



WORLD POST DAY 2021

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Message of UN Secretary-General António Guterres

On World Post Day, we recognize the invaluable contributions of postal workers to our societies and economies. The vast postal network – involving millions of workers moving billions of pieces of mail through hundreds of thousands of post offices – is woven into our societies, connecting communities the world over.

As we continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic, the resilience and commitment of these essential workers are an inspiration. We owe them our gratitude.

The theme for this year's World Post Day – **“Innovate to recover”** – highlights how the postal sector is adapting to new realities and redefining itself, taking on new roles founded on digitalization, e-commerce and financial services.

“Innovate to recover” invites everyone in the international postal sector to embrace creative change and leverage technology as we together look to build forward better from the pandemic.

I congratulate the Universal Postal Union and the international postal sector for your tireless efforts delivering mail, providing essential services, enabling trade, and promoting literacy. The United Nations looks forward to advancing our partnership in the service of sustainable development and a better world for all.

