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

**To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments**

**2017 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)**

The United Nations Public Administration and Development Management is inviting nominations for the 2017 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 2017 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 participation;
- (ii) Category 2 - Promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in public service; and
- (iii) Category 3 - Innovation and excellence in delivering health services, as one of the SDGs.

The concern for achieving gender equality and gender sensitive delivery of services is maintained in and will be assessed under each category. The first two categories relate to core principles cutting across the SDGs while the third category aims to address a specific Sustainable Development Goal – health in 2017. All public sector organizations 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.

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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 2017 during the United Nations Public Service Forum, which will be held in the Netherlands. Details about the UNPSA Programme 2017 and the Online Nomination Form are available on the UNPSA portal at: <https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa> .

5. Nominations should be completed online on the UNPSA portal by **Tuesday 28 February 2017 at latest**. 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](mailto:mcsa-ar@govmu.org) .

6. 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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