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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: INVITATION TO THE 9TH EDITION AAPAM/ DPSA / UNISA RESEARCH SEMINAR - ON STATE RESILIENCE TO SHOCKS AND DISASTERS - THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NON - GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS IN STRENGTHENING STATE INSTITUTIONS, 27TH – 29TH MAY 2025, PRETORIA - SOUTH AFRICA

Greetings from the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM).

AAPAM in partnership with the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), South Africa and Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs of the University of South Africa (UNISA), are pleased to invite you to the 9th Edition Research Seminar under the theme, "***State resilience to shocks and disasters – The role of higher education and non-governmental organisations in strengthening state institutions, 27th – 29th May 2025***". The theme of this seminar is particularly vital in today's global landscape, where states are increasingly facing complex challenges such as economic crises, climate change, pandemics, and geopolitical conflicts. Strengthening state institutions through higher education and NGOs is crucial for ensuring effective governance, policy implementation, and disaster preparedness. This seminar will provide a platform to explore strategies, best practices, and innovative approaches that can enhance the resilience of state institutions in the face of shocks and disasters.

Additionally, the seminar will feature the second PhD colloquium, providing PhD students a platform to present their research and engage with policymakers, academics, administrators, and industry leaders. This initiative aims to foster research-driven governance and policymaking through knowledge sharing and best practices.

Registration fee for the seminar is United States Dollars Five Hundred (\$500.00) for Local Delegates and United State Dollars Six Hundred (\$600.00) for International Delegates. Participants are advised to register online at: <http://www.aapam.org/> or fill the attached registration form by **21st May 2025**. Please find attached concept note. Please note that the visa letter and accommodation list will be shared soon for your

consideration. We kindly request you to share this opportunity with your colleagues and encourage them to register and participate in the program.

We look forward to your participation at the seminar. Accept assurances of our highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,

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SECRETARY GENERAL