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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, BARM CHIEF MINISTER, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS BARM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FIELD OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS**

The United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) recognizes excellence in public service at the local, regional and national level. It was launched in 2003 in order to promote and support innovations in public service delivery, with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UNPSA is focused on promoting and recognizing transformative action that promotes creativity and innovation in public service delivery and the work of public sector institutions to enhance effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness to leave no one behind.

Through a global competition that promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of public service, the awards aims to:

- Highlight innovations in governance;
- Rewards excellence in the public sector;
- Motivate public servants to further promote innovation;
- Enhance professionalism in the public service;
- Raise the image of public service; and
- Collect and disseminate successful practices for possible replication.

UNPSA is given annually every 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, in different regions of the world during the United Nations Public Service Day, a day designated by the General Assembly to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community.

All public institutions at the national, sub-national and local level from all UN member states are eligible to be nominated by a public sector institutions, schools of public administration, UN agencies, universities, non-government organizations and private sector entities. In case of public-private partnerships, the lead nominee must be a public-sector institution. Awards can only be conferred to public sector institutions that have ownership of the nominated initiative. Implementing agencies working on a consultancy basis are not eligible for UNPSA.

The Nominations should be aligned with the 2030 Agenda, demonstrating their relevance to the SDGs and should be innovative, demonstrating positive impact, sustainability, adaptability and stakeholder partnership. Five categories have been selected for the 2020 UNPSA, as follows:

1. Delivering inclusive and equitable services for all;
2. Promoting integrated mechanisms for sustainable development;
3. Developing transparent and accountable public institutions;
4. Promoting digital transformation in the public sector; and
5. Promoting gender responsive public services to achieve the SDGs.

Five winners can be selected under each category. Winners are considered within their UN regional groups, namely: Africa; Asia and the Pacific; Latin America and the Caribbean; Eastern Europe; and Western Europe and other Groups.

For further details and technical assistance, please contact the UNPSA team by email [UNPSA@un.org](mailto:UNPSA@un.org) or by telephone no. +1 (917)367 3004. The deadline for submission is on November 27, 2019 through an Online Application at the UNDESA/DPI/DG website. <https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa/en/>

In view thereof, all DILG Regional Directors and Field officers are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular in their respective areas of jurisdiction and provide technical assistance when appropriate and necessary.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

