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From: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

CAPAM 2010 International Innovations Awards

The Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) is inviting participation from Public Organizations in the CAPAM 2010 International Innovations Awards.

2. The theme of the CAPAM 2010 International Awards is '**Cultivating Innovation for the Public Service of the Future**'. The Awards celebrate the spirit of innovation of the public service by recognizing those who have made significant contributions to improving governance and services in the public sector. The CAPAM 2010 International Awards aim to inspire innovators who challenge the status quo and introduce new ideas to cope with public service challenges, who overcome inertia and complacency to bring new concepts into reality.

3. A gold medal will be awarded to the innovation that best encapsulates and demonstrates excellence under the overall awards theme. An award will also be given for each of the following four categories:

- Innovations in Public Service Management and Accountability;
- Innovations in Government Services and Programmes;
- Innovations in Citizen Engagement and Dialogue; and
- Innovative Use of Technology in the Public Service

4. All Ministries/Departments/Units/Divisions are eligible to participate in the Awards and are encouraged to enter this Awards Programme as it is an opportunity to showcase and share experience with regards to innovations in the public service.

5. Submissions must reflect an organizational rather than an individual initiative. Each submission must include:

- (i) a completed Awards Application Form with all pertinent information listed;
- (ii) a 50-word executive summary;
- (iii) a 1,500 word project description; and
- (iv) the entry fee of US\$100-(to be borne by participating organizations).

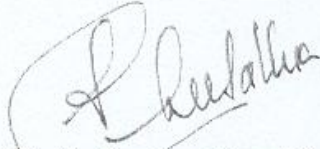
6. Submissions will be judged by an international panel of public service professionals from different Commonwealth countries on five criteria, namely innovation, appropriateness to context, effectiveness, long term significance and transferable lessons learnt. Finalists will be selected by mid July 2010 and will be invited to present their innovations to the International Jury in Malta in October 2010. Further, finalists will also be called upon to make a presentation at the plenary session of the CAPAM Biennial Conference in Malta in October 2010.

7. Entries for the CAPAM 2010 International Innovations Awards should be forwarded to CAPAM at capam@capam.org with copy to this Ministry at mcsa-arun@mail.gov.mu by **31 March 2010**. Otherwise, submissions in printed copies should be sent directly to CAPAM before the closing date to the following address, with a copy thereof to this Ministry:

**1075 Bay Street, Suite 402
Toronto, Ontario
CANADA M5S 2 B1**

The Awards Application Form and details of the CAPAM International Innovations Awards Programme are available online at <http://www.capam.org/assets/internationalinnovationsawards.brochure.pdf>

8. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/Department.



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and Head of the Civil Service