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From : Secretary for Public Service

To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

17th AAPAM Innovative Management Award

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is inviting participation in its 17th AAPAM Innovative Management Award (IMA).

2. The objectives of the Award are to:
 - (i) acknowledge and showcase innovations in the public sector that serve as models for emulation;
 - (ii) elevate the profile and perception of the public sector in Africa;
 - (iii) encourage creativity and excellence in public service by recognising organisations and individuals who develop effective solutions to specific administrative and management challenges; and
 - (iv) facilitate the sharing and adoption of best practices through innovations to strengthen public administration and management across the continent.
3. The evaluation of entries will be carried out by an independent Jury Panel to be set up by AAPAM. Five (5) 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 45th AAPAM Roundtable Conference that will be held in December 2026 in the Kingdom of Lesotho.
4. Winners and other outstanding submissions will be widely publicised with their executive summaries on the website of AAPAM. They will receive recognition, acknowledgment and prestige within both the African and worldwide public administration communities.

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5. All relevant information, that is the Call for Submission (*Annex 1*), conditions, procedures and rules of competition (*Annex 2*), the categories and criteria for evaluation of submissions (*Annex 3*) as well as the Entry Form (*Annex 4*) 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. Entries for the Award should be done on the Entry Form (*Annex 4*) and email to aapam@aapam.org or info@aapam.org to reach the AAPAM Secretariat **by 30 July 2026**, with a copy forwarded to mcsa-arua@govmu.org.

7. Supervising Officers are requested to bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the attention of all Heads of Divisions/Units of their respective Ministries/Departments, including Chief Executives of Parastatal Bodies falling under their purview, as well as those in Local Authorities to encourage participation in the Innovative Management Award.



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