

Nominations open for 2019 United Nations Public Service Awards

New York, 21 September --The United Nations has begun to accept nominations for the 2019 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) for efforts that promote and rewards innovation and excellence in public services supporting implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The prestigious Public Service Awards provide international recognition of excellence in public service and reward the achievements and contributions of public service institutions in five categories--delivering inclusive and equitable services to leave no one behind; ensuring integrated approaches in the public-sector institutions; developing effective and accountable public institutions; promoting digital transformation in public sector institutions; and promoting gender responsive public services to achieve the SDGs.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with UN WOMEN, is organizing the Awards, highlighting the key role of gender responsive public services in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The SDGs, consisting of 17 goals, emphasize the core principle of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda of leaving no one behind.

Nominations will be accepted until 30 November 2018. Winners are decided through a rigorous evaluation process by the UNPSA team in UNDESA as well as a working group of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)¹ which reviews the pre-screened nominations and recommends a shortlist of the most innovative and impactful initiatives to the UN Secretary-General. Short-listed initiatives undergo a process of validation to ensure congruence between the nomination documents and substantiated findings before the UN Secretary-General selects final winners.

The most innovative initiatives will be recognized on the United Nations Public Service Day in June which has been designated by the General Assembly to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community.

The Awards are open to all public organizations, including central and local governments and public institutions engaged in public-private partnerships for delivering services. The nominations for the award shall present innovative projects that contribute to improved public service delivery.

“The world has recognized critical importance of transparent, accountable and inclusive governance in implementing the 2030 Agenda,” UN Deputy-Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, said in an address to the UN Public Service Day celebration in Marrakech, Morocco this June. “Progress on each of the 17 SDGs depends on the capacities of public institutions in every country to deliver effective services to all its people, especially the most vulnerable.”

For detailed information on nomination process, timeframe and requirements, please visit:
<https://publicadministration.un.org/en/unpsa>

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ⁱ 4 CEPA is a subsidiary advisory body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council comprising 24 experts acting in a personal capacity who meet annually at UN Headquarters in New York. The Committee is responsible for supporting the work of ECOSOC concerning the promotion and development of public administration and governance among Member States notably in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in support of the implementation and progress reviews of the Sustainable Development Goals.