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From : Secretary for Public Service

To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

Invitation to the Strong Nations for Africa Programme

The Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG) and the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) are jointly inviting participation in the ***Strong Nations for Africa Programme***.

2. The Strong Nations for Africa Programme is a professional development programme designed for senior African public sector leaders to support them for building strong nations for the next generation. The minimum application criteria are as follows:

- (i) must be a citizen of an African country;
- (ii) currently living and working in the public service of an African country;
- (iii) be fluent in English; and
- (iv) be able to commit to the entire duration of the programme.

3. The programme will be delivered through two residential segments which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya and Singapore and through a mix of modalities as follows:

- Residential Segment in Kenya: 24 to 28 July 2023
- Online Segment: 7 to 10 August 2023
- Residential Segment in Singapore: 28 August to 2 September 2023

4. CIG will offer a limited number of fellowships to a selected number of participants who will demonstrate a strong track record of leadership and a commitment to improving national governance in their respective countries. Given that this programme is designed for participants with deep understanding of the public sector, the applicants' years of experience in government will also be considered when selecting fellows.

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5. Participants will be required to cover their own costs of travel and accommodation as well as a registration fee of US\$1000/-. However, for those who will receive a scholarship, all costs will be covered including the registration fee of US\$1,000/-, return travel to Nairobi and Singapore, as well as hotel accommodation for the duration of the programme in both cities.

6. Information regarding the procedures and conditions of participation are available on the website of the Chandler Institute of Governance at: <https://chandleracademy.org/strong-nations-for-africa>. A copy of the invitation letter is at Annex. Participants can register online by **Friday 19 May 2023 at latest.**

7. 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.



K. Conhye
Secretary for Public Service

Copy to: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service

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STRONG NATIONS FOR AFRICA PROGRAMME



April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Invitation to Attend the Strong Nations for Africa Programme

Greetings from the Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG) and the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM).

We would like to jointly extend an invitation to you to apply for the Strong Nations for Africa Programme.

About the Programme

The Strong Nations for Africa Programme is a professional development programme designed for senior African public sector leaders, to support them as they build strong nations for the next generation.

Through this programme, we hope to build a community of African public sector leaders who are committed to improving the quality of national governance in their respective countries, and to provide a platform for propagating good practices in governance, drawn from Africa and around the world.

Programme Structure and Dates

The programme will be delivered through two residential segments held in Nairobi, Kenya and Singapore. Participants will also be expected to attend a few days of online training held between both residential segments.

The programme will be delivered through a mix of modalities that will bring learning to life. These include facilitated class discussions, curated learning journeys, lectures, and expert sharing sessions.

1. **Residential Segment in Kenya:** 24 to 28 July 2023
2. **Online Segment:** 7 to 10 August 2023
3. **Residential Segment in Singapore:** 28 August to 2 September 2023

Application Criteria

The minimum application criteria are as follows:

1. Must be a citizen of an African country
2. Currently living and working in the public service of an African country;
3. Be fluent in English; and
4. Be able to commit to the entire duration of the programme.

Programme Fees and Participants' Expenses

Participants enrolling in the programme will be requested to pay the registration fee of US\$1,000. This fee has incorporated a subsidy of over US\$3,000, which will be given to all participants selected for this programme.

In addition, participants are required to cover their own costs of travel to, and accommodation in, Nairobi and Singapore.

CIG Strong Nations Fellowship

As a sign of CIG's continued commitment to support African public sector leaders, CIG will offer a limited number of fellowships to a selected number of programme participants who demonstrate a strong track record of leadership, and a commitment to improving national governance, in their respective countries. Given that this programme is designed for participants with deep understanding of the public sector, we will also consider the applicants' years of experience in government when selecting fellows.

Fellows will receive a scholarship that covers the registration fee of US\$1,000, return travel to Nairobi and Singapore, as well as hotel accommodation for the duration of the programme in both cities.

All successfully shortlisted programme participants will be automatically considered for the fellowship. However, potential fellows may be asked to attend an interview or furnish additional information to aid in the assessment.

Invitation to Apply

CIG and AAPAM would like to extend our invitation to you to participate in this programme.

We also request for you to disseminate this information to your fellow senior public sector colleagues who may benefit from this programme. We would greatly welcome their interest to apply for this programme.

You can register online through our application form here: [Strong Nations for Africa Application Form](#), or scan the QR code below.



If you have any queries about the programme or the application process, please email us at programmes_admin@chandleracademy.org.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Please accept, assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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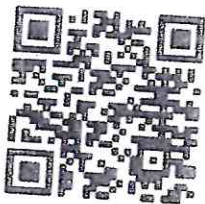
About the Chandler Institute of Governance

CIG is an international non-profit organisation headquartered in Singapore. We are not affiliated with any national government or political party, and we do not represent any partisan or commercial interests.

We are a partner to governments around the world, enabling them to build strong nations for the next generation. We support governments to enhance their performance through training programmes, knowledge creation and counsel. We believe in a holistic and comprehensive approach to strengthening governance in countries, that emphasises heritage and identity, culture and people, systems, institution building, strategies and processes, policies and programmes, and expertise in implementation and enforcement.

CIG consists of former government practitioners who have worked across various domains in governance. Our Board of Directors have a combined 65 years of experience working in governments, designing, and executing policies and programmes. We deeply understand the culture and challenges of governments because we are practitioners too. Our work with governments is non-theoretical, practical, and customised to the realities on the ground.

For more news and information, visit our website at <http://www.chandlerinstitute.org/> or scan the QR code below.



About the African Association for Public Administration and Management

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is a premier international professional organisation that promotes best practices and excellence in public administration and management in Africa through research, publications, training, seminars, consultancy, conferences and awards. AAPAM membership includes African governments, private sector, civil society, international organisations, practitioners, academicians and young professionals. AAPAM operates mainly but not exclusively in Africa.

Founded close to fifty years ago, AAPAM has led efforts to strengthen the administrative and management capacities of African public administration.

AAPAM is governed through the General Assembly, Executive Committee, Council and Secretariat

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