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To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

AAPAM Award for Innovative Management

The **African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM)** is an international professional association for African Public Administrators and Managers. AAPAM promotes best practice, excellence and professionalism in Public Administration and Management in Africa through Research, Publications, Training, Seminars, Consultancy, Conferences and Awards. The Association provides a platform for articulation and dissemination of ideas on capacity building and development issues in the African region.

2. AAPAM launched the Innovative Management Awards (IMA) programme in 2005 to recognise creativity in enhancing service delivery in the public service as innovation is the ultimate backbone of sustainable development and growth in Africa.

3. The objectives of the IMA are as follows:

- recognition and publicity of innovations in the public sector which are worthy of emulation;
- enhancement of the image of the public sector in Africa;
- promotion of innovation in the public sector by encouraging and recognising organisations and people for creative and effective ways of solving specific problems of administration and management; and
- facilitating the transfer of innovations and best practices as a way of improving the quality of Public Administration and Management in Africa.

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4. AAPAM has formally transmitted the submissions of all IMA winners from the 39th Roundtable Conference held in Botswana. It is a major pride to highlight that two organisations from Mauritius have been recognised. The **Citizen Support Unit (CSU)** of the Prime Minister's Office and the **Central Informatics Bureau (CIB)** of the **Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation** were among the five winning entries for the 11th AAPAM Innovation Management Award where the two organisations were called upon to present their projects at the 39th AAPAM Roundtable Conference which took place in Gaborone, Botswana from 06 to 09 November 2018. The **CSU** won the Bronze Award and the **CIB** won the Glass Winner Award. AAPAM is proud to further share and elevate winning submissions in the spirit of knowledge sharing and promoting excellence as a strategy to transform the public administration.

5. The winning submissions for the year 2018 are available on website www.aapam.org. Consequently, all Ministries/Departments are encouraged to make a submission in the AAPAM Innovative Management Awards actively as the IMA offers a continental platform to recognize creativity in enhancing service delivery in the public service. The deadline for the submission of entries by e-mail to aapam@aapam.org, info@aapam.org or nancy@aapam.org, to reach the AAPAM Secretariat by **15 July 2019**.

6. 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. Supervising Officers are further requested to encourage participation of their Divisions/Units in the exercise, not only to recognise the meritorious effort of their officers but also, to showcase the quality of our Public Service at the international level.



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