, and Central Warehousing Corporation. In the recent past, his important assignments have included Director General (Postal Services), Member (Technology), Member (Postal Life Insurance) and Chairman (PLI Investment Board). He has also served at the head of the Financial Services, Business Development and Marketing Divisions of the Department of Posts.

He had been actively engaged in modernizing the financial services of the Department of Posts, including those offered by the Post Office Savings Bank, and has undertaken e-commerce capacity-building initiatives. He has also worked in the capacity of Senior Deputy Director General (Vigilance) and Chief Vigilance Officer of the Department of Posts, and Chief Vigilance Officer with the Central Warehousing Corporation.

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Eng. Anef Bin Ahmed Abanomai
President and Chief Executive Officer, Saudi Post Corporation

Eng. Abanomai is a highly experienced leader with more than 20 years of experience in cross-sectoral transformation. He holds several leadership positions, including President and Chief Executive Officer of Saudi Post Corporation, Chairman and Acting CEO of SPL, and Chairman of Naqel Express and Ersal Money Transfer. His life's work is dedicated to reshaping individuals and organizations, as demonstrated by his successful efforts in leading SPL to become a national champion in ground logistics and last-mile delivery. Eng. Abanomai is passionately committed to revitalizing and reigniting the possibilities of digital

transformation within the postal sector.



Dr Spyros Pantelis
Outgoing Chair, European Regulators Group for Postal Services and Vice President (Postal Services), Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission

Dr Spyros Pantelis is the outgoing Chair, European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) and Vice President (Postal Services) of the Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission.

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) is an advisory group to the European Commission.

Previously, Dr Pantelis has served as an alternate Member of the Hellenic Authority for Communication Security and Privacy Plenary.

He has coordinated Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) projects, in the context of European programmes for research and technological development, as well as European programmes of technical assistance. He has participated in telecommunications construction projects in Greece and the Balkan and Black Sea countries, and managed major consulting and research projects, including projects for the 2004 Olympic Games.



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Dr Marius Skuodis
Minister of Transport and Communications, Lithuania

Dr Skuodis was appointed Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania in 2020. Previously, he has served as Vice-Minister of the Economy and Innovation, as Director of the International Relations Department at the Bank of Lithuania, and as a member of the Board of the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation.

He holds a PhD in social science and a Master's degree in political science from Vilnius University, as well as a Master's in public administration, specializing in public and economic policy, from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Nape Nnauye
Minister of Information, Communications and Information Technology
Tanzania (United Rep.)

Mr Nape Nnauye is Minister for Information, Communications and Information Technology in Tanzania.

He has previously served as Minister for Information, Culture, Artists and Sports, and is the elected Member of Parliament for the Mtama constituency. He is also a member of the Local Authorities Accounts Committee.

Mr Nnauye holds a Master's degree from Mzumbe University and a diploma from the Centre for Foreign Relations in Tanzania.



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Dr Tobias Meyer
Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Post/DHL Group

Dr Tobias Meyer is the Chief Executive Officer of Deutsche Post/DHL Group, Germany.

Dr Meyer has been a member of the Board of Management of the DHL Group since 2019. He began his career at DHL in 2013 as Executive Vice-President for Corporate Development. In 2015, he took on the role of Chief Operating Officer at DHL Global Forwarding. Three years later, he moved to the Post & Parcel Germany division, again as Chief Operating Officer. Before joining DHL, Dr

Meyer worked for the McKinsey consultancy firm for twelve years.

Dr Meyer holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering from the Technical University Darmstadt.



Rafael Navarrine
President, Correo Uruguayo

Rafael Navarrine occupe le poste de Président de Correo Uruguayo depuis 2020.

Il s'est illustré lors de sa longue carrière militaire, au cours de laquelle il a été promu capitaine, major, lieutenant-colonel et colonel.

Il a obtenu le diplôme ISEDE en logistique de l'Université catholique de l'Uruguay. Il a par la suite organisé des ateliers au sein de cette même Université sur la planification et le contrôle des opérations logistiques et sur la conception et l'opération des centres de distribution.

En novembre 2010, il a officiellement pris sa retraite de l'armée uruguayenne pour se consacrer à des activités du secteur privé auprès de plusieurs entreprises dans le domaine des ressources humaines, de la logistique et des ventes.



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Li Yu

Chief Executive Officer, International, Singapore Post

Mr Yu was appointed as Chief Executive Officer, International, of Singapore Post on 12 September 2022. He leads the development and growth of international markets, advancing the cross-border e-commerce logistics business and orchestrating efficient supply chains for customers globally.

Mr Yu has more than 17 years of experience spanning engineering, operations, project management, customer/sales support, strategy and technology implementation. He joined Singapore Post's management team from United

Parcel Service (UPS), where he was most recently responsible for its Asia-Pacific global logistics and distribution. He oversaw all aspects of logistics and distribution operations, and led a cross-functional team managing customer engagement, technology, innovation, engineering, marketing and strategy.

Mr Yu also has experience in transformational and commercial leadership under his belt. He has led an e-commerce portfolio as part of the broader logistics line of business, and has grown businesses in his previous roles, notably in the e-commerce, healthcare, manufacturing and retail sectors.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in applied science and industrial engineering from the University of Toronto in Canada. He has lived and worked in North America, Shanghai (China, People's Rep.) and Singapore.



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Femi Oke

Ms Oke is an award-winning international journalist, broadcaster, professional moderator and co-founder of the diverse all-female moderators bureau "Moderate The Panel". Based in Washington, D.C., where she hosted the interactive news and current affairs show "The Stream" on Al Jazeera English for a decade, Ms Oke is a correspondent for the Al Jazeera documentary series "Fault Lines", and the social media correspondent for NPR's midday news programme "Here & Now".

Ms Oke's reporting has been recognized by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Communications Agency and InterAction. Since the 1980s, she has worked for BBC television and radio, Sky TV, all the UK terrestrial television networks, CNN, US public radio and Al Jazeera. As a professional moderator, she has presided over world-class events, including European Development Days for the European Commission, the NBA Africa Celebratory Luncheon for the US National Basketball Association, and the UN Secretary General's UN General Assembly Climate Change Roundtable. She is a world-class "infotainer", and her exuberance rubs off on speakers and the audience, transforming regular events into unforgettable ones.



Alex Taylor

Mr Taylor is an international journalist and conference moderator. He produces and presents programmes about European politics mainly for French television and radio, but also on international channels such as the BBC, Euronews and TV5 Monde. He has hosted more than 1,500 events worldwide, including several UPU meetings in Paris (France), Moscow (Russian Federation) and Minsk (Belarus). He was Programme Director for Radio France Internationale, charged with implementing the 24-hour per day news format. He speaks six languages and has written a bestseller on languages in French.

