



AAPAM Innovative Management Awards (IMA)
Awarding home grown solutions to service delivery
in Africa

Categories of Awards



1. Gold Medal
2. Innovative Management Awards (IMA)
3. Award for Outstanding Contribution to Knowledge in Public Administration
4. Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Public Administration
5. Best Student Essay

AAPAM awards innovations in the public sector are based on:

1. Innovativeness
The innovation should directly impact service delivery by optimizing time and resources while utilizing technology.
2. Significance
That the benefits of the innovation, either actual or potential, make a difference
3. Relevance
That the innovation should address the current reality of public service and should impact the decision-making.
4. Replication
The innovation has the potential of universal appeal and knowledge transfer that can be adopted in other country setups.
5. Sustainability
The innovation has been implemented for a considerable period of time, and has shown evidence of being institutionalized and self-sustaining with local resources.

AAPAM Awards are presented at the annual Roundtable Conference



The Secretariat is receiving
submissions for 2024 IMA

About AAPAM Innovative Management Awards (IMA)

In 2005, the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) introduced the Innovative Management Award (IMA) to recognize innovations in the public sector through the introduction of new ideas and new operational and management methods. IMA is a continental award honoring public-sector institutions, organizations and ministries which have made exceptional and longstanding contributions to the public. AAPAM has received over 200 submissions from African countries making it a reputable and competitive program. The steady increase in submissions in the program indicates the significance of public sector innovation.



AAPAM Innovative Management Award recipients Award Impact of Innovation

2023 Gold Award Innovation Smart Agriculture Box initiative, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, South Africa	The initiative was necessitated by the urgent need to address food insecurity, combat poverty, unemployment, and mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change. With a focus on maximizing limited resources, the project harnessed innovative solutions, leveraging technological advancements in agriculture which ensures sustainable agricultural practices.
2022 Gold Award Innovation Yalla Super App Integrated, Egypt Post Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt	This innovation has transformed financial services by offering a fully-digital financial services account, offering: Payments, Remittances, Savings, Investments & Insurance. Yalla App is the first super App in the Middle East & Africa for all daily financial & non-financial needs to send & receive money, pay merchants online & offline & place orders.
2019 Gold Award Innovation Ending Child Marriage by Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs (MOCTA), Republic of Zambia	Stimulated by the escalating number of young girls in rural areas being married off at an early age and the perpetuation of harmful traditional practices, this project exemplified ingenuity in its contribution to ending child marriage. The innovation resulted in the engagement of Traditional Leaders in protecting children from varied harmful practices through the establishment of trust funds supported by government and the private sector.
2018 Gold Award Innovation Egyptian Birth and Death Registration System (EBDRS), Ministry of Planning for Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Strategic Planning Department, Arab Republic of Egypt	Electronic birth and death registration system is a pioneer project in which innovative ideas are implemented for the development of a well-functioning birth and death electronic registration system. The innovation aims to provide accurate and instantaneous data and indicators on births and causes-of-death for decision makers and stakeholders at all levels.
2017 Gold Award Innovation Fostering Justice Delivery at Local Level in Rwanda- Ministry of Justice, Republic of Rwanda	Through this initiative, the community benefits from free, easily available and affordable legal services. The initiative of decentralizing the Ministry of Justice services to local level has significantly restored trust in justice system in Rwanda and further contributed to strengthening unity and reconciliation among Rwandans
2016 Gold Award Innovation Electronic Filing System (EFS)- Republic of Rwanda	This technology helps court users to file their cases online instead of traveling miles to physically file cases. It also allows the plaintiff to follow up case registration status.
2015 Gold Award Innovation The Huduma Programme (HKP)- Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender affairs, Republic of Kenya	The Huduma Kenya Programme (HKP) is a "one stop shop" for government services initiated by the Kenyan government. It aims at enhancing access and delivery of Government Services to all Kenyans. It provides public services and information from a single location through integrated platforms with great emphasis on excellence in service delivery.
2012 Gold Award Innovation Diesel Powered DEFTEC Made Mobile Field Kitchen- Republic of Kenya	The innovation is a landmark for efficient utilization of energy sources and reduction of deforestation hence enhancing protection of the environment.