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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

AAPAM Award for Innovative Management 2014

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is inviting participation in its eighth continental-wide Innovative Management Award, which honours Public Sector institutions, organisations and Ministries/Departments which have made exceptional and long-standing contributions to the Public.

2. The Award promotes effective innovations that bring about improved performance in Public Sector organisations through the introduction of new ideas, operational and management methods.

3. The purpose and objectives of the Award are to:

(i) recognise and publicise innovations in the Public Sector which are worthy of emulation;
(ii) enhance the image of the public sector in Africa;
(iii) promote innovation in the public sector by encouraging and recognizing organisations and people for creative and effective ways of solving specific problems of administration and management; and
(iv) facilitate the transfer of innovation and best practices as a way of improving the quality of Public Administration and Management in Africa.

4. Award recipients will be selected by an independent jury composed of five prominent persons knowledgeable in the field of public sector management. Five finalists will be invited to appear before the Jury to present and defend their submissions. The best three entrants will receive the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in order of merit. The other two finalists may receive recognition trophies. The Awards will be attributed to the winners at the AAPAM Roundtable Conference which will be hosted by the Government of Ethiopia in November 2014.

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5. Winners and leading entries will be extensively publicised, including by way of features in the AAPAM Newsletter. They will receive recognition, acknowledgement and prestige within both the African and worldwide public administration communities.

6. Submissions in either English or French should be made on the prescribed entry form and should not exceed 1,500 words. An executive summary of not more than 50 words should also be provided. The closing date for submission of entries is 30 June 2014.

7. All public sector organizations, i.e Ministries/Departments including Sections/Divisions/Units, Public Sector Institutions, Local Governments and Municipal Authorities and Institutions of Higher Learning are eligible to participate. Information regarding conditions, procedures and rules of the competition, criteria for evaluation of submissions as well as information to be included in the entry form are available on the website of this Ministry at: http://www.civilservice.gov.mu

8. Entries for the AAPAM Award for Innovative Management should be forwarded directly to AAPAM by e-mail at aapam@aapam.org with copy to this Ministry at mcsa-aru@mail.gov.mu by the closing date of 30 June 2014.

9. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all officers serving in your organization as well as those of Parastatal and other Statutory Bodies operating under the aegis of your Ministry.

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for Senior Chief Executive

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