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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards (AAPSIA) - 2016

The Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) is inviting nominations for the All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards (AAPSIA) 2016. The AAPSIA is the first Africa-wide awards programme that celebrates innovation in the public sector. The purpose of AAPSIA is to promote and encourage innovative public service delivery practices. The Awards are meant to recognize successful and effective service delivery initiatives that have been achieved through the application of innovative approaches, methodologies and tools.

2. The theme for the 2016 AAPSIA Awards is “Public Sector Innovation towards the Africa we want” and entries for the Awards are being invited for the following three categories:

   (i) Category 1 - Innovative Service Delivery Institutions;

   (ii) Category 2 - Innovative Partnerships in Service Delivery; and

   (iii) Category 3 - Innovations in the Systems and Processes of Governance.

3. Projects must reflect an innovative idea or concept that has been successfully implemented within the public sector context in Africa. The eligibility criteria for the Awards are as follows:

   • The projects must originate or have been significantly developed within Africa;
   • Projects must provide direct benefits to the citizens in their own country, region or across the African continent;
   • The Awards are open to individuals or units in government departments, parastatals and public-private partnerships;
   • The project must operate within the public sector and must be in existence for at least one year.

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4. Submissions will be judged by a panel of nominated adjudicators. All finalists will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony where a grand prize will be awarded to each of the winners of the three categories. All category winners will receive a trophy. The runners-up will be awarded a certificate that reflects the recognition of the success of the project.

5. The Awards Submission Form and details of the AAPSIA 2016 are available on the following websites: [www.unpan.org](http://www.unpan.org) and [agp-platform.org](http://agp-platform.org) as well as on the website of this Ministry on [civilservice.govmu.org](http://civilservice.govmu.org).

6. The closing date for submission of entries is **07 October 2016**. Submissions must be in either English or French or Portuguese or Arabic and can be posted, faxed or e-mailed. Entries for AAPSIA 2016 should be forwarded as per official Awards Submission Form directly to:

   The Secretariat  
   2016 AAPSIA Awards  
   Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)  
   Postnet Highveld, Suite 404  
   Private Bag X 111  
   Centurion, 0046  
   South Africa  

   Email: aapsia@cpsi.co.za  
   Fax: +27 12 643 0943

7. A copy of your submission should be sent to the Administrative Reforms Division of this Ministry. For any additional information, Mrs A. Sarju or Ms S. Ramdin may be contacted on tel nos 405 5785 or 405 5792 respectively.

8. It would be appreciated if you could disseminate the contents of this Circular Letter to all Officers/Divisions/Units within your Ministry/Department and Parastatal organizations falling under the aegis of your organization and encourage participation in the AAPSIA 2016.

   (P. Jhugroo)  
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