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**From: Supervising Officer, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms**  
**To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments**

**AAPAM Award for Innovative Management 2009**

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is inviting nominations to participate in the AAPAM Award for Innovative Management 2009. This Award recognizes organizational achievement in the public sector and is supported through the partnership between AAPAM and the Governance and Institutional Development Division (GIDD) of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

2. The Award promotes effective innovations that bring about improved performance in public sector organizations through the introduction of new ideas and new operational and management methods. The purpose and objectives of the Award are:

- (i) to recognise and publicise innovations in the public sector which are worthy of emulation;
- (ii) to enhance the image of the public sector in Africa;
- (iii) to promote innovation in the public sector by encouraging and recognizing organizations and people for creative and effective ways of solving specific problems of administration and management; and
- (iv) to facilitate the transfer of innovation and best practices as a way of improving the quality of Public Administration and Management in Africa.

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3. Award recipients will be selected by an independent jury composed of five prominent Africans knowledgeable in the field of public sector management and a representative of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Five finalists will be invited to appear before the Jury to present and defend their submissions. The best three entrants will receive the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in order of merit. The other two finalists may receive recognition trophies. The Awards will be attributed to the winners at the 31<sup>st</sup> AAPAM Roundtable Conference that will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of South Africa in Durban in 2009.

4. Winners and leading entries will receive Africa Continental recognition as well as acknowledgement and prestige within both the African and worldwide public administration communities.

5. Submissions in either English or French should be made on the prescribed entry form and should not exceed 1,500 words. An executive summary of not more than 50 words should also be provided. The closing date for submission of entries is *28 February 2009*.

6. All public sector organizations, i.e Ministries/Departments including Sections/ Divisions/Units, are eligible for participation. Information regarding conditions, procedures and rules of the competition, criteria for evaluation of submissions as well as information to be included on the Entry form are available on the website of this Ministry at:

<http://www.civilservice.gov.mu>

7. Entries for the AAPAM Award for Innovative Management should be forwarded directly to AAPAM by e-mail at [aapam@aapam.org](mailto:aapam@aapam.org) with copy to this Ministry at [mcsa-arur@mail.gov.mu](mailto:mcsa-arur@mail.gov.mu) by the closing date of 28 February 2009.

8. It would be appreciated if you could disseminate the contents of this Circular Letter to all public officers serving in your organization including parastatal bodies operating under the aegis of your Ministry and encourage participation in the AAPAM Award for Innovative Management.



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