

# AND POSTAL SECTOR: sharing changes and partnering for transformation

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## Postal sector and the envelope industry: common challenges

Impacted by the same market trends (letter mail/parcels) and drivers (digitalization)

Innovation in products and transformation in business models

Diversification: finding new growth opportunities

Sustainability requirements for a greener industry



## Needs for a common response: Working together!

Posts and the envelope industry

**UPU and industry organizations (FEPE)** 





### Latest Trends

Analysis of the global economy and the postal sector

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## State of global e-commerce

Pre-COVID19 trends and the pandemic's legacy: more people are (shopping) online

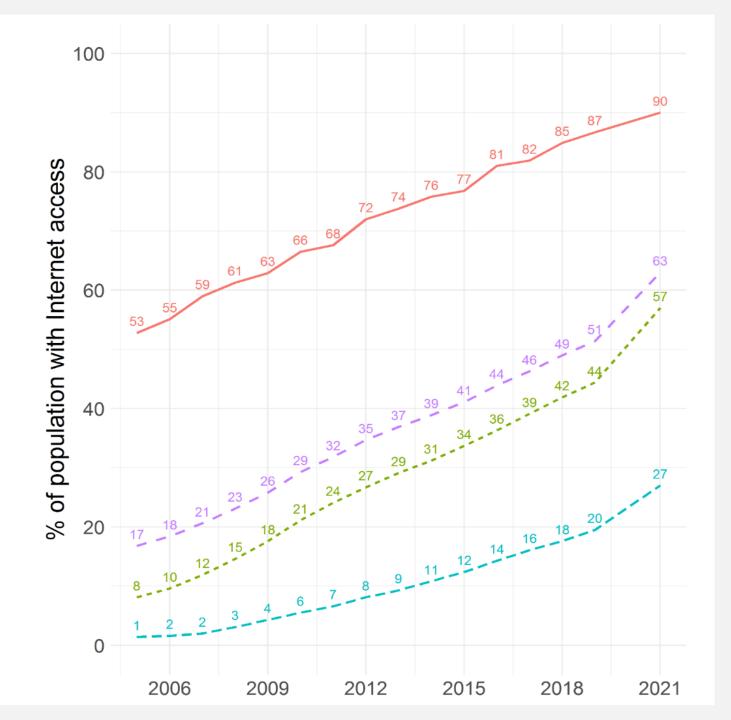
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Least DevelopedCountries (LDCs)

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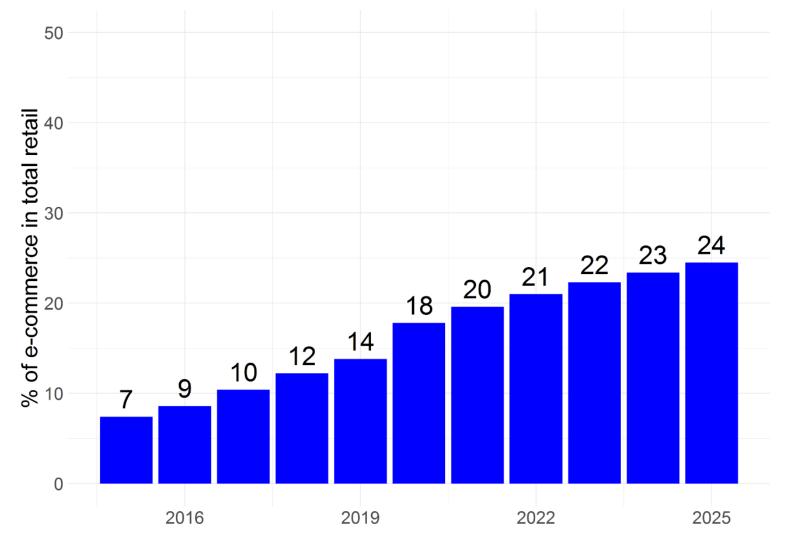
Source ITU (2021)





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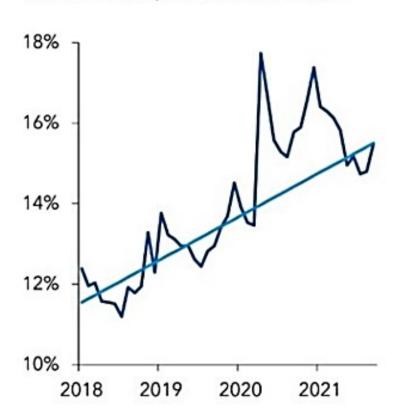
#### However

As restrictions are lifted, online retail returns to its pre-pandemic trend

#### Online retail

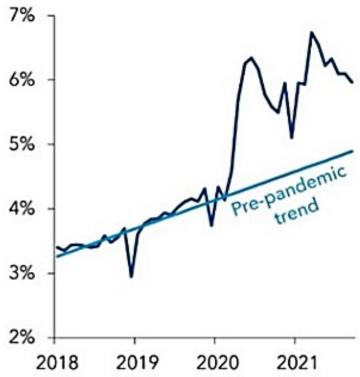
The share of retail done online is settling back in line with prepandemic trends across various economies.

#### United States, retail online share



#### 7%

Brazil, retail online share



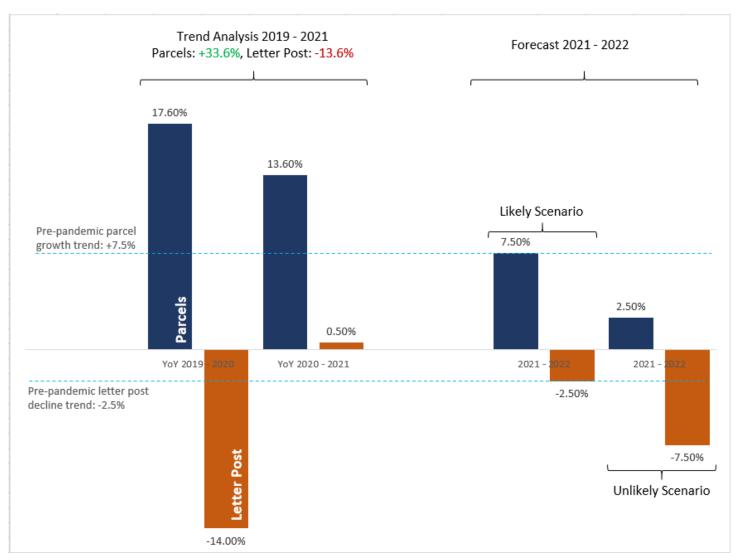
Source: Mastercard Economics Institute.





#### Domestic postal trends: 2019-21 & beyond

Parcel volumes are pursuing steady growth, letter post volume decline is slowing



#### **Domestic Parcels**

- Global volumes up by 33.6% between 2019 and 2021.
- Still above trend in 2021.
- High single-digit growth rate for 2022.

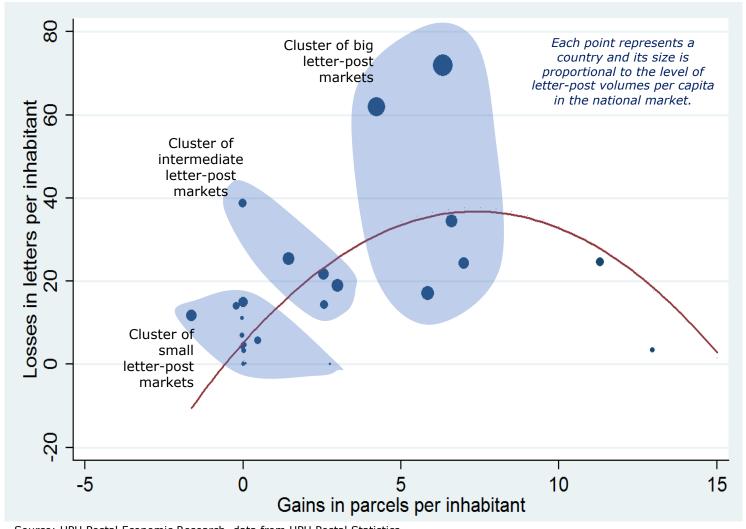
#### **Domestic Letter Post**

- Global volumes down by 13.6% between 2019 and 2021.
- Slightly increasing in 2021.
- Low single-digit decline rate for 2022.
- Direct mail drives the recovery with 4% YOY growth
- The future is direct mail for cross-border B2B2C e-commerce.



#### Domestic postal trends: 2019-21 & beyond

For each parcel gained, the post lost 8.8 letters



8.8 letters worth of revenue per parcel to maintain revenue base.

Markets closer to an inflection point in letter-post volume losses.

Beyond inflection point, more parcels = slower letters volumes declines.

No more losses in letter-post volumes after 15 additional parcels per capita.

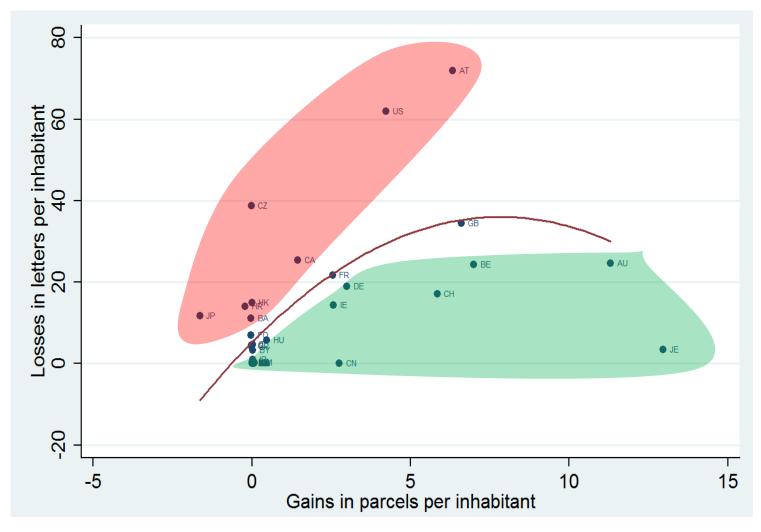
Letter-post declines expected to taper off: larger letter-post markets closer than ever to the inflection point.

Source: UPU Postal Economic Research, data from UPU Postal Statistics



#### Domestic postal trends: 2019-21 & beyond

How are envelope markets affected by accelerated e-commerce and digitization?



## Different envelope market conditions from country to country.

Greater challenges for Designated operators (DOs) in the red area: moving to slower declines of mail ... but slowly

Better prospects for envelope sales in countries in the green area: moving to slower declines of mail ... very fast

Source: UPU Postal Economic Research, data from UPU Postal Statistics



## Opening up of the UPU to Wider Postal Sector Players

Engaging FEPE members in an inclusive UPU

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## What is the opening of the UPU?

Decades ago, the postal sector used to be run entirely by a single operator, which was known as "the Post".

The sector has become **increasingly liberalized** and many Posts have been privatized.



## What is the opening of the UPU?

Stakeholders from the wider postal sector are **not fully represented** at the UPU

Providing wider postal sector players access to UPU products and services



#### Work stream 1

recommend the ideal structural governance mechanism for WPSPs to engage with the UPU.

#### **UPU's Task Force**

Creation of a task force on the opening up of the UPU to WPSPs

Work stream 2

recommend products and services of the UPU that might be opened up for access by WPSPs.

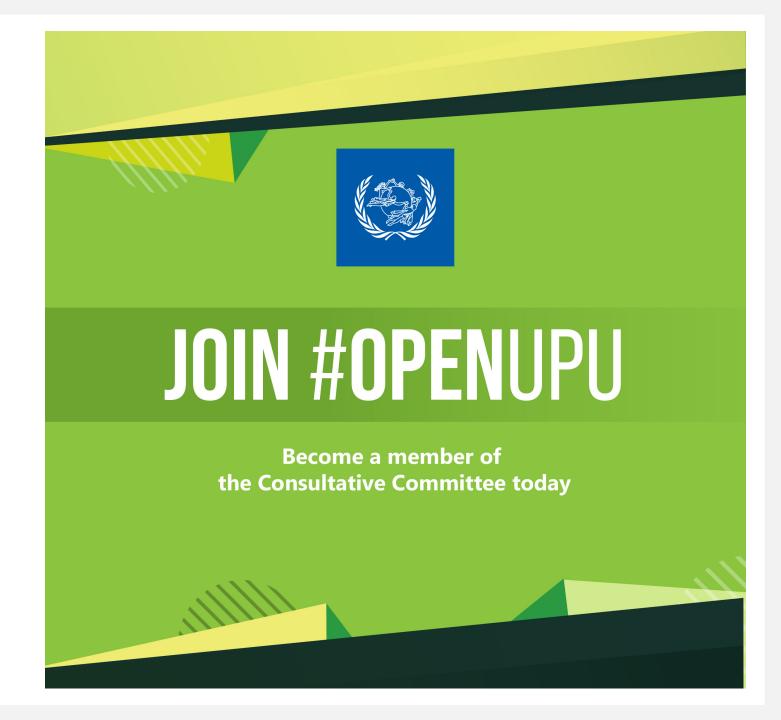
Three work streams:



ensure reform as a continuum within the UPU



# UPU's Consultative Committee (CC)





## Other existing UPU channels for cooperation



Direct Marketing



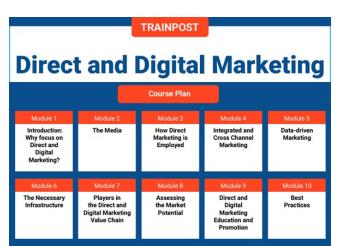
## DMAB unique value proposition

**Knowledgebase, case studies and best practice** 

**Guides and training materials** 

Capacity building and technical assistance to postal operators

Tools, equipment and solutions













#### How can FEPE members engage?

## **Engage Domestically**

### Have a say on our future

## Be a part of the UPU family

Make sure your voices are heard in domestic debates on opening up the UPU to wider postal sector players

Participate in the public consultation on the opening up of the UPU to wider public sector players

Join the Consultative Committee and create opportunities with other channels (DMAB)

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