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ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING TRANSMISSION SWITCH OVER

The Office of the President wishes to inform members of the Public that the Government of Botswana will formally switch off the analogue terrestrial transmission and pave way to Digital Terrestrial Transmission on 2nd October 2022.

The analogue switch off will constitute the completion of the digital migration process to which Botswana committed herself under the Geneva 2006 (GE06) Agreement of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

The Geneva 2006 (GE06) Agreement obliges member countries to migrate their terrestrial transmission from analogue to digital to enhance access to television services by leveraging on technological advances brought about by digital technology.

The Government of Botswana has completed the installation and testing of 45 digital transmitters countrywide which will enable the public to receive all public and private television services. The public is advised to access the channels through the set top boxes that are already available in the market at various outlets.

Meanwhile, the public is also informed that the Department of Broadcasting Services will launch three (03) distinct television channels on the 2nd October 2022. These channels will comprise a Btv 24 hour News Channel, Btv ONE Channel and Btv TWO Channel.

The new developments will enable the Department to create opportunities for the creative industry in the broadcasting sector by stimulating demand in local productions.

Further information on the new developments will be communicated to the public. The department will communicate a toll free number for a call center to enable easier communication on the new services and other related matters regarding it's services.



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