Message to Public Officers by

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&
Africa Public Service Day

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Every year, on the 23rd of June, we celebrate the United Nations Public Service Day as well as the Africa Public Service Day. It is a time for reflection on the roles and functions of the Public Service. On this day, we also celebrate the dedication of public officers for their effective contributions to service delivery to the people and to the nation at large.

The theme for this year which is ‘Leaving No One behind: Innovative Institutional Approaches and Public Service Delivery’ is meant to emphasise on innovation and transformation for boosting social empowerment and inclusiveness.

The importance of innovation in the public service should never be underestimated. Innovation has to be relevant, responsive and purposeful for enabling public institutions to work smartly and flexibly. It should make a difference by crystallising into tangible results for all our people, regardless of their geographical location and socio-economic status.

As you know, the vision of this Government is to transform Mauritius into a modern economy. In this respect, the public service has a crucial role to play in the attainment of this objective. This is why we are all fully engaged in public service reforms with a view to creating better opportunities for business and improving the quality of life of citizens. In this same perspective, the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms foresees that the public service of 2030 would be manned by highly qualified and talented people
operating in a completely different and modern environment. We know that the challenges ahead are huge and the public service has no alternative than to strive hard to maintain and sustain its level of competitive advantage.

On this day, I wish to commend the efforts and engagements of one and all in the public service, past and present, in striving to improve the public service delivery. I also invite all public officers, irrespective of their grades, to join hands with me to celebrate our successes and to further continue on the path of modernisation and transformation of our public service in the overall nation building task.