



### Testing schedule for the UPU electronic voting platform – 27th Congress

In line with Exceptional CA decision 1/2020, the International Bureau (IB) has put in place IT systems and platforms to facilitate the holding of the Congress in a “hybrid” fashion. The electronic voting platform – one of the four systems implemented – will be used by all delegates authorized to vote, whether they are participating in person or remotely, subject to the decisions taken on the first day of the 27th Congress.

As the electronic voting platform is new to UPU members, all Congress delegations are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with it prior to the start of the 27th Congress. The IB will provide all Congress delegations with the opportunity to participate in tests of the various types of ballot used to make decisions at Congress.

It is important to note that only delegations (with the right to vote) which are registered on the UPU Event Management Platform ([events.upu.int](https://events.upu.int)) will be able to participate in the test votes. *Notifications relating to test votes will be sent to the e-mail address that was registered on the Event Management Platform.*

The table below shows the schedule for the planned test votes. In all cases, voting will be live for **24 hours** to allow all delegates to test the platform in their respective time zones.

<i>Test ballot</i>	<i>Start of 24-hour voting period</i>	<i>Voting instructions</i>
Quorum check	26 July, 10.00 CEST (UTC+2) and 2 August, 10.00 CEST	Delegations that receive the e-mail are asked to confirm their presence in the quorum check (PRESENT) in accordance with article 17 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses.
Open vote	27 July, 10.00 CEST and 3 August, 10.00 CEST	Delegations that receive the e-mail are invited to participate in an open vote (YES, NO, ABSTAIN) on an amendment to an article in accordance with article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses.
Secret vote	28 July, 10.00 CEST and 4 August, 10.00 CEST	Delegations that receive the e-mail are invited to participate in a secret vote (YES, NO, ABSTAIN) on an amendment to an article in accordance with article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses.
CA/POC member election	29 July, 10.00 CEST and 5 August, 10.00 CEST	Delegations that receive the e-mail are asked to participate in a <b>simulated</b> selection of UPU member countries for the CA or POC in accordance with article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses and article 106 and 112 of the General Regulations.
DG/DDG election	30 July, 10.00 CEST and 5 August, 10.00 CEST	Delegations that receive the e-mail are asked to participate in a <b>simulated</b> vote for the positions of DG/DDG in accordance with article 21 of the Rules of Procedure of Congresses

During the test voting periods, the IB’s technical support team will monitor the delivery of e-mails and voting results and will contact delegations in the event of any technical issues. In all cases, the e-mail address [support.events@upu.int](mailto:support.events@upu.int) is to be used for correspondence.

Congress delegations wishing to receive dedicated online training on the electronic voting platform are invited to contact the technical support teams at [support.events@upu.int](mailto:support.events@upu.int) to arrange an appropriate time for the training session via the Microsoft Teams or Zoom platform.

Further details on the information technology systems and platforms in place can be found on the dedicated 27th Congress page on the UPU website at [www.upu.int/en/Universal-Postal-Union/About-UPU/Bodies/Congress](http://www.upu.int/en/Universal-Postal-Union/About-UPU/Bodies/Congress)