

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.o. Ministries/Departments

ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

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 officers to enhance professionalism in the public service. This year, the African Public Service Day will be celebrated around the theme:

"Transforming governance to realise the Sustainable Development Goals"

2. In this context, the Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising its annual Essay Competition on the following:

"Role of the Civil Service in transforming governance to achieve Vision 2030"

3. Participation is open to all public officers. A set of guidelines pertaining to the competition is annexed.

4. Cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 7,000 and Rs 5,000 together with souvenir trophies will be awarded respectively to the best three entries. The date for the Prize-Giving Ceremony will be communicated in due course.

5. A photocopy of a recent payslip or top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written document/ evidence attesting that the participant is a serving public officer should be submitted together with the essay scripts.

6. The participants should submit, in a **sealed envelope**, the following information: **name, Ministry/Department/Division, designation, office address, residential address, contact numbers and email address**. The sealed envelope together with 3 copies of the essay (plus soft copy as specified in the set of guidelines) should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th Floor, Atom House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis by **Friday 07 September 2018 by 1500 hrs at latest**.

7. 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.

8. This circular has also been posted on the website of the Public Officers' Welfare Council:
<http://powc.govmu.org>

9. For any additional information, the undersigned may be contacted on telephone numbers: 208-6658 or 208-0157.



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Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

Title: "Role of the Civil Service in transforming governance to achieve Vision 2030."

Guidelines

1. The Essay Competition is open to public officers only.
2. The essay should be between 2000 and 2500 words (excluding bibliography) in English, type written and double line spacing using any one of the following fonts with font size 12:
 - Times New Roman
 - Arial
 - Calibri
3. Any reference to relevant printed materials and to full text online database should be appended under bibliography.
4. The essay should be submitted in 3 hard copies and 1 soft copy.
5. Each participant should use a pen name which should be written at the top right hand corner of the first page.
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7. The essays will be assessed by a panel of adjudicators. The decision of the panel will be final and binding.
8. The main criteria for the marking of scripts will be on the basis of:
 - (a) **relevance**
 - (b) **language and style**
 - (c) **presentation;**
 - (d) **originality; and**
 - (e) **research**
9. The submitted essays will become the property of the POWC which will have all rights thereon, including its publication.