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- United Nations Postal Administration
- WADP partners

Berne, 3 October 2022

## **Reference:** 4700(DL.PHIL)1099 **Subject:** Invitation to WADP international philately conference entitled "Philately: digitalization and business model" in Cape Town, South Africa – 9 and 10 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Chair of the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), it is my pleasure to invite you to an international philately conference entitled "Philately: digitalization and business model", which will take place on 9 and 10 November 2022 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in South Africa. This conference is jointly organized by the UPU, the WADP, the Pan African Postal Union, and South Africa.

Cape Town has been chosen as the venue as it is hosting the Cape Town International Stamp Exhibition from 8 to 12 November 2022. Conference participants will therefore have the opportunity to visit this major international philatelic event, which will include the 17th international competition class for issuing postal authorities of UPU member countries and their territories.

We would like to encourage your philately directors and specialists to participate in this conference. The meeting documents will be distributed as they become available. We would be grateful if you could inform us of any other issues that you would like to be discussed during the conference.

The discussions at the conference will take place in English and French. However, the documents will be available afterwards in all of the usual UPU languages.

/ The registration form for participation in the conference is attached as Annex 1. We kindly ask you to complete it and return it to us by 21 October 2022 at the latest.

With regard to accommodation, participants will be provided with a list of recommended hotels upon registration. Furthermore, Ms Queen Montoedi (qmontoedi@dcdt.gov.za) from the Ministry of Communications and Digital Technologies will be able to assist with any issues relating to obtaining a visa to enter South Africa.

If you have any questions for the WADP secretariat, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Stephane Cuennet, Deputy Secretary, whose contact details are provided above.

I hope that you will be able to participate in the WADP's activities in Cape Town.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Vladyslav Dubenko Director of Logistics



## **Registration form**

## Philately conference entitled "Philately: digitalization and business model"

9 November (9.00–17.00) and 10 November (9.00–12.00) 2022, Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

Please confirm your participation by e-mailing a completed form for each participant as soon as possible, and **no later than 21 October 2022**, to stephane.cuennet@upu.int (tel: +41 31 350 35 07).

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