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

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

Australia Awards – Australian Development Scholarships 2013

The Australian Government, in partnership with the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, is offering a limited number of Australian Development Scholarships commencing in January 2013. The scholarships proposed are for study at Masters level at Australian Universities in the following priority fields of study:

- **Public Sector & Municipalities** (including Public Policy, Diplomacy, Trade/International Trade, Public Finance Management, Public Sector Reform, Public Private Partnership)
- **Natural Resource Management** (including Environment, Climate Change, Water Management [particularly Urban Development], Agriculture)

2. Scholarships cover airfares, tuition fees, medical cover and a living allowance. Female candidates and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

3. Study in Australia is subject to the successful applicant being issued with a visa by the Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship (DIAC). As part of the visa application process, immigration authorities require candidates to undergo a full medical examination including a chest X-ray and an HIV/AIDS test.

4. The scholarships offered, are subject to the following criteria:

- applicants should be a national of Mauritius;
- applicants should be an early or mid-career professional working in an eligible sector, in one of the listed priority fields.;
- applicants must not be more than **50** years of age at the date of application;
- applicants should possess, as a minimum, a **2nd Class Lower Division Bachelors degree** (or equivalent);

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- applicants must have at least **two (2)** year's post-graduation work experience. This work experience must be in a role relevant to the proposed field of study and the employment organisation type (e.g. public sector applicants should demonstrate public sector work experience, and so on). Preference will be given to candidates with greater periods of experience;
- applicants must be willing to undertake a Master's degree in Australia in one of the listed priority fields of study;
- applicants should have a clear vision on how they will use the knowledge gained through the Master's degree to improve policy, practice or education in the proposed field of study; and
- female candidates and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

5. Applicants can download the preliminary application form and other documents from the Mauritius page of www.adsafrica.com.au or from this Ministry's website: <http://civilservice.gov.mu>

6. Applications should be submitted directly to **Australia Awards Africa, Applications Coordinator, ESBC, Wilson Business Park, Langa'ta Road, Nairobi, Kenya**. A copy of the application should be submitted to **The Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Attn: Mr Lobind, 4th Floor, Atom House, Royal Street, Port Louis**. The deadline for submission of preliminary applications is **28 February 2012**.

7. Before submitting their application, officers should imperatively need to obtain confirmation from their respective Supervising Officers that they would be released on being selected for the scholarship.

8. Upon selection, officers of the civil service would be granted study leave with pay. The awardee will be required to enter into a bond in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Human Resource Management Manual.

9. It would be appreciated if the content of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of **all** eligible public officers serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/ Department including parastatal agencies falling under the purview of your Ministry.

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Senior Chief Executive

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