Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

2012 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)

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, image and visibility of the public service.

2. Entries for the 2012 United Nations Public Service Awards are invited for the following five categories:
   
   (i) Category 1 - Preventing and combating corruption in the public service;
   (ii) Category 2 - Improving the delivery of public services;
   (iii) Category 3 - Fostering participation in policy making decisions through innovative mechanisms;
   (iv) Category 4 - Advancing knowledge management in government; and
   (v) Category 5 - Promoting gender sensitive public service delivery

3. 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.
4. The Division for Public Administration & Development pre-selects nominations, which are then shortlisted based on supporting documents provided. The United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration considers the shortlisted organisations and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on the winners of the Awards.

5. It would be appreciated if you could 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 website:

   http://www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2012

6. Nominations should be submitted in both hard and soft copy, to enable this Ministry to complete the application online as required, at latest by Monday 12 December 2011.

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