

STATEMENT BY HON. JERRY WILLIAM SILAA (MP), MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD POST DAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2025



Theme: *“Post for People: Local Service. Global Reach.”*

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I am honored to join the global community in celebrating World Post Day 2025, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874.

This year, as the UPU commemorates 151 years of uniting nations through communication and cooperation, we are reminded of the lasting importance of the Post in connecting families, strengthening communities, and linking nations across the globe.

The theme for this year, *“Post for People: Local Service. Global Reach,”* reflects the vision of our Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. It reminds us that postal services are not only a vital link for communication, goods, and financial services at home, but also a gateway that connects our people and businesses to the wider global economy.

At the recently concluded 28th UPU Congress in Dubai, member states adopted the UPU Dubai Strategy (2026 – 2029), a roadmap for transforming the global postal sector. This strategy emphasizes service quality, digital innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability values that align closely with Tanzania’s National Vision 2050. Inspired by this, we continue to reform our

postal system to create opportunities, empower communities, and ensure that every citizen benefits from both local and international connections.

As part of this effort, the Ministry is finalizing a review of the National Postal Policy of 2003. This review is a major step towards modernizing Tanzania's postal sector. The updated policy will focus on Embracing digital technologies, smart infrastructure, and innovative service delivery; Encouraging private sector participation to improve efficiency, competitiveness, and service models; Supporting e-commerce to help small businesses, cross-border trade, and timely deliveries; and Strengthening cross-border postal and courier systems to position Tanzania as a key player in regional and global connectivity. We are confident that the revised policy will empower our people, support businesses, and strengthen Tanzania's place in the global network.

These reforms are guided by accessibility, inclusivity, and sustainability. Our goal is to ensure that postal services remain affordable and reliable for all citizens, especially those in rural and underserved areas. With these changes, Tanzania's Postal Sector will not only remain a crucial service for communities but also drive economic growth, regional integration, and global competitiveness.

At the same time, we remain committed to the principle of universality, ensuring that every citizen has access to affordable, reliable, and inclusive postal services. The postal sector also carries an important responsibility in promoting environmental sustainability. We encourage the use of green technologies, eco-friendly packaging, and digital solutions so that our postal system remains people-centered and prepared for the future.

As we mark World Post Day 2025 under the theme *"Post for People: Local Service. Global Reach,"* Tanzania reaffirms its commitment to a postal system that serves its people, is accessible to all, responds to their needs, and extends its reach far beyond our borders. The Ministry pledges its full support for policies and initiatives that make the Post a cornerstone of socio-economic growth, inclusive development, and international connectivity.

I wish you all fruitful celebrations on this World Post Day 2025

Thank you