

Public Officers' Welfare Council

Promoting the welfare of public officers and their families

Action Plan 2013

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CHAPTER I: PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL (POWC)

1.1. Mandate of the Public Officers' Welfare Council

To promote the welfare of public officers and their families

1.2. Vision of the Public Officers' Welfare Council

To complement efforts towards building a modern and efficient Public Service equipped to respond to the challenges of the day whilst observing the codes of good governance, by holding cultural, educational, recreational, sports and leisure activities for Public Service staff and their families.

1.3. Mission Statement of the Public Officers' Welfare Council

- To be a role model in providing public officers and their families with innovative, stress-free and enriching activities
- To motivate public officers to perform better by helping them to balance their working and personal lives
- To provide an enabling environment where public officers can meet and interact for their mutual advantage and empowerment

1.4. Objects of the Public Officers' Welfare Council

- > To generally promote the welfare of public officers and their families
- To organise recreational and cultural activities for public officers
- To enlist the participation of public officers in the implementation of activities approved by the Council
- > To maintain effective communication with departmental staff welfare associations
- To diffuse information on public service matters generally
- > To set up and operate schemes or projects for the benefit of public officers and their families
- > To advise the Minister on matters relating to the welfare of public officers

1.5. Core Values

Integrity: We strive to maintain highest standards of professional ethics

• Creativity: We always innovate and find new ways to serve our customers better

Quality: We are committed to provide highest quality and timely services to our clients

Teamwork: We firmly believe in team work and sharing of information and resources

CHAPTER II: STRUCTURE OF THE POWC

2.1. Governance - Composition of the Public Officers' Welfare Council Board

The Council is managed and administered by a Board consisting of:

CHAIRMAN: Mr. D. P. Ruhee, OSK, Former Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Education

and Human Resources

MEMBERS: Mrs. V. Napaul, representative of the Prime Minister's Office

Mr. S. Buton, representative of the Ministry of Civil Service &

Administrative Reforms

Mrs. M. Nathoo, representative of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child

Development and Family Welfare

Mr. P. Ujoodha, representative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports

Mrs. C. Ramah, representative of the Ministry of Arts and Culture

Mr. M. S. Jumun, representative of the Ministry of Finance & Economic

Development

Mr. R. Sadien, MSK, representative of Civil Service Trade Unions

Mr. H. Appasamy, representative of Civil Service Trade Unions

Mr. R. Imrith, representative of Civil Service Trade Unions

Mr. J. Hurry, Independent Member

Mrs. C. Y. J. Yee Sik Chan, Independent Member

Staff of the POWC

Secretary: Mr. S. Bundhoo

Treasurer: Mr. R. Jugroop

Officers: Mrs. R. Ramtohul

Mr. B. Harnamsing

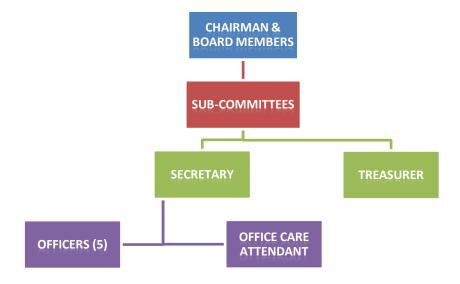
Mrs. S. D. Lobin

Mrs. A. Thecka

Mr. R. Lacha

Office Care Attendant: Mr. R. Mahabir-Singh

2.1.1. The Public Officers' Welfare Council operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms.



2.3. <u>POWC Sub-Committees</u>

- 2.3.1 Sports & Keep Fit Sub-Committee
- 2.3.2. Literary & Cultural Sub-Committee
- 2.3.3. Recreational Activities Sub-Committee
- 2.3.4. Information, Education & Communication Sub-Committee
- 2.3.5. Finance/Procurement Sub-Committee
- 2.3.6. Culinary Exhibition Sub-Committee (Ad-Hoc)
- 2.3.7. Kermesse Sub-Committee (Ad-Hoc)

2.4. Budget of the Public Officers' Welfare Council

The Public Officers' Welfare Council is a body corporate, non-profit making organisation, established under the Public Officers' Welfare Council Act (Act No.28 of 1992). It is funded by a Government annual grant provided for in the National Budget. The voted provision for the year 2013 is Rs.2.7 million. Its accounts are audited by the Director of Audit and are laid in the National Assembly.

3. Objectives of Action Plan 2013

The Plan of Action 2013, which was drawn up following consultations with representatives of Departmental Staff Welfare Associations, is meant as a guide for the Public Officers' Welfare Council. It will help all Staff Welfare Associations in formulating their welfare activities taking into consideration their needs, capacity and mandate.

The Action Plan specifies:

- i. the **set of goals** and **targets** for public officers for the year 2013;
- ii. the **strategies** for reaching those **goals**;
- iii. the commitments for action;
- iv. the ways and means for enhancing the image of the Council; and
- v. the **follow-up measures** at various levels.

Its overall objective is to empower public officers to use their innate potential to good purpose, to enhance their lives culturally and socially.

3.1. Sports and Keep Fit Activities

Objectives	> To provide opportunities to public officers to maintain their physical fitness
	> To enable public officers to practice their favourite sports activities

Activities	Time Frame	
Activities	2013	
■ Football Tournaments	March – June	
■ Volleyball Tournaments	June – August	
■ Badminton Tournaments	August - October	
■ Initiation to Swimming	January – July / October – December	
Petanque Festival	August/September	
 Keep-Fit Activities (Yoga, Zumba, Aerobics, Tai Chi, Self Defence) 	January - December	

Objectives

- > To organise activities on specific current national issues with the objective to create greater awareness among public officers
- > To motivate officers to get involved in intellectual pursuits and, as such, enhance their interaction with other public officers from different Ministries/Departments

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Activities	2013	
■ Scrabble Competition	April - June	
■ Public Speaking Competition	September	
Essay Competition	June	
 Quiz Competition 	July – November	
■ Song Competition	May - August	
 Drawing/Painting Competition 	September - October	

3.3. Recreational Activities

Objectives	To develop the spirit of friendship and understanding among public officers and their families
	➤ To provide public officers and their families with opportunities to participate and interact in a congenial atmosphere through recreational activities

Activities	Time Frame	
Activities	2013	
Excursions	April, July-August, November-December	
 Randonnées / Nature Walk 	April, July-August, November-December	
Visits to Islets	April, July-August, November-December	
■ Mini-Cruise	April/June/November	
 Visit to other Countries (Tours to Rodrigues/Reunion Island) 	April, July-August, November-December	
 Domino Competition 	July	

3.4. Information, Education and Communication Activities

Objectives	To develop a gateway to information services/resources
	➤ To organise seminars/workshops on capacity building for officers responsible for staff welfare associations
	> To develop communication channels via brochures, leaflets, posters, visual and audio presentation
	> To encourage Health Promotion Programmes
	➤ To strengthen networking mechanisms among Welfare Associations

Activities	Time Frame
Activities	2013
Seminars / Workshops	January
 Recording of Programmes organised by Public Officers' Welfare Council 	As and when activities are organised
Publication of Souvenir Magazine	December
Publication of Action Plan	January
■ Publication of Annual Report	August
Publication of Brochures	April / September
 Organisation of a Health Promotion Programme 	January-December
■ Talks	April/August/November

3.5.1 Culinary Exhibition

Objectives	 To promote good eating habits To provide an opportunity for public officers to demonstrate their culinary talents To compile and disseminate recipes to public officers
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Implementation Plan

Activity	Time Frame
	2013
Culinary Exhibition	June/July

3.5.2. Civil Service Day – (UN Public Service Day and Africa Day of the Civil Service & Administration)

Objectives	To sensitise public officers and members of the public on service delivery that affect the quality of life of citizens
	To build partnerships and consolidate networks with Civil Service Organisations in Africa and elsewhere

Implementation Plan

Activity	Time Frame
	2013
Civil Service Day	June

3.5.3. Blood Donation Campaign

Activities	Time Frame
	2013
Blood Donation Campaign	February - December

3.6. 'La Grande Kermesse de La Fonction Publique'

Objectives To enable public officers and their families to meet and interact in a friendly environment To provide Staff Welfare Associations with opportunities to raise funds for the benefit of their respective members To create a symbiotic relation among the Government, public officers and the population at large To create a platform for public officers to reveal their talents and innovative ideas

Implementation Plan

Activity	Time Frame
	2013
Civil Service Kermesse	July/August/October

3.7. Civil Service House

Activity	Time Frame
	2013
 Yoga Tai chi Zumba dance Aerobics 	February – December Monday to Friday – 1630 to 1930hrs Saturday – 0900 to 1600hrs

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