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

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

Tenth AAPAM Award for Innovative Management

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is inviting participation in its tenth continental-wide Innovative Management Award.

2. The 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.

3. The evaluation of entries will be carried out by an independent Jury Panel to be set up by AAPAM. Five finalists will be invited to appear before the Jury Panel to present and defend their respective submissions. The best three entrants will receive the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in order of merit, while the other two finalists may receive recognition trophies. The Awards will be attributed to the winners at the 38th AAPAM Roundtable Conference that will be held in November 2017.

4. 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.
5. Information regarding conditions of participation (Annex 1), criteria for evaluation of submissions (Annex 2) as well as the Entry Form (Annex 3) are available on the website of this Ministry at: http://civilservice.govmu.org

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. Entries for the Award should be forwarded directly to AAPAM by e-mail at aapam@aapam.org with copy to this Ministry at mcsa-aru@govmu.org by 28 April 2017 at latest.

7. Supervising Officers are requested to bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the attention of all Heads of Divisions/Units of their Ministry/Department, including Chief Executives of Parastatal Bodies falling under their purview as well as those in Local Authorities.

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