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From : Secretary for Public Service

To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

2018 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, through its Division for Public Administration and Development Management, is inviting nominations for the 2018 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA).

2. The purpose of the UNPSA is to promote and reward innovation and excellence in public services for sustainable development in support of the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the principle to leave no one behind, which is at the core of the 2030 Agenda. It also takes into account the various levels of development of countries and reflects the universal nature of the SDGs.

3. The 2018 UNPSA will be given to those public sector institutions that have distinguished themselves in one of the following categories:

- (i) Category 1 - Reaching the poorest and most vulnerable through inclusive services and partnerships;
- (ii) Category 2 - Making institutions inclusive and ensuring participation in decision-making; and
- (iii) Category 3 - Promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve the SDGs.

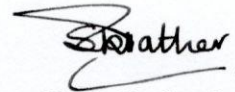
The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs is collaborating notably with UN-WOMEN in organising the Awards, highlighting the important role of gender-responsive public services in achieving the SDGs. All public sector organisations having implemented innovative measures relevant to one of the above-mentioned categories for a minimum of two years, with demonstrated and documented impact are eligible to participate.

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4. The UNPSA evaluation process consists of several rounds of evaluation to be conducted by the UNPSA Evaluation Team, as well as a sub-committee of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Awards will be conferred to winners on 23 June 2018 during the United Nations Public Service Forum, which will be held in Marrakech, Morocco. Details about the UNPSA Programme 2018 and the Online Nomination Form are available on the UNPSA portal at: <https://publicadministration.un.org/en/UNPSA> .

5. Nominations should be completed online on the UNPSA portal by **07 February 2018** and the deadline for uploading and submitting all supporting documents is **12 February 2018**. A copy of the submission made to the UNPSA should be forwarded to the Administrative Reforms Division of this Ministry at mcsa-ar@govmu.org .

6. Supervising Officers are requested to bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the attention of all Heads of Division/Unit of their Ministry/Department, including Chief Executives of Parastatal Bodies falling under their purview as well as those in Local Authorities.



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Secretary for Public Service

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