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

cc: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards 2010 (AAPSIA)

The All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards (AAPSIA) is an initiative of the Pan African Conference of Ministers of Civil Service. The AAPSIA is the first continental Africa-wide awards programme that celebrates innovation in the public sector.

The purpose of the Awards is to:

- promote and encourage innovative practices in the public sector for improved service delivery;
- promote regional and cross-sector collaboration towards promoting good governance on the continent;
- create a platform for information sharing, lesson learning, partnerships and possible replication of successful initiatives across the African continent; and
- to coordinate and celebrate Africa's contribution to the global repository of innovative practices.

The theme for the 2010 AAPSIA is "Promoting Good Governance through Innovative Service Delivery" and entries for the Awards are invited for the following categories:-

- (i) Category 1 - Innovative Service delivery Improvements;
- (ii) Category 2 - Innovative Partnerships between Government, Private Sector and Civil Service Organisations; and
- (iii) Category 3 - Innovations in the Systems and Processes of Governance.

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4. Projects must pertain to an innovative concept that has been successfully implemented and brought about tangible improvements in service delivery. The eligibility criteria for the Awards are as follows:

- The project must originate or have been significantly developed within Africa;
- The project must operate within the public sector;
- The Awards are open to individuals or units in government, departments, parastatals and partnerships between public, private and/or communities;
- The project must have been in existence for one year or more; and
- Projects must be open for verification.

5. A panel of nominated adjudicators will judge submissions. Winners in each of the three categories will be awarded a trophy. Assistance will be provided in the publication and marketing of case studies that showcase each winning project.

6. The Awards Submission Form and details of the AAPSIA 2010 are available on the following websites:

www.cpsi.co.za, www.african-union.org, www.palama.gov.za and www.dpsa.gov.za.

7. The closing date for submission is 31 July 2010. Submissions must be either in English, Portuguese, French or Arabic and can be posted, faxed or e-mailed. Entries for AAPSIA 2010 should be forwarded as per official Awards Submission Form directly to:

2010 AAPSIA Awards
CPSI
Postnet Highveld, Suite 404
Private Bag X 111
Centurion, 0046
South Africa

Email: aapsia@cpsi.co.za

Fax: +27 86 604 2442 or +27 12 643 0943

A copy of your submission should be sent to this Ministry.

8. It would be appreciated if you could disseminate the contents of this Circular Letter to all officers/Divisions/Units within your Ministry/Department and Parastatal organizations falling under the aegis of your organization and encourage participation in the AAPSIA 2010.



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Senior Chief Executive

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