



Public Officers' Welfare Council
Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families

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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

SILVER JUBILEE ESSAY COMPETITION

The Africa Public Service Day, an event entrenched in the African Union Calendar is celebrated annually to recognize the value of service to the community. It aims to discover innovations, reward good achievements in the public sector and motivate public servants to enhance professionalism in the public service. This year, the Africa Public Service Day will be celebrated around the theme:

“The Future is Now: Accelerating Public Service Innovation for Agenda 2030.”

2. In this context, the Public Officers' Welfare Council is organising its Silver Jubilee Essay Competition on the following:

“Elaborate on Government initiatives and measures to protect labour rights and promote decent work for all.”

3. Participation is open to all public officers. The guidelines are annexed.

4. Cash prizes of Rs 10 000, Rs 7 000, and Rs 5 000 as well as trophies will be awarded respectively to the best three entries.

5. As the Council is celebrating its 25th year of existence this year, a souvenir gift will be offered to all participants.

6. A photocopy of a recent payslip or top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code or any other document certifying that the participant is a serving public officer should be submitted together with the essay scripts.

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7. The participants should submit, in a **sealed envelope**, the following information: *name, designation, address, phone number and Ministry/Department/Division*. The sealed envelope together with copies of the essay should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th floor, Atom House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis so as to reach him **by 1500 hours on Friday 28 July 2017 at latest**.

8. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular letter could be brought to the attention of all officers serving in your Ministry/Department/Division.

9. This circular has been posted on the website of the POWC: <http://powc.govmu.org>

10. For any additional information, the undersigned may be contacted on tel nos: 208-6658/ 208-0157.

11. The current circular supersedes the one of even reference POWC/E/17 dated 15 May 2017 on the same subject.



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Copy to: *Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations*

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PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

SILVER JUBILEE ESSAY COMPETITION

Title: "Elaborate on Government initiatives and measures to protect labour rights and promote decent work for all."

Guidelines

1. The Essay Competition is open to public officers only.
2. The essay should be between 2 000 and 2 500 words in English, typewritten, with double line spacing using **any one** of the following fonts with font size 12 :
 - Times New Roman,
 - Arial
 - Calibri.
3. The essay should be submitted in 3 hard copies and 1 soft copy.
4. Each participant should use a **pen name** which should be written at the top right hand corner on the first page.
5. The participants should submit, in a **sealed envelope**, the following information: ***name, designation, address, phone number and Ministry/Department/Division***. The sealed envelope together with copies of the essay should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th floor, Atom House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis so as to reach him by **1500 hours on Friday 28 July 2017 at latest**.
6. The essays will be assessed by a panel of adjudicators. The decision of the panel will be final and binding.
7. The main criteria for the marking of scripts will be on the basis of :
 - (a) **relevance;**
 - (b) **language and style;**
 - (c) **presentation; and**
 - (d) **originality.**
8. The essays submitted will become the property of the POWC which will have all rights thereon, including its publication.