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

To : Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards 2012 (AAPSIA)

The All Africa Public Sector Innovation Awards (AAPSIA) is the first Africa - wide awards programme that celebrates innovation in the public sector. The programme recognizes and rewards the achievements of public servants and their partners from the private and not-for-profit sectors who have successfully developed innovative solutions to service delivery and governance challenges.

2. The purpose of the Award is to:-

- promote and encourage best practice in public sector innovation and service delivery;
- recognize successful and effective service delivery projects and initiatives that have been achieved through the application of innovative approaches, methodologies and tools;
- provide opportunities for information sharing, lesson learning, partnerships and the possible replication of successful initiatives all over the African continent.

3. The theme for the 2012 AAPSI Award is "Africa Innovating for Enhanced and Sustainable Service Delivery" and entries for the Award are invited for the following three categories:-

- (i) Category 1 - Innovative Service Delivery Institutions;
- (ii) Category 2 - Innovative Partnerships in Service Delivery; and
- (iii) Category 3 - Innovations in the Systems and Processes of Governance.

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4. Projects must reflect an innovative idea or concept that has been successfully implemented within the public sector context in Africa. The eligibility criteria for the Awards are as follows:-

- The project must originate or have been significantly developed within Africa;
- Projects must provide direct benefits to the citizens in their own country region or across the African continent;
- The Awards are open to individuals or units in government departments, parastatals and public-private partnerships;
- The project must operate within the public sector and must be in existence for 2 years or more.

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 a case study that showcases each winning project. Showcasing will take place in continental and where possible, international publications that profile public service and public administration.

6. The Awards Submission Form and details of the AAPSIA 2012 are available on the following websites:


www.cpsi.co.za, www.campsafrika.org, www.au.int.

7. The closing date for submission is 31 October 2012. Submissions must be in English, Portuguese, French or Arabic and can be posted, faxed or e-mailed, courier or hand delivered. Entries for AAPSIA 2012 should be forwarded as per official Awards Submission Form directly to:

2012 AAPSIA Awards
 Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)
 Postnet Highveld, Suite 404
 Private Bag X 111
 Centurion, 0046
 South Africa
 Email: aapsia@cpsi.co.za
 Fax: +27 86 218 8019

A copy of your submission should be sent to this Ministry (Administrative Reforms Division).

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 2012.


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