



UPU CONFERENCE  
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2019

UPU remuneration  
systems – new frontiers  
for an old world?

# PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 9 April 2019



## Opening

14:00–14:15

### **Opening remarks**

by Mr Bishar A. Hussein, UPU Director General

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by external moderator (TBD)

## Session one

14:15–15:30

### **Competition and universal access: balancing the scale**

The first session will aim to address how the UPU can fulfil its mandate to ensure universal access to affordable international postal services in an increasingly competitive cross-border delivery market, focusing on the impacts that the various policy options for achieving this mandate may have on the UPU's remuneration systems. The discussion will explore the growing issues from various perspectives, including economic efficiency and political economy, along with socio-economic considerations.

## Session two

15:30–16:45

### **Market drivers in cross-border postal services: a tale of conflicting interests or synergies?**

In recognition of the increasingly important role that the postal channel plays in facilitating international trade, particularly e-commerce, the second session will scrutinize the relation between the UPU's remuneration systems (and its underlying policy principles) and international trade flows. Among other things, it will explore how the apparent tensions and synergies of the policy principles governing the UPU's remuneration systems affect sustainable trade development, as well as the relevance of existing and future trade policy frameworks – such as those of the WTO and various Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) – to the UPU's rules, including its remuneration systems.

Session  
**three**

16:35–18:00

**Remuneration governance: the way forward**

Against the backdrop of the key conclusions of the first two sessions, the final session will provide a platform for an informed debate on where the UPU's remuneration systems currently stand, and where they need to get to in order to satisfy the needs of the UPU's multiple stakeholders. While taking stock of the current situation, this session is also intended to be forward-focused, enabling participants to present and debate ideas on how to (re)shape the UPU's remuneration systems.

Closing  
**remarks**

18:00–18:15

**Conclusions by moderator**

by the external moderator

**Closing**

18:15

**Closing remarks**

by Mr Pascal Clivaz, UPU Deputy Director General

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