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From : Secretary for Public Service

To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

2020 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, is inviting nominations for the 2020 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA).

2. The purpose of the UNPSA is to promote and reward innovation and excellence in public service for sustainable development in support of the realisation 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 2020 UNPSA will be awarded to those public sector institutions that have distinguished themselves in one of the following categories:

- (i) Category 1 - Delivering inclusive and equitable services for all
- (ii) Category 2 - Promoting integrated mechanisms for sustainable development
- (iii) Category 3 - Developing transparent and accountable public institutions
- (iv) Category 4 - Promoting digital transformation in the public sector
- (v) Category 5 - Promoting gender responsive public services to achieve the SDGs

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4. The Award is open to all public sector institutions at the national, state and local levels from all UN member states. All public sector organisations having implemented innovative initiatives relevant to one of the above mentioned categories for a minimum of two years, with demonstrated and documented impact are eligible to participate.
5. 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 2020, during the UNPSA Ceremony which is part of the United Nations Public Service Forum and will take place in different regions of the world.
6. Details about the 2020 UNPSA Programme and the Online Application Form are available on the UNPSA portal at: <https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa/en/>. For any additional assistance that may required, please contact the United Nations by email at: UNPSA@un.org or phone +1(917) 367 3004.
7. Nominations should be completed online on the UNPSA portal by **27 November 2019 at latest**. A copy of the submission sent to the UNPSA should also be forwarded to the Administrative Reforms Division of this Ministry at mcsa-ar@govmu.org.
8. 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.



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