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13th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH AFRICAN
ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (AAPAM)
INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT AWARD (IMA)**

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) is delighted to announce a call for entries for the Innovative Management Awards (IMA), 2026. The AAPAM Innovative Management Award is a continent-wide recognition programme, designed to honour institutions, organizations, and ministries that have implemented innovative and locally driven approaches to enhance the delivery of public services across Africa.

The aims and objectives of the Award include the following:

- i. To acknowledge and showcase innovations in the public sector that serve as models for emulation.
- ii. To elevate the profile and perception of the public sector in Africa.
- iii. To encourage creativity and excellence in public service by recognizing organizations and individuals who develop effective solutions to specific administrative and management challenges.
- iv. To facilitate the sharing and adoption of best practices through innovations to strengthen public administration and management across the continent.

Since its inception in 2005, the IMA has attracted broad participation from African countries, reinforcing that innovation in service delivery is pivotal for a productive and high-performing public sector. The AAPAM IMA aligns with Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), advocating innovation as a key driver for the transformation and modernization of African public services in support of sustainable development.

AAPAM invites submissions (in English, French, and Arabic) from ministries, departments, agencies, sub-national governments, MDIs, and universities across Africa on any institutional innovation that promotes best practices, excellence, professionalism, and improved service delivery, contributing to national development plans, AU Agenda 2063, and the SDGs.

The **17th Innovative Management Award (IMA)** ceremony will take place during the 45th AAPAM Roundtable Conference, scheduled for **1st - 4th December 2026 in the Kingdom of Lesotho**. Winners and other outstanding submissions will be widely publicized, including executive summaries featured on the AAPAM website, publications, and other international networks.

For your guidance, attached are the Conditions, Procedures, and Rules of Competition (Annexure 1) and the Evaluation Criteria (Annexure 2). Kindly provide an executive summary of up to 50 words, which will be posted on the AAPAM website. Please use the attached Entry Form (Annexure 3) for your submission and email it to aapam@aapam.org or info@aapam.org to reach the AAPAM Secretariat by **Thursday, 30th July 2026**. Organizations may resubmit entries that were not successful in the previous year, provided that no submission is entered more than three times in total.

If you are the Head of a Ministry/Organization or the AAPAM Focal Point in your country, we kindly request that you circulate this letter and its annexures as widely as possible among local governments, municipal authorities, higher learning institutions, departments, agencies, non-governmental organizations, and civil society organizations under your jurisdiction.

We thank you for your continued interest, support, and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.K. Scott', written in a cursive style.

PROF. G. K. SCOTT
SECRETARY GENERAL