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United Nations Public Administration Network Portal

The United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) Portal was set up by the United Nations in March 2001. The Portal is a virtual electronic network that promotes the sharing of knowledge and exchange of innovative practices and lessons learned in public administration and management at local, national and international levels. The ultimate objective of the portal is to support the development of effective and efficient public administration systems and competencies, especially in developing countries in their last drive to achieve the Millenium Development Goals and prepare for the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals.

2. The Ministry of Public Service and Administration in South Africa is the Online Regional Centre for the SADC Region. In this connection, the United Nations has entrusted the Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) in South Africa with the coordination function to ensure that SADC’s contribution to this global knowledge repository is maximized.

3. We are, therefore, inviting you to visit the UNPAN Portal and reap maximum benefits therefrom. With a view to further enhancing the use of UNPAN Portal and in a spirit of knowledge sharing and benchmarking of best practices in the Public Sector, we are inviting your Ministry/Department to contribute by forwarding relevant materials as per attached template in the Annex on any of your breakthrough innovative projects which could be uploaded onto the portal. Such initiatives will undoubtedly help to expand the repository of public administration and management documents and nurture a Knowledge Management Community in the SADC region.

4. Your inputs can be forwarded to Mr. S. Ramasawmy, Assistant Permanent Secretary, on his email address swrasawmy@govmu.org. For more information and clarifications, he can be contacted on 208-7619.

5. We thank you for your collaboration and support in our common knowledge sharing and capacity building mission.

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