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Department of Personnel Management will now be using an online application as a new working tool that will enable working remotely and working under the new normal protocols in light of covid-19.

The Management Information Service team of the Department created the app called Google Teams - as the Department endeavors to find innovative practices of conducting business internally and with other government agencies under the new normal.

Department of Personnel Management Secretary Ms. Taies Sansan said, in light of the challenges faced by Public Servants during this covid-19 period the need to be innovative and find new ways of working that can help prevent the spread of the virus is critical.

"As a lead government agency – I have insisted on the use of such working tools by my Department and I am glad this app can be used by DPM staff for meetings and workshops that requires more than 10 people to be one room especially in communicating with the provinces".

The Department today (14th April) held its Executive Management meeting via this Microsoft Google Application as part of efforts to commence using the application.

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"Despite a few technical issues – the executive management meeting was conducted via the use of this app with success".

Secretary Sansan said, such innovations can be applied by line agencies to ensure the Public Service is adhering to the covid-19 protocols under the government's National Isolation strategy.

"All that DPM has undertaken is in line with covid-19 protocols and the recent joint Circular Instruction issued by the Department and the office of the Controller which highlighted the need for government business continue to function and services continue to be performed by public servants".

Policies and guidelines for the use of the app by the department are being finalised to guide the use of the app.

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