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Dear Sir/Madam,

INVITATION TO THE 45TH ANNUAL ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (AAPAM) TO BE HELD IN THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO, 8TH - 11TH DECEMBER 2026

On behalf of the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), the Executive Committee and Council, and in partnership with the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, we are honoured to invite you to the **45th AAPAM Annual Roundtable Conference**, scheduled to take place from **Tuesday, 8th to Friday, 11th December 2026**, in the **Kingdom of Lesotho**.

The theme of this year's conference is "*From Ambition to Impact: Reimagining Public Administration for the Realization of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs towards the Africa We Want.*" The conference responds directly to the urgent challenge of closing the gap between continental aspirations and measurable development outcomes. While Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a compelling vision for Africa's future, progress across the continent continues to be constrained by implementation challenges, institutional capacity limitations, fiscal pressures, and evolving governance demands.

Building on the outcomes of the 44th AAPAM Roundtable Conference held in Manzini, Eswatini, the 45th Roundtable Conference seeks to move beyond diagnosis and strategic consensus towards practical solutions and implementation. It will provide a platform for reimagining public administration as a dynamic, innovative, resilient, and citizen-centred instrument capable of delivering the Africa We Want. Attention will be given to modernising public services, strengthening institutional integrity, fostering youth participation and innovation, localising the SDGs, mobilising sustainable development financing, and restoring citizen trust in government institutions.

The 45th Roundtable Conference will convene ministers, heads of public service, senior policymakers, leading practitioners from both the public and private sectors, civil society leaders, development partners, scholars, researchers, innovators, young professionals, students, youth representatives, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) from across Africa and beyond. Delegates will engage in high-level plenary sessions, specialised discussions, breakaway meetings, exhibitions, and collaborative forums designed to generate practical solutions to complex governance challenges.

A highlight of the programme will be the AAPAM Innovation Management Awards Ceremony, which recognises outstanding innovations and best practices in public service delivery from across the continent. In addition, distinguished individuals whose leadership and contributions to public administration have had transformative impact will be honoured.

The conference is expected to produce the Communiqué and Conference Report, a Blueprint for a Resilient Public Administration, a Compendium of Innovative Partnership Models, a Framework for Youth Co-Creation in Governance, and a strengthened Pan-African network of practitioners committed to accelerating the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

We therefore extend a cordial invitation for you to attend and to mobilise key stakeholders — including ministries, institutions, civil society organisations, international agencies, academia, development partners, and private sector actors — to participate in and benefit from this important gathering.

Delegates are kindly encouraged to register for the conference using the link provided below. <https://form.jotform.com/260462606484156>. Alternatively, delegates could also register by completing the attached registration form. The applicable registration fees are as follows:

Category	Fee (USD)
Participants from Host Country	\$500
Participants from Other Countries	\$600
Persons with Disabilities	\$400
Accompanying Person (Spouse)	\$300
Students	\$200

Delegates are encouraged to register and make payment soonest before the conference to facilitate logistical planning and participation arrangements.

Kindly note that the detailed Aide-Mémoire for the Conference, containing comprehensive information on the programme, participation guidelines, accommodation, and logistics, is attached for your reference.

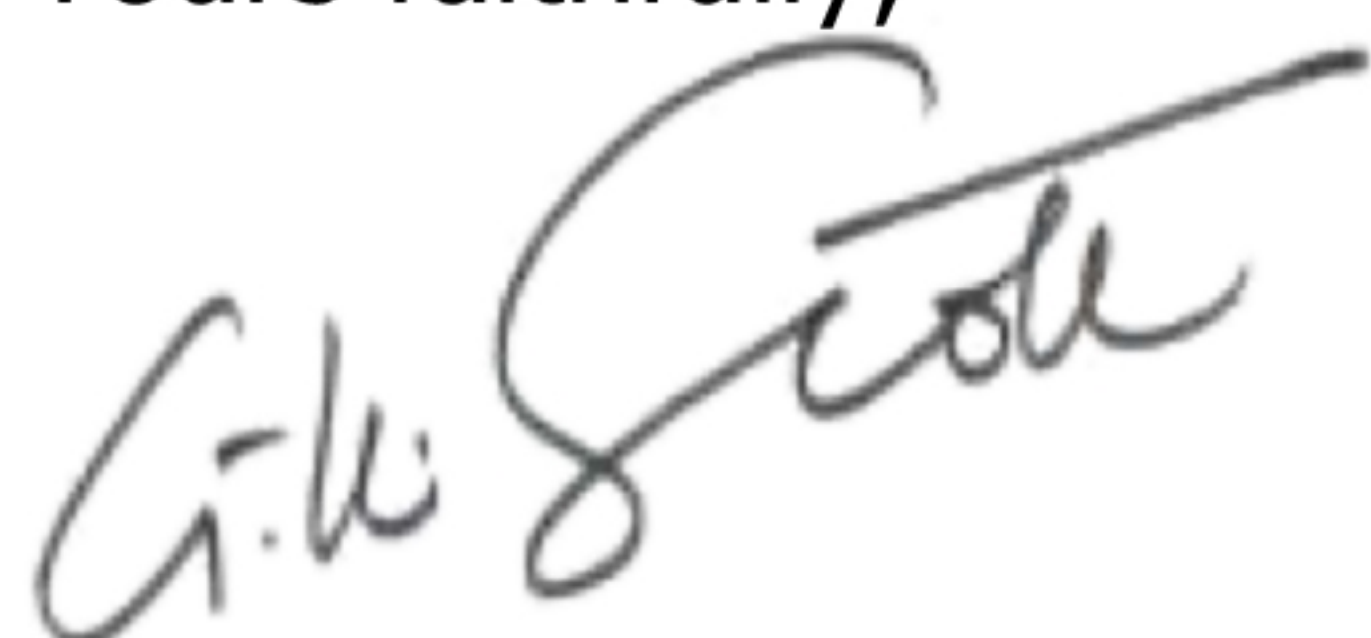
Delegates who require visas for entry into the Kingdom of Lesotho are advised to submit their applications well in advance to avoid any delays.

For further information, please contact the AAPAM Secretariat at aapam@aapam.org or info@aapam.org.

We look forward to welcoming and hosting you in the Kingdom of Lesotho, from Tuesday, 8th to Friday, 11th December 2026, for what promises to be a seminal event in advancing public administration and governance excellence across Africa.

Please accept the assurances of our highest esteem and regard.

Yours faithfully,



PROF G. K. SCOTT
SECRETARY GENERAL