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

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

The United States Government is inviting applications for the Washington Fellowship which is the flagship programme of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that aims to further empower and bolster young African leaders through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking and follow-on support.

2. The Washington Fellowship is geared towards outstanding young leaders that have **several years of professional experience** and a **proven record of accomplishment** in leading and promoting positive change in their organisations, institutions or communities. Beginning in summer 2014, the programme will bring 500 of Africa's most promising young leaders to top U.S. universities for a **6 week academic and leadership institute** in one of the three areas, namely business and entrepreneurship, civil leadership or public management.

3. The sponsorship offered is subject to applicants satisfying the following eligibility criteria:

- (i) Citizens of and residents in a sub-Saharan African country. Persons holding U.S. citizenship or permanent residency are **not** eligible;
- (ii) Young leaders with spoken and written proficiency in English; and
- (iii) Youth between 25 and 35 years of age at the time of application submission, although exceptional leaders younger than 25 will be considered.

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4. The US Government will sponsor ten Mauritian young leaders for the 2014 Washington Fellowship. Online application will be available as from 05 December 2013 and additional information is available on <http://www.youngafricanleaders.state.gov>.

5. The application should be submitted electronically with a copy submitted to the Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Attn: Mr S. Ramasawmy, 4th Floor, Atom House, Royal Street, Port Louis.

6. Before submitting their application, officers should imperatively need to obtain confirmation from their respective Supervising Officers that they would be released if they are selected for the Africa Fellowships.

7. It would be appreciated if the content of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of **all eligible public officers** serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/Department, including Statutory Bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry.


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Senior Chief Executive

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