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5 March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: INVITATION TO THE 10TH EDITION RESEARCH SEMINAR ON GOVERNING FOR IMPACT: TRANSLATING AFRICA'S COMMITMENTS INTO RESILIENT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITIES FROM 5TH – 7TH MAY 2026 AT STELLENBOSH UNIVERSITY, BELLVILLE CAMPUS CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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

AAPAM in collaboration with the **Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), South Africa**, and **Stellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership**, are honoured to invite you to the **10th Edition Research Seminar** under the theme "*Governing for Impact: Translating Africa's Commitments into Resilient State Institutions and Communities.*" This continental research seminar will be held from **5th to 7th May 2026** at **Stellenbosch University, Bellville Campus, Cape Town, South Africa.**

AAPAM has a distinguished legacy of uniting senior public service leaders and practitioners across Africa to share knowledge, strengthen institutional capacity, advance excellence in public administration, and deepen collaboration in governance practices. Established from an initiative of Heads of Civil Service in the early 1960s, the Association continues to serve as a pivotal platform for public service reform, peer learning, and policy dialogue in pursuit of the African Union Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Your participation in this seminar is particularly significant given your strategic leadership role in shaping and implementing public service reforms that drive national development. By bringing together public sector leaders, policy practitioners, scholars, civil society actors, and development partners, this seminar is designed to *translate high-level continental commitments into effective public service action plans and institutional practices at national and local levels.* It offers a rare opportunity to contribute to continental thinking that links policy commitments with measurable outcomes in areas such as state resilience, ethical leadership, integrated service delivery, digital governance, financing for impact, and monitoring and evaluation for implementation.

We encourage you, in your capacity as Head of Public Service, not only to participate but also to extend this invitation to senior officials within your ministry or service who are involved in policy formulation, public sector reform, performance management, human resource development, and public financial management. Your collective presence and engagement will elevate the quality of discourse and help align national public service priorities with continental and global development frameworks. Please find attached seminar concept note for more information.

For registration support, visa assistance, or further seminar information, please contact the **AAPAM Secretariat** at aapam@aapam.org; info@aapam.org

We look forward to your affirmative response and to the valuable insights your participation will bring to this important continental engagement.

Yours faithfully,



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