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

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

2013 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 creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions that leads to a more effective and responsive public service administration. Through this annual competition, the United Nations promotes the role, professionalism, image and visibility of the public service.

2. Entries for the 2013 United Nations Public Service Awards are invited for the following five categories:-

   (i) Category 1 - Preventing and fighting 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 - Promoting whole-of-government approaches in the information age; and
   (v) Category 5 - Promoting gender sensitive public service delivery.

3. All public organizations, public/private partnerships and organizations involved in public service delivery 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 organizations 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/unpsa

6. Nominations should be submitted, in both hard and soft copy to the Administrative Reforms Division so as to enable this Ministry to complete the application online at latest by Monday 19 November 2012.

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