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**Africa Sub-Regional Postal Bodies:**

ARCTEL, COPTAC, CRASA, EACO, SAPOA and WAPCO

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE PAPU DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP TO BE HELD FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> -13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024, IN ARUSHA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you to the above-captioned workshop on postal financial services, which PAPU will organize from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania. The Workshop will be held under the theme **"Fostering Financial Inclusion through Digital Solutions."**

The main objective of the workshop is to ensure that participants gain a common and comprehensive understanding of the importance of Postal Financial services by promoting the implementation of digital financial services in African Posts, thereby enhancing financial inclusion for national socio-economic development, creating opportunities for sharing of expertise and best practices, as well as building capacity in the area of postal financial services.

Regulators and Designated Operators involved in the development, innovation, implementation, and expansion of postal financial services in their respective countries are expected to participate in this important workshop. Specifically, the presence of the Designated Operator's Financial Services Product Managers will be most appreciated.

Given the importance of Digital Financial Services in the postal business, PAPU will sponsor one participant from each eligible Member State. The sponsorship will cover **an economy class return air ticket, accommodation, and a daily allowance of USD 25 only in lieu of dinner for every night spent in Arusha** to the sponsored representative duly nominated by the Member State. Please, note that only Member States not indebted to PAPU for **more than two financial years** or have ongoing amortization arrangements shall be eligible for sponsorship. Furthermore, be informed that the Member States will bear the cost of entry visas into Tanzania, travel insurance, and costs relating to additional participants of Member States' representatives.

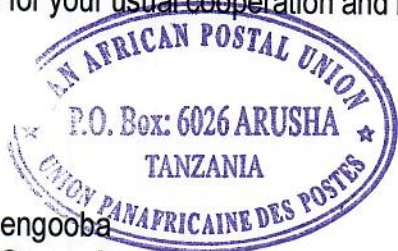
Attached is the registration form, which we kindly request you to complete and forward by e-mail to the designated contact persons as soon as possible, but not later than **15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, to facilitate logistics and other necessary preparations for the workshop. Sponsored participants must provide a scanned copy of their international passport bio-data page and complete the registration and medical forms.

The concept note, pertinent information about the host country, a list of recommended hotels, and entry visa requirements are attached as annexes for your smooth preparations. The draft programme will be sent to you in due course.

For effective logistical coordination, we recommend that all participants stay at the recommended hotels. In the event that some delegates prefer to stay elsewhere, they will be required to make their own transport arrangements between their places of residence and the workshop venue.

I thank you very much for your usual cooperation and look forward to welcoming all the participants in Arusha.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Jessica Hope Ssengooba  
**Assistant Secretary General**  
**For: SECRETARY GENERAL**

**Attachments:**

- Concept Note
- Registration form
- Tanzania Country information