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From: Supervising Officer, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

To : Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

**United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) 2009 and  
UNPAN Member Excellence Award**

The United Nations Public Service Awards Programme is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in the public service. It rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions to the development of countries around the world. Through this annual competition, the United Nations promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of the public service.

2. Entries for the 2009 Awards are invited for the following four categories:-
  - (i) Improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in the Public Service
  - (ii) Improving the delivery of services
  - (iii) Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms (e.g utilizing ICT, particularly budgeting, participatory/social auditing and monitoring, and others)
  - (iv) Advancing knowledge management in government.
3. The UNPAN is a unique on-line network of worldwide national, regional and international institutions devoted to sharing knowledge, experiences and best practices, as well as to capacity-building and cooperation among United Nations Member States in the field of governance and public administration. This year a special award – the UNPAN Member Excellence Award on knowledge sharing will be given to UNPAN members who have provided an outstanding contribution to the work of the network.
4. Award recipients will be selected by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration. The winners and finalists of the United Nations Public Service Awards 2009 and of the UNPAN Member Excellence Award will be recognized during the celebration of the International Public Service Day, which takes place every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the United Nations in New York.


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5. All public organizations, public/private partnerships and organizations performing outsourced public service functions are eligible for nomination. Self-nomination will not be accepted. Nominations have to be made by another entity other than the institution being nominated, e.g through the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms.

6. It would be appreciated if you could arrange to disseminate the contents of this Circular Letter to Divisions/Units within your Ministry/Department and parastatal organizations falling under the aegis of your organization. Details of the UNPSA Programme and the Nomination Form are available on the following websites:

[www.unpan.org/dpepa\\_PSaward.asp](http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_PSaward.asp) or  
[www.unpan.org/unpsa2009](http://www.unpan.org/unpsa2009)

7. Nominations should be submitted in both hard and soft copy as per Nomination Form by **Friday 19 December 2008** to the Administrative Reforms Division of this Ministry at e-mail address [mcsa-ar@mail.gov.mu](mailto:mcsa-ar@mail.gov.mu) for onward transmission to the United Nations.

  
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