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Ministry of Water and Human Settlement acting permanent secretary, Ms Boikhutso Botlhole (left) and United Nations Resident Coordinator in Botswana, Ms Wenyan Yang during World Habitat Day in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Botlhole said sustainable human settlements should integrate housing with infrastructure, social services, economic opportunities and a healthy environment. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

Government has set a target of 100 000 housing units by 2028 under the Bonno National Housing Programme.

This was said by acting permanent secretary in the Ministry of Water and Human Settlements, Ms Boikhutso Botlhole, yesterday as Botswana revived its national World Habitat Day commemoration for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking on behalf of Minister Onneetse Ramogapi, Ms Botlhole said the revival was a chance to renew collective action toward sustainable human settlements and adequate housing for all Batswana.

Housing, she said, was fundamental to dignity, security, health and well-being and was also central to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 on inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities.

She pointed to government's sustained investment in potable water, sanitation and other essential services, saying the Bonno programme drove such a commitment further.

Ms Botlhole said reaching the target would require a new approach to delivery, as public resources would be directed to households that needed government support most, while the private sector and the market serve other segments.

That, she explained, would expand overall supply and ensure that public money achieved the greatest social impact.

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Botswana stands with Madagascar in quest for stability

Thato Mosinyi
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President Advocate Duma Boko has affirmed Botswana’s support to Madagascar in restoring political and economic stability.

In welcoming President of Madagascar, Colonel Michael Randrianirina who was on a two day working visit to Botswana, President Boko said Botswana was committed to supporting Madagascar in all the regional and other fora, so that its restoration overseen by SADC, delivered the envisioned outcomes. The is emerging from a sustained period of political turmoil.

President Boko said it was commendable that Madagascar had attained some level of stability and continued to normalise, enabling the people to rebuild the country and its economy.

This, he said would enable the nation to restore confidence in its governance and institutions toward economic empowerment of the people.

He said the move would allow

the country to address basic and pressing challenges that afflicted its population.

President Boko said he was aware of the dialogue taking place amongst the people of Madagascar, with a view to finding a way of achieving the level of harmony required to sustain the process of reform and restoration.

“We have been very fortunate to begin this journey with the people of Madagascar, and we are confident that Madagascar will now cast away the image of instability and endemic poverty. The country will now grow, its economy will be stronger, and its mineral resources will benefit its people. We will no longer have a spectacle where, on international indicators, Madagascar gold is trading, while the country within is not recording even the slightest benefit from its mineral resources, especially its vast gold deposits,” President Boko said.

As a show of deep brotherhood between the two countries, and in order to cement the collaboration, President Boko stated that



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) meeting his Madagascar counterpart, Colonel Michael Randrianirina who was on a two-day working visit on Saturday. President Boko commended Madagascar for attaining a level of stability, saying the continued normalisation of the country would enable its people to rebuild the country and its economy. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Botswana would also remove all visa requirements for the people of Madagascar.

He expressed confident that this would enable free movement, air connectivity, and all manner of other commercial activity between the two nations.

President Boko also indicated the need for the two countries to strengthen their economic ties adding that efforts in that regard had already started.

He said there were enormous opportunities in mining, mineral beneficiation and as such, the two

nations had committed themselves to collaborating actively.

He indicated that the collaboration would entail the deployment of personnel, experts, mining engineers and geologists to work in Madagascar, to ensure that the county made the best use of its mineral wealth, while also providing skill transfer to the locals.

President Boko said Botswana was also keen on cooperation in tourism, agriculture and other economic aspects.

Furthermore, Col Randrianirina

Randrianirina urges Malagasy diaspora to remain united

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Madagascar’s President Colonel Michaël Randrianirina has urged Malagasy living abroad to remain united and avoid allowing political differences to divide them, saying the diaspora has an important role to play in the country’s

development.

Speaking during a meeting with the Malagasy community in Gaborone on Saturday, Mr Randrianirina said national unity was essential as Madagascar worked to address the political and institutional challenges facing the country.

He acknowledged that political

differences existed within Malagasy society but urged citizens, including those living abroad, to focus on finding solutions rather than deepening divisions.

President Randrianirina said his engagement with Malagasy communities outside the country was intended to listen to their concerns, receive criticism, and

gather ideas that could contribute to Madagascar’s development.

The meeting also highlighted the role of the diaspora in supporting Madagascar’s economic progress.

President Randrianirina encouraged the diaspora to remain connected to their home country and contribute through investment, expertise, business,

and other forms of economic engagement.

Members of the Malagasy community in Botswana, many of whom work with regional institutions, raised concerns about Madagascar’s engagement with the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

They called for stronger communication between Madagascar’s government institutions and SADC structures.

The community also highlighted the need to ease movement between Madagascar and Botswana, particularly through more accessible visa arrangements.

They argued that improved mobility could help expand trade, investment, and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Agriculture was cited as an area with significant potential for greater cooperation, with participants pointing to opportunities for Madagascar to improve the distribution and export of agricultural produce to markets in the region.

President Randrianirina’s meeting with the diaspora formed part of his state visit to Botswana, during which he also held talks with President Duma Boko on strengthening bilateral relations and regional cooperation.

The visit comes as Madagascar seeks to deepen its engagement with SADC and strengthen cooperation with countries in the region. **BOPA**



Madagascar President, Colonel Michael Randrianirina (right) engaging with Malagasy nationals living in Botswana during his two-day working visit on Saturday. He said his government was working to build industrial infrastructure and technical capacity, including specialised training and talent management. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

‘Balance tourism growth with ecological protection’

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

The transformation of Maun into a world-class tourism city is possible while preserving its unique ecological heritage, director of business services at Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), Mr Moemedi Mokgosi has said. Mr Mokgosi underscored the need to protect natural capital while building export-ready green enterprises.

He made the remarks at the recently concluded three-day Maun Trade Expo, noting that BITC had identified significant export opportunities in the area, particularly as tourism was already exporting services globally.

Mr Mokgosi said Maun needed a strong economic ecosystem that looked beyond tourism, highlighting its potential in mining, aquaculture, aviation and

hospitality.

He said, most importantly, the creative industry had to be embedded in the ecosystem.

On the industrial side, he said BITC was seeing another engine of growth emerging through copper mining activities associated with the Khoemacau project in the region.

He urged local entrepreneurs to take advantage of mining activities, particularly by positioning themselves through citizen economic empowerment programmes to build local supply chains around the mine.

He said there were opportunities in accommodation and service provision, adding that BITC wanted to see more businesses from the region participate in economic growth.

Mr Mokgosi also cited local artist Ms Shakunona Parata as an example of the region’s potential, noting

that she showcased Ngamiland’s centuries-old basketry at the prestigious Homo Faber 2026 exhibition in Venice, Italy.

He said Ms Parata demonstrated what the region was capable of achieving in the arts and crafts sector, describing her participation on the global stage as an achievement for the country.

“This is a tradition that has been practised for a long time and passed from generation to generation among our local women using local resources. As we talk sustainability, this is where we build resilience and let us continue to build the name Okavango by producing more products that we can take to the world,” he said.

Mr Mokgosi said basketry was one of the industries BITC had supported in accessing lucrative international markets, citing the

export of some baskets to the United States of America.

He said his office, which covered areas beyond Francistown, including Maun, was working with 25 accredited companies in the region, predominantly in tourism, transport and aviation, while others were involved in manufacturing, arts and crafts and mining operations.

He said BITC aimed to accredit more companies and expose them not only to local value addition opportunities but also to international markets.

He added that Botswana needed more export-ready companies to take advantage of opportunities outside Maun and the country as they competed in the regional and international markets.

While welcoming Maun’s ambition to become a green

hub, Mr Mokgosi said BITC had recently launched the Green Mark as a potential tool to strengthen Botswana’s attractiveness as a destination for sustainable investment.

He encouraged companies to take advantage of the initiative. The Green Mark recognises businesses, organisations, projects and initiatives that actively contribute to a more sustainable Botswana.

Mr Mokgosi said companies should be compliant with environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards, adding that BITC supported companies using the mark through its #PushaBW programme, aimed to increase consumption, visibility and market uptake of locally produced goods and services.

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Boko stresses accuracy in rulings

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has stressed the need for judges to reduce errors in their decision, noting that some rulings are final.

Swearing in Justice Professor Tachilisa Balule, who is joining the High Court bench, and Justice Tshegofatso Mogomotsi, who is joining the Court of Appeal on Friday, he called on the two appointees to pray for wisdom and minimise errors in their decisions, adding that a judge’s decision could advance society but could also, at worst, destroy it.

President Boko said sitting on the bench should not give an impression that one was beyond errors, as all were human and bound to make mistakes.

“We are all humans and we will make mistakes,” he said, noting that such positions called on one to approach decisions with solemnity and humility.

He urged judges to appreciate the consequences their decisions may have on litigants, families, societies, the country and generations yet to come.

President Boko said although the appointments were made on the recommendation of the

Judicial Service Commission as per the dictates of the Constitution, he had personally interacted with the two and had confidence in their capabilities.

He said the addition of Justices Balule and Mogomotsi to the bench would enrich, strengthen and improve the country’s justice system and its jurisprudence.

Prior to his appointment, Professor Balule served as an Associate Professor of Law in the Department of Law at the University of Botswana, and once served as head of department.

He holds an LLB degree from the University of Botswana, LLM and PhD degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and has published books, book chapters and academic journal articles in the areas of freedom of expression, including media freedom and access to information, and on aspects of electoral laws.

Justice Mogomotsi is elevated



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) after swearing in Justice Professor Tachilisa Balule (left) onto the High Court bench and Justice Tshegofatso Mogomotsi onto the Court of Appeal bench in Gaborone on Friday. President Boko said addition of Justices Balule and Mogomotsi to the bench would enrich, strengthen and improve the country’s justice system and its jurisprudence. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

from the High Court bench to the country’s Supreme Court.

A former Magistrate, Justice Mogomotsi started her law career as a Magistrate in the 1990s and

moved up the ladder until she became a High Court judge.

Her academic credentials include a Master of Laws obtained from the University of London, a

Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Laws obtained from the University of Botswana.

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Govt commits to 100 000 homes by 2028

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She however cautioned that numbers alone would not be enough, saying the ambition was sustainable settlements where housing was integrated with infrastructure, social services, economic opportunities and a healthy environment.

She called for a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and therefore encouraged financial institutions to develop accessible housing finance for households that struggled to qualify for conventional mortgages.

Ms Botlhole also urged developers to deliver quality housing more affordably using new construction technologies and implored planners, architects, engineers and surveyors to design climate-responsive solutions. Employers, she said, should keep contributing to housing and community development.

“The housing challenge is too significant and complex for one institution or sector to address alone,” she said, urging all parties to build not only more houses, but better, inclusive and sustainable communities.

Welcoming guests, Department of Town and Country Planning director, Mr Kebonyemodisa Ooke, said World Habitat day, observed on the first Monday of October, prompted reflection on every citizen’s right to adequate shelter. This year’s national theme was: Adequate Housing for All: Connecting People to Land, Housing Finance and Sustainable Settlement.

Mr Ooke announced that the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, had approved the Segoditshane River Corridor Master Plan, which he said was a flagship product of the partnership between government and UN-Habitat.

The plan, he said, would turn the river corridor into a safe, productive and mixed-use urban asset. By unlocking underutilised land across the capital, it is expected to support the Bonno National Housing Scheme and provide space to house up to 10 000 residents.

“Decent housing is more than just four walls and a roof,” Mr Ooke said, adding that it depended on secure land, affordable financing and well-served neighbourhoods.

He stressed that government could not deliver this alone and that housing for all was a shared responsibility. He also urged the media to help educate the public about available housing and land programmes.

UN resident coordinator in Botswana, Ms Wenyan Yang, noted that housing was recognised as a human right under the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Ms Yang said more than three billion people worldwide lacked adequate housing, over 1.1 billion lived in informal settlements and hundreds of millions were homeless while conflict, disasters and climate change made the crisis worse.

She said adequate housing required more than building houses, but diversifying delivery through social, public, rental, cooperative and community-led models alongside market-based solutions, supported by sound policy, data and financing.

She welcomed the Housing Experts Working Group, recently launched by the Ministry of Water and Human Settlements and UN-Habitat, as a platform to bring together government, financial institutions, the private sector, academia and civil society. **BOPA**

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Official urges men to speak out



A counsellor at the Botswana Prisons Service, Mr Taolo Mogale at the Assemblies of God Men's Pitso in Kanye recently. He encouraged men to speak out and emulate their female counterparts who had normalised attending empowerment platforms to support one another. Photo: Relief Lephutshi



Botswana Christian Health & AIDS Intervention Programme chief executive officer, Ms Bridget Mphusu addressing attendees at the Assemblies of God Men's Pitso in Kanye recently. She urged men to normalise seeking therapy, saying about 17 per cent of men sought help from mental health professionals last year, compared with 29 per cent of women. Photo: Courtesy of Assemblies of God

Relief Lephutshi
KANYE

Botswana Christian Health & AIDS Intervention Programme chief executive officer has urged men to normalise seeking therapy as they account for 80 per cent of suicide deaths.

Speaking at the Assemblies of God Men's Pitso in Kanye recently, Ms Bridget Mphusu revealed that about 17 per cent of men were registered seeking help from mental health professional last year, compared with 29 per cent of women.

According to her, societal and traditional expectations associated with extreme self-reliance, emotional restrictions and reluctance to show vulnerability contributed to men's resistance to seek help.

For his part, a counsellor at the Botswana Prisons Service, Mr Taolo Mogale said men take mental health issues lightly, as by default, societal expectations were that men ought not to show their weaknesses especially by crying when overwhelmed by pain.

He therefore urged them to learn to cry when there was a need, saying it would help them avoid living under pressure due to bottling up matters.

Mr Mogale encouraged men to speak out and emulate their female counterparts who had normalised attending empowerment platforms to support one another.

He advised men to reach out to institutions offering counselling such as Men and Boys for Gender equality, Botswana Network on Mental Health and Mindful Movement Organisation.

Mr Mogale said men should also be leaders in their families, teach their children to live in a godly way and encourage young people to heed their parents' advice and guidance. **BOPA**

Gaolathe urges Sefhophe residents to retain trust in UDC

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Vice President of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, has urged residents of Sefhophe to continue placing trust in the UDC Government.

Mr Gaolathe, who is also Vice President of Botswana, was speaking during the launch of UDC council candidate Mr Thabiso Galebotse ahead of the October 17 by-election in Sefhophe.

The by-election follows the death of former councillor, Mr Christopher Motsholapheko

in July.

Mr Gaolathe said the UDC Government was committed to fulfilling its promises and improving the livelihoods of Batswana.

He emphasised that the support which propelled the UDC into government should not end at the polls, but should

“...addressing the challenges requires patience, unity and collaborative efforts among all stakeholders.”

Vice President of the Umbrella for Democratic Change, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe



Vice President of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and Alliance for Progressives secretary general, Dr Pheny Butale (left) during the launch of UDC council candidate, Mr Thabiso Galebotse in Sefhophe on Saturday, ahead of the upcoming by-elections scheduled for October 17. The by-election follows the passing of former council candidate, Mr Christopher Motsholapheko, who passed on in July. Mr Gaolathe urged residents to retain trust in the UDC. Photo: Chendzimu Manyepedza

translate into continued confidence in the Government's ability to lead the country.

He acknowledged that the UDC Government had inherited some challenges from the previous administration, saying sustainable measures would continue to be implemented to address them.

He said addressing the challenges required patience, unity and collaborative efforts among all stakeholders, adding that government's priority was to create better opportunities for citizens while responding to the diverse needs of communities.

Mr Gaolathe therefore urged residents to support the UDC council candidate, highlighting the important role of local government as a link between communities and the national Government.

“Councillors play a critical role in ensuring that communities' concerns are brought to the attention of relevant authorities and that development programmes reach the people.

I encourage you to fully engage in the upcoming elections and rally behind the UDC candidate,

who not only understands the unique challenges faced by the community, but is also committed to advocating for the people's interests,” he said.

Member of Parliament for Mmadinare Constituency and Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshyegwa, revealed that Sefhophe Clinic had been upgraded to operate as a 24-hour facility.

He said the upgrade reflected the UDC Government's commitment to prioritising the needs of the community, and stressed the importance of a concerted effort within the UDC to secure the council seat and continue advocating for the well-being of residents

The newly launched council candidate, Mr Galebotse, committed to working closely with community members.

He promised to bring their concerns to the attention of relevant stakeholders to ensure that issues were addressed promptly and effectively, thereby fostering a stronger and more responsive local government. **BOPA**

Chapo calls for stronger agricultural cooperation

MAPUTO

Mozambique President Daniel Chapo has called for stronger agricultural cooperation between Mozambique and China.

Chapo made the remarks Saturday while attending a wheat harvesting ceremony at the Wanbao rice farm in the southern province of Gaza. During the event, Chapo viewed displays of crops and seeds, including rice, wheat and maize, and learned about the farm's cooperation with local farmers. Agriculture is of great importance to Mozambique, Chapo said, calling on the two countries to further strengthen capacity building and cooperation to enhance Mozambique's food production capacity. He expressed hope that the cooperation model of the Chinese-invested Wanbao rice farm could be expanded to other parts of the country. Shao Jiayun, general manager of the Wanbao rice farm, said the farm planted

about 3,500 hectares of rice annually, including around 1,000 hectares cultivated in cooperation with local farmers, producing about 20,000 tonnes of paddy rice and 12,000 tonnes of processed rice each year. This year, following small-scale trial planting last year, the company planted about 667 hectares of wheat and achieved a good harvest, he said. Shao said the farm currently worked with about 350 to 400 local farming households each year. By introducing improved crop varieties, promoting agricultural technologies, providing machinery and offering production guidance, the project has helped participating farmers increase their yields. Some farmers working with the farm have seen grain yields rise from about one to 1.5 tonnes per hectare in the past to between five and seven tonnes per hectare, he said. Adriano Francisco Bila, one of the local farmers cooperating with the Wanbao rice farm, who joined the project in 2020, starting with one hectare of farmland, said the income generated from farming had gradually improved his family's living conditions, enabling him to secure access to water and electricity at home and support his children's education. "Things that once seemed beyond my reach have now become possible through farming," Bila said, hoping to continue cooperating with Wanbao and receive further support for agricultural production. Xinhua



MAPUTO - Mozambique President Daniel Chapo (centre) being briefed on the wheat cultivation during a wheat harvesting ceremony at the Wanbao rice farm in the southern province of Gaza, Mozambique on Saturday. Chapo has called on Mozambique and China to strengthen capacity building and cooperation to enhance food production capacity. Photo: Xinhua



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HARARE - Air Zimbabwe transition into the oversight of the Mutapa Investment Fund has delivered measurable governance, operational and financial achievements, laying the foundation for long-term recovery. Photo: NewZiana

AirZim turnaround gathers pace

HARARE

The transition of Air Zimbabwe into the oversight of the Mutapa Investment Fund has delivered measurable governance, operational and financial achievements, laying the foundation for long-term recovery, an official has said.

Air Zimbabwe board chairperson Dr Silvanos Gwarinda said this recently in his statement for the year ended 31 December 2024.

He said the governance transformation had strengthened strategic oversight, enhanced accountability and positioned the airline to operate under a commercially focused governance framework.

“Since Mutapa took over, a diverse and highly skilled board was appointed together with key executives including the Chief Finance Officer, Company Secretary and Risk Officer, significantly reinforcing institutional capacity,” he said.

He said historical financial reporting backlogs were substantially cleared through completion and audit of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 financial statements, enabling the airline to convene its Annual General Meeting in compliance with statutory requirements.

“Quarterly Board and Committee meetings were held consistently, internal audit and risk management functions were strengthened and performance management systems were enhanced through formal performance agreements for executive leadership,” he said.

Dr Gwarinda said the balance sheet was strengthened, with total assets increasing by 32.1 per cent to US\$89.85 million from US\$68.02 million, while shareholders’ equity more than doubled to US\$40.31 million following successful revaluation of strategic assets and continued shareholder support.

Financial turnaround began with revenue increasing by 42.6 per cent from US\$7.54 million to US\$10.74 million, gross losses narrowing by over 90 per cent and net loss reducing by 31.7 per cent from US\$10.44 million to US\$7.12 million.

Dr Gwarinda said these improvements affirmed that the turnaround interventions implemented by Management, under the oversight of the Board, are beginning to deliver tangible results.

On operations, he said the addition of a second ERJ145 aircraft during the year improved fleet availability and supported expansion of regional and domestic operations connecting Harare with Victoria Falls, Bulawayo, Johannesburg and Dar es Salaam.

“Passenger traffic was modest with 33

676 passengers transported in 2024, about 1 per cent growth, with average network load factor improving marginally to 46 per cent, falling short of expectations and below growth recorded across the African aviation market,” he said.

This, he said, underscores the need for continued investment in network optimisation, fleet expansion, enhanced distribution systems and commercial partnerships to improve market competitiveness.

Dr Gwarinda said the cargo business delivered an exceptional performance, with total cargo volumes increasing by 59.4 per cent, driven largely by a remarkable 101.4 per cent growth in regional cargo traffic.

“The cargo business however, delivered an exceptional performance. Total cargo volumes increased by 59.4 per cent driven largely by a remarkable 101.4 per cent growth in regional cargo traffic. This demonstrates the growing importance of cargo operations as a strategic revenue stream and presents opportunities for further expansion as the airline diversifies its business portfolio,” he added.

He said the airline was now focusing its cargo strategy on cargo network optimisation, freighter fleet expansion, integrated cargo information systems and cargo partnerships and alliances.

Looking ahead, Dr Gwarinda said the Board remained optimistic with immediate priorities including continued fleet optimisation, route profitability, commercial growth, operational excellence and strengthening strategic partnerships that will position Air Zimbabwe for sustainable growth.

Under restore and expand, the airline has already restored Grand Reef operations, a service last operated in 1980, and restored the flagship Harare-London Gatwick service as part of broader network rebuilding to facilitate national connectivity, tourism and regional trade.

Earlier, Makona had told the AGM that London was being marketed under Experience Zimbabwe, Fly Direct and was generating positivity from the diaspora and fresh produce exporters who could now get produce to London from Harare in less than 10 hours, with future growth set to see Harare-Beijing and Harare-Dubai on the cards.

Dr Gwarinda expressed confidence that, with the governance reforms now in place and the board’s unwavering commitment to engagement, the board will restore Air Zimbabwe to profitability and rebuild a national airline that all Zimbabweans can once again be proud of. **New Ziana**



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Maun Trade Expo to showcase in Australia

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Following participation at The Business Show Africa in Johannesburg, Maun Trade Expo has been invited to exhibit at The Business Show Sydney in Australia next month.

Founded by Mr Onkatametse Meti and focusing on creating connections between businesses, markets, investors and customers while supporting entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development, the Maun Trade Expo provides an avenue through which businesses could participate in development,

identify opportunities and build relationships that extend beyond the expo.

With participation across sectors such as agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, retail, technology and professional services, the expo provides businesses with an opportunity to showcase their products, connect with customers, partners, investors and explore new markets.

Speaking during the official opening of the 2nd edition of the expo on Friday, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima noted that as government sought to grow local business, there was need to look beyond domestic market.

Mr Ntsima appreciated that participating in an international

show, which would be held in Sydney on November 25 to 26, 2026, presented Maun Trade Expo with an opportunity to take Botswana's business story to an international audience.

"The next step is to ensure that the opportunities created through the expo are converted into sustainable business relationships," he added.

Mr Ntsima said the opportunity was an avenue through which the Maun Trade Expo could expand its network and expose participating businesses to international markets.

Furthermore, he acknowledged the expo growth from approximately 95 exhibitors at its first edition to more than 119 exhibitors, demonstrating growing interest in Maun as a platform

for businesses to meet, exchange ideas and explore commercial opportunities.

He appreciated that the expo provided exposure for local entrepreneurs, artists and service providers while creating temporary opportunities in areas such as catering, security, registration, cleaning, transport and event management

"A successful trade expo is ultimately measured not only by the number of exhibitors or visitors it attracts but by what happens after the exhibition, the relationships established, the opportunities pursued, the deals explored, the markets opened and the businesses that grow as a result.

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Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima (left) and other dignitaries interacting with exhibitors during the 2nd edition of the Maun Trade Expo on Friday. The expo, which provides businesses with opportunities to showcase products and access new markets, has been invited to exhibit at The Business Show Sydney in Australia on November 25 and 26. Photo: Esther Mmolai

BofA challenges farmers to show commitment

Manowe Motsaathebe
BOBONONG

The president of Botswana Farmers Association (BofA) has warned prospective members that the association is for committed farmers, who are faring agriculture as a business.

Speaking during a farmers' workshop in Bobonong recently, BofA president, Ms Diane Sibanda said members who sought to join the over 7 500 member association should be determined to add value to the association.

"We are not spoilt. We are not dinosaurs. We are committed.

We add value and when you join we ask, what do you offer? If you have nothing to offer please, don't bother joining us," she said.

Ms Sibanda prided BofA as not just an association, but a business which would be opening a state of the art office at Finance Park, a statement move consistent with restoring farmers' pride and respect.

BofA president said the association she led did not engage Ministry of Lands and Agriculture as beggars, but as a partner.

Praising the association as an autonomous body, BofA president detailed how some members suffered greatly at the formative stages of the association before

it finally fledged through to the status of non-dependence.

"We're smallholder farmers who have weaned themselves from government," she said as she emphasised the association's autonomy.

Ms Sibanda, who is also chairperson of Eastern and Southern African Farmers Forum since 2025, prided the association with a 'very strong youth wing.'

She said they had 15 young farmers who have been adequately trained that the association would not hesitate to send to represent on international platforms.

However, Ms Sibanda called for more women participation observing that in other countries

it was difficult to offer women leadership positions in farming.

Councillor for Dandane-Mabeleng ward, Mr Letsogile Keketso challenged farmers to produce enough to feed the nation.

He argued that if people committed to farming they would not steal from others.

"You can also help uplift others," he said, reminding farmers of adequate underground water in the region that could spur irrigation.

Mr Keketso also appealed to farmers to engage innovative ways to farming to improve the quality and quantity of their produce. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

OPEC+ to maintain oil output

VIENNA - The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, will keep their oil output level unchanged for the second consecutive month in November, OPEC said in a statement on Sunday. The decision was made after a virtual meeting of OPEC+ member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman, to review global market conditions and the economic outlook. "The seven participating countries decided to maintain September 2026 required production for November 2026," the statement noted. The seven OPEC+ countries had been raising oil output on a monthly basis from April to September this year. In October, the seven countries paused their oil output increases. **Xinhua**

Global food prices hit record high

ROME - Global food prices rose in September to their highest level in nearly four years amid disruptions to logistics and concerns over weather conditions, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said Friday. The FAO Food Price Index averaged 136.0 points in September, up from a revised 134.0 points in August and reaching its highest level since November 2022. The FAO benchmarks for cereal, sugar and vegetable oil prices all increased last month, while meat and dairy prices declined. FAO Chief Economist Maximo Torero said disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz and the Black Sea, combined with climate shocks, were putting pressure on energy, transport and key food commodities. If sustained, such pressures could eventually be passed on to consumer food prices, particularly in countries dependent on food and energy imports, Torero said. **Xinhua**

Libya regulates exports operations

TRIPOLI - Libya's Minister of Economy and Trade Suhail Abu Shiha on Sunday issued a decision to regulate and control export operations, imposing a series of restrictions on the export and re-export of goods and products, according to a ministry statement. Under the decision, the export of all agricultural products is banned, with dates being the sole exception. The decision also bans the export of locally produced food products until domestic market conditions stabilise, and prohibits the re-export of all types of imported goods and products. The decision aims to regulate export operations and safeguard the availability of goods and products in the local market, the statement said. The decision comes as part of government measures to regulate foreign trade and ensure the availability of goods in the local market. **Xinhua**



BEIJING - Li-ion batteries on display during the second China International Supply Chain Expo in China. Volkswagen Group, its battery unit PowerCo and Gotion recently announced that Gotion would invest around US\$1.29 billion for a 49-per cent stake in PowerCo's battery-cell plant in Sagunto, eastern Spain. Photo: Xinhua

Maun Trade Expo to showcase in Australia

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As we celebrate the second edition of the Maun Trade Expo, let us continue to strengthen platforms that bring businesses together and create meaningful opportunities for enterprise development,” he said.

Mr Ntsima hailed the expo as an initiative that complemented the national efforts to promote entrepreneurship, enterprise development, investment and market access.

He added that three companies that previously participated in the expo, had subsequently opened branches in Maun, illustrating how business exhibitions could serve as a starting point for long-term commercial engagement and investment.

Mr Ntsima said government welcomed and supports initiatives that created space for entrepreneurs to connect, innovate, trade and grow by pursuing opportunities that could contribute to sustainable economic growth.

As Botswana continues to pursue the development of Maun as a green city and an eco-urban tourism hub, he said platforms that brought businesses, investors and entrepreneurs together could contribute meaningfully to the wider economic transformation.

Held under the theme: Enhancing Business Growth and Sustainability, the business expo founder, Mr Meti noted that it meant to celebrate Botswana’s spirit of enterprise, unity and shared responsibility.

“The Maun Trade Expo is established from a strong belief that businesses in Maun, the North West District and Botswana deserve a platform where they can be seen, heard and connected to opportunities. When local businesses grow, they create employment. When entrepreneurs succeed, families and communities benefit and when businesses work together, our national economy grows significantly,” he added.

Mr Meti described the expo as a platform for collaboration between government, the private sector, parastatals, development agencies, local communities and entrepreneurs among others.

He appealed to established businesses to support emerging enterprises, equally urging financial institutions to develop accessible solutions for entrepreneurs. **BOPA**

Partnership helps Spain enhance EV value chain

MADRID

Spain builds more than 2 million vehicles a year as Europe’s second-largest vehicle producer, but many decisions shaping its automotive industry are made abroad.

With Volkswagen considering a possible phase-out of its Spanish brand SEAT after 2030, a new battery partnership with China’s Gotion High-Tech highlights Spain’s efforts to secure its place in the electric-vehicle value chain. Volkswagen Group, its battery unit PowerCo and Gotion announced on September 28 that Gotion would invest around €1.1 billion (US\$1.29 billion) for a 49-per cent stake in PowerCo’s battery-cell plant in Sagunto, eastern Spain.

PowerCo will retain 51 per cent, with the venture intended to be jointly managed and operations to start in 2027. Jose Diez, second vice president of the Valencian regional government, said the partnership would combine “industrial experience and technological knowledge” to make the project more competitive.

Spain has an extensive automotive manufacturing ecosystem spanning assembly plants, component makers and supplier

network. According to ICEX, Spain’s state export and investment agency, nine multinational groups operate 18 vehicle assembly and component plants in the country.

The broader automotive industry accounts for around 10 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) and 16 per cent of goods exports. Yet much of that industrial strength sits within multinational groups, leaving Spain exposed to investment and production decisions made elsewhere.

Uncertainty over SEAT has brought that vulnerability into focus.

In September, Volkswagen said tighter CO2 rules, electrification costs and the investment needed for a new generation of electric models were making further investment in the brand increasingly complex. Volkswagen’s options beyond 2030 include a gradual phase-out. The announcement has stirred concerns in Spain.

El Pais reported that SEAT’s direct and indirect economic footprint was estimated at around 4 per cent of Catalonia’s GDP and 3 per cent of employment.

Matias Carnero, president of SEAT’s works council and currently a member of Volkswagen’s supervisory board, has warned against allowing SEAT

to become “a mere assembly plant.”

He told Catalan newspaper La Vanguardia that SEAT still retained activities spanning design, production and sales. “The whole value chain - that is what matters,” he said.

Electrification is changing what gives automotive manufacturers a competitive edge.

“It is no longer just about who manufactures better, but who controls batteries, software, costs and the speed of innovation,” Xavier Ferre, partner responsible for automotive and transport at EY Spain, told local media La Vanguardia.

Batteries illustrate that shift. According to Volkswagen, Europe still lacked significant industrial-scale production capacity for lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries, a technology increasingly used in lower-cost mass-market electric vehicles. Gotion brings established expertise in LFP technology and large-scale manufacturing.

The new partnership aims to make Sagunto a European production hub for LFP-based Unified Cells. The plant’s first phase is now planned at up to 30 GWh of annual capacity, 50 per cent above the 20 GWh initially considered.

The cells are intended to feed

Volkswagen Group’s electric-vehicle production network in Spain, including small electric models assembled at SEAT’s Martorell plant in Catalonia and Volkswagen Navarra.

Another major project is taking shape in Zaragoza, where Stellantis and China’s CATL are investing up to €4.1 billion (US\$4.62 billion) in a 50-50 joint venture to build an LFP battery plant with a capacity of up to 50 GWh.

Construction began in 2025, and production is scheduled to start by the end of 2026.

Such projects could help Spain anchor battery manufacturing alongside vehicle assembly, strengthening its position as production shifts toward electric models.

Spain’s partnerships with Chinese companies extend beyond batteries.

Chery has partnered with Spanish brand Ebro to revive production at Nissan’s former Barcelona plant. Ford and Geely have agreed to form a joint venture around the Almussafes plant in Valencia, pending regulatory approval.

Stellantis is also deepening industrial cooperation with Leapmotor, with production planned in Zaragoza. **Xinhua**

Chinese brands take centre stage at Auto Athina

ATHENS

The growing presence of Chinese car brands has been showcased at Auto Athina 2026, an international auto show that began Saturday in Athens, Greek.

The auto show, which runs from October 3 to 11 at the Metropolitan Expo in Athens, features 52 brands, the largest number in the show’s history. More than a dozen Chinese brands are among the exhibitors.

Chinese cars are drawing attention in Greece for their competitive prices and technological features, according to dealers and visitors to the auto

show. Thomas Kouris, a visitor to the BYD booth, said the cars’ high quality, competitive prices and electric vehicle (EV) subsidies had prompted him to take a closer look at Chinese brands.

For Nikos Ioannou, a visitor to the Chery booth, the driving experience was important.

He said Chinese cars offered reliable performance, good driving dynamics and competitive prices.

“They are very good cars. They turn well, brake well, ride well, have a lot of technology, and offer incredible prices,” he said.

The growing presence of Chinese automakers, which have begun entering the Greek market

in recent years, is also reflected in statistics.

Chinese brands accounted for nearly 10 per cent of new passenger car registrations in Greece in the first eight months of 2026, according to data from the Association of Motor Vehicle Importers - Representatives (AMVIR).

BYD has registered more than 6 000 electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles in Greece since entering the market in March 2024, with registrations up by 47 per cent in the first eight months of 2026 from the same period last year, Yiannis Kakouris, public relations manager for BYD at Greek dealer Sfakianakis Group,

told *Xinhua*. At Chery’s booth, George Spanos, CEO of Greek dealer Spanos SA, said Chery had achieved strong retail sales in September, with the Tiggo 4 hybrid among its leading models.

The growth comes amid a broader shift in consumer demand toward EV, according to an analysis by AMVIR based on new-car registration data from the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT).

Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) remained dominant, accounting for 57.7 per cent of new-car registrations in the January-August period, compared with 49.2 per cent a year earlier. Battery electric vehicles (BEVs)

accounted for 6.7 per cent of new-car registrations, up 1.4 percentage points from the same period last year, while plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) accounted for 6.3 per cent.

Gasoline-powered cars accounted for 24 per cent, down 8.4 percentage points year-on-year. That market mix has also created opportunities for Chinese manufacturers, many of which have entered Greece with hybrid models alongside fully electric vehicles. “The trend is toward new-technology vehicles that definitely have a battery and an electric motor. However, hybrids are still more popular,” Spanos said. **Xinhua**



BUKAVU - Residents conducting Ebola prevention publicity on a street in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Photo: Xinhua

African leaders urge joint action and self-reliance

EL ALAMEIN

African leaders at high-level gatherings hosted in Egypt have urged self-reliance and joint actions to address shared challenges and advance sustainable development across the continent. A series of high-level African events are hosted in Egypt's New Alamein from October 2 to 4, including the Alamein Africa Forum, a summit of the founding states of the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), and the 8th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union (AU) and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

"It is no longer enough to coordinate our positions; rather, our capabilities must be integrated, and we must forge our future through joint efforts," said Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on Sunday during the opening session of the AU's eighth Mid-Year Coordination Meeting. He reaffirmed Egypt's rejection of external interference in the domestic affairs of African countries and called for respect for state sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

Sisi stressed the importance of addressing transnational issues through cooperation and dialogue, including the management and utilisation of natural resources and transboundary rivers in accordance with international law. He said that "cooperation in managing transboundary rivers must be based on relevant rules of international law, consultation, coordination, and the principles of good neighborliness and non-harm."

The AU has called on Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Egypt to exercise "maximum restraint" amid mounting regional diplomatic tensions, as Ethiopia closed its embassy in Eritrea on Thursday, and Ethiopia and Egypt recently expelled a diplomat from each other's embassies.

At Saturday's summit of the AUDA-NEPAD founding states, African leaders stressed the need for the continent to rely on its own resources and capabilities to

achieve development and advance the goals of Agenda 2063, the African Union (AU)'s 50-year plan (2013-2063) designed to transform the continent into a global powerhouse through inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development.

Leaders and representatives of the African Union Commission and the five founding states of AUDA-NEPAD, namely Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa, attended the summit, and Burundi President Evariste Ndayishimiye, the current chairperson of the African Union.

Sisi said that time has come for Africa to rely more on its own resources and to develop and adopt African financing mechanisms.

The Egyptian president noted the Alamein Declaration, issued at the conclusion of the summit, placed special importance on the African private sector as a key driver in accelerating implementation of the second 10-year plan of Agenda 2063, highlighting the importance of African business leaders, investors and private capital.

Ndayishimiye stressed the need to strengthen AUDA-NEPAD's capacity to expand infrastructure projects and enhance coordination among African institutions, as well as coordination between AUDA-NEPAD and the African Union.

Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye said Africa still faced challenges, including poverty, achieving food security, providing job opportunities for young people and improving health services.

For his part, Angolan President Lourenco said that AUDA-NEPAD was established to meet Africa's need to take responsibility for setting its own development agenda and determining its priorities, and that the agency's priorities should align with the circumstances and capabilities required to perform its tasks effectively.

AUDA-NEPAD was founded in 2018 to coordinate regional and continental projects to advance the realisation of Agenda 2063, and to strengthen the capacity of African Union member states and regional bodies. **Xinhua**

Ebola outbreak eases despite death toll topping 4 000

KINSHASA

Health authorities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) said Friday that the Ebola outbreak has eased in some areas with no new cases reported in more health zones for weeks despite that the total death toll that surpassed 4 000.

"We are no longer talking about outbreaks at the provincial level, but outbreaks concentrated in individual health zones,"

Health Minister Roger Kamba told a press briefing in Kinshasa.

Data released Friday showed that the outbreak had claimed 4 018 lives among 8 300 confirmed cases across seven provinces, with an overall case fatality rate of 48.4 per cent.

A total of 2 162 patients have recovered. Of the 63 health zones affected across seven provinces since the outbreak began, 12 have reported no new cases for 42 days, Kamba said.

"The situation remains highly variable, but we can see that the number of health zones reporting cases has decreased," he said.

Despite signs of localised improvement in the DRC's Ebola outbreak situation, international medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres warned Thursday that the actual toll was likely higher than officially reported due to gaps in disease surveillance and case detection.

The Ebola outbreak declared in May has become the largest and deadliest ever recorded in the DRC and the second largest Ebola outbreak worldwide, after the 2014-2016 one in West Africa. **Xinhua**

UN chief calls on Horn of Africa to avoid tension escalation

NEW YORK

UN secretary general Antonio Guterres on Friday called on the Horn of Africa countries to avoid actions that would escalate tensions, said his spokesman.

"The UN is concerned by rising

tensions among countries in the Horn of Africa at a time when unity, dialogue and cooperation are urgently needed to support peace and stability in the region," said Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman.

"The Secretary-General calls on all States to exercise restraint,

refrain from any actions that would further inflame tensions and commit to resolving their differences through dialogue," said the spokesman.

The UN chief made this appeal as the conflict in Ethiopia's northernmost Tigray region has regional implications. **Xinhua**



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Agricultural show connects small businesses with customers

WINDHOEK

The steady hum of a sewing machine accompanied Emilia Moses' first appearance at the Windhoek Industrial and Agricultural Show, where the Namibian tailor showcased traditional outfits and demonstrated her craft to potential customers.

Traveling from Ondangwa in northern Namibia, the 35-year-old hoped the journey would help her business, Emily Fashion Design, reach a wider market.

"I had two goals: to promote the business and make sales," she told Xinhua in an interview on Saturday. By the final day of the event, the response had exceeded her expectations.

"The industrial show was dynamic and offered many opportunities. The show gave me a chance to promote my products, and I was pleasantly surprised by how many sales I made," Moses said.

Her experience reflected the commercial exchanges at the 72nd edition of the annual show, held from September 29 to October 3, which brought together businesses, customers and exhibitors from Namibia and beyond.

This year's event proceeded without its customary livestock exhibition following a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in southern Namibia. However, trade exhibitions and other activities continued, giving businesses opportunities to demonstrate products, assess demand and build contacts.

Harald Schmidt, executive vice-president of the Windhoek Show Society, said the show offered businesses a platform to reach new customers, test market interest and establish commercial connections. Exhibitors came from Namibia and countries including Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, India and South Africa, according to Schmidt, with displays ranging from clothing and processed foods to equipment and services. Ahead of the opening, Schmidt told local broadcaster Future Media that both indoor and outdoor exhibitor registrations had increased, with exhibition

space fully booked after several post-pandemic editions in which capacity had not been reached. For participating entrepreneurs, the value of gathering under one roof extended beyond individual sales. Johannes Walter, manager of Hilville Investment, a Namibian embroidery and printing company, said the event helped businesses connect with customers and with one another, including companies from other African countries.

"This event gave businesses from different sectors a chance to share best practices and sell to each other," he said. Such contacts can help exhibitors understand neighbouring markets and identify potential buyers and distribution partners.

For Peyavari Tjaverua, co-founder of Namibian food-processing business Kokeni PPI Chilli, international exposure was already influencing how the company approached customers at home. Founded in 2022, the business processes chilli into products including sauces, powder and paste. Tjaverua said a visit to China had also provided opportunities to showcase its products and learn about another market.

"After our experience in China, our mindset and marketing strategy changed. This trade fair is another chance to get feedback from customers and show the variety in our business," he said. He also used the Windhoek event to exchange experience with entrepreneurs interested in reaching international markets, including China. The exchanges extended to people considering starting businesses. Walter said his company used its presence to explain its work and encourage young visitors to explore entrepreneurship.

"It also lets us introduce young people to entrepreneurship by explaining how the business works and encouraging them to create opportunities," he said.

For Moses, who started her business in 2017, demonstrating her craft was as important as displaying the finished garments. Making clothing at the stall allowed visitors to see the work that went into her designs.. *Xinhua*



DARES SALAAM - Chinese language teacher Gloria Mshana conducting a lesson at the Confucius Institute at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania recently. Chinese and Tanzanian educators have joined forces to expand Chinese language education, blending native linguistic expertise with localised cultural insights. Photo: Xinhua

Educators join forces to boost Chinese language education

DARES SALAAM

As the world prepared to mark World Teachers' Day on October 5, Chinese and Tanzanian educators joined forces to expand Chinese language education in Tanzania, blending native linguistic expertise with localized cultural insights. For Gloria Mshana, a Tanzanian teacher, teaching Chinese goes far beyond explaining vocabulary and grammar.

It involves connecting an unfamiliar language to local experiences. When teaching about the four seasons, Mshana draws on her firsthand experience of living in China to describe spring, summer, autumn, and winter to Tanzanian students, who are less familiar with such distinct seasonal changes.

However, maximising classroom impact requires a truly collaborative approach.

When introducing Chinese cuisine, for instance, native Chinese teachers explain the nuances and cultural background of culinary terms. Mshana then follows up with pictures, videos, and relatable examples, bridging the gap between Chinese traditions and Tanzanian hospitality.

This localised approach highlights

the strength of the bilateral teaching partnership.

While Chinese instructors provide professional linguistic expertise, their Tanzanian colleagues help bridge communication barriers, particularly for beginners fluent in Kiswahili.

For Liu Mu, a Chinese volunteer teacher at Ardhi University, a teaching center under the Confucius Institute at the University of Dar es Salaam (CI-UDSM), such cooperation has proved vital.

Managing 350 students in her second year, Liu relied on local colleagues to better understand their learning habits. This seamless daily collaboration is reinforced through the institute's regular pedagogical exchanges, such as weekly joint workshops held every Wednesday afternoon to address classroom challenges. Xu Qian, Chinese director of CI-UDSM, noted that the institute's current faculty, comprising seven local Tanzanian teachers, six Chinese teachers, and 18 Chinese volunteers, is a key strength, enabling a highly complementary teaching model. "Chinese teachers bring linguistic expertise and professional training, while Tanzanian teachers deeply understand the local context,

students' learning habits and specific challenges," Xu said.

Driven by strong demand, enrollment at the institute has soared to roughly six times its pre-2020 levels, with registered learners exceeding 1000 this year.

The impact also extends beyond universities. Masudi Jumanne Kidaso, a 36-year-old teacher at African Prestige Primary School, is currently a beginner-level Chinese learner himself, but he aspires to introduce the language to his own pupils.

Encouraged by his Chinese instructors, Kidaso is now developing an introductory textbook for children, using songs, games, and language clubs to teach basic conversations. "I believe this project will help more Tanzanian children begin learning Chinese at an early stage," Kidaso said.

Through daily interaction, these educators are sharing knowledge, adapting teaching methods to local needs, and helping students navigate cultural differences. As interest in the Chinese language grows across Tanzania, their collaboration is broadening access to the language while opening doors for future educational, professional, and cultural exchanges. *Xinhua*

'Zimbabwe economy r resilient despite global tensions'

BULAWAYO

Zimbabwe economy has remained strong and resilient despite geopolitical tensions, conflict in the Middle East and disease outbreaks in parts of Africa, President Emmerson Mnangagwa said on Friday.

He said this in a speech read on his behalf by finance and investment promotion Minister Professor Mthuli Ncube at the opening of the fifth Zimbabwe Economic Development Conference.

This year the conference, which brought together researchers, academics, government officials and development partners to explore ways to stimulate economic growth, ran under the theme: Smart Infrastructure for an Upper

Middle-Income Society.

President Mnangagwa called for continued investment in infrastructure to support the push for the country to become an upper-middle-income economy by 2030.

"Despite a deteriorating global environment marked by geopolitical tensions, conflict in the Middle East and outbreaks of diseases in parts of Africa, our economy has remained strong and resilient," he said.

He noted that Zimbabwe had worked over the past 24 months to achieve macroeconomic stability, marked by low and stable, now single digit inflation, as well as currency and exchange rate stability.

President Mnangagwa described the single-digit inflation, which

was achieved in January this year as a landmark and remarkable achievement, a first in over three decades, highlighting infrastructure investment as central to sustaining economic growth and advancing Vision 2030.

He said government was targeting sustained annual economic growth rates of at least 5 per cent per annum, while implementing reforms intended to lower business costs and improve the investment climate.

The rehabilitation of the Harare-Masvingo-Beitbridge Highway, the modernisation of the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport, dam construction and upgrades to border posts were examples of infrastructure projects supporting the country's development

ambitions, he said. "Government is also prioritising investment in energy, broadband connectivity, transport and rail networks, water and agricultural infrastructure, and urban development under the National Development Strategy 2," he said.

On transport and trade, President Mnangagwa said Zimbabwe aimed to strengthen its role as a regional logistics hub by improving connections to markets and using regional trade arrangements, including the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA).

He also called on the private sector and financial markets to

invest in infrastructure, noting that the government was modernising regulations and removing barriers to investment.

"The foundation is being laid, the legal guarantees are in place. Zimbabwe is open for business and the time to invest in our nation's smart infrastructure is now," he said.

President Mnangagwa also encouraged the use of innovative financing, including municipal infrastructure bonds and institutional investment in green energy funds, to accelerate projects.

He urged the delegates to turn the conference's recommendations into action, saying they should "deliver tangible benefits for the economy" and support Zimbabwe's Vision 2030 goals. *New Ziana*

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Dikgosi tsa metse ka go farologana ba supa gore meletlo ya letsatsi la boipuso e tshwanetse ya dirisiwa go tsosolosa mowa wa boipelego le go rotloetsa tshwaragano.

Mo potsolotsong morago ga go keteka letsatsi la boipuso jwa bo masome marataro, magosi ba tlhalositse fa gole botlhokwa go dirisa letsatsi go ikgakogelwa le go tswaledisa tse di tlaa thusang setshaba go bona tswelopele.

Kgosi Keabetswe Molefe wa Mokatse a re letsatsi la boipuso le ne le ipelelwa ka dijo le dino mme o natefisiwa ke badiragatsi ka go farologana go akaretisa dikopelo tsa sekgatla, poko le metshameko.

“Letsatsi la rona le tsamaile sentle Bakgatla ba Mokatse ba ne ba tsibogetse letsatsi la boipuso ka dipalo tse di kalo, go le gontle thata. Re le itumeletse fela thata, re tswa go phatlhalala kwa kgotleng letsatsi le phirima,” ga tlhalosa Kgosi Molefe.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Kgosi Molefe a re o rotloetsa Batswana go tswelala ba tshwaraganye, ba itirela go

tokafatsa matshelo le botsogo jwa bone gore lefatshe le kgone go ipelela dingwaga tse dingwe gape tse di masome marataro.

A re go botlhokwa gore mongwe le mongwe a ithaope, a dirise bokgoni jwa gagwe go thusa lefatshe go tswelala pele le go inola ba bangwe mo manokonokong a lehuma.

Kwa Bokaa, Kgosi Sue Mosinyi a re le fa pula e ne e tshologa, ba jele boipuso jo bo monate.

Kgosi Mosinyi a re thulaganyo ya letsatsi la Boipuso e ne e eteletse pele ke balekane ba Botswana, a tlatsa ka gore morafe wa Bakaa o ne o tshologetse kwa kgotleng ka dipalo tse di kgotsafatsang.

Kgosi Mosinyi o akgoletse puso, baithaopi le dikhamphani seabe sa go tlhomamisa katlego ya moletlo wa boipuso.

“Re ne re ipelela diphenyo tsa dikgwetho tse re nnileng le tsone re le tshaba ya Botswana,” ga bua Kgosi Mosinyi.

Kgosi Fanuel Mokalake wa Modipane o leboga morafe go nna le seabe se se nonofileng mo rulaganyetseng moletlo wa boipuso.

“Re sale re simolotse motseletsele

wa go keteka Boipuso, Lwetse a le 26 ka go ya go tshuba molelo wa Boipuso kwa godimo ga lentswe la Modipe. Ke ne ke tsamaile le borre ba le masome a mabedi. Go ya ka ditso, lentswe le, le na le sedimo se setona thata. Re palame ka nako ya boroba bobedi maitseboa mme ya re ka makuku a naka tsa kgomo tsa kgomo re bo re e fologa,” ga bua Kgosi Mokalake.

Kgosi Mokalake a re bana ba kgwale ba ba bitsana ka molodi, ka jalo a re go botlhokwa gore morafe o tshwaragana go thusana dikgwetho tsa botshelo.

“A re tsweleng ka mowa wa therisanyo gore re kgone go tswaledisa go tlhabolola motse wa Modipane re ikaegile thata ka molao le go rapela Modimo ka dipelo tse di edileng,” ga bua

Mokalake.

Mothusa Kgosi wa Letlhakeng, Tumelo Puleng, a re morafe wa gagwe o ne o ipaakanyeditse letsatsi la Boipuso ka botswapelo.

Kgosi Puleng a re kgotla e ne e tletse go sena fa motho a ka tsenyang leoto teng, seo se sesupa fa mongwe le mongwe a ne a tlhologanya botlhokwa jwa ipela ka tshwaragano.

Kgosi Puleng a re ke boamaruri gore mokete o bonwa ka dipitsa tsa nama go tshutshuma, ka jalo ba itumeletse gore puso e ile ya ba segofatsa ka go ba tlhabela dipitse tsa naga, mokete nnile o mogolo go na le letswainyana.

O gateletse gore seabe sa badiragatsi se dirile moletlo wa Boipuso e nne wa maemo a kwa godimo, le gore seemo seo se ne

sa ngokela botlhe mo kgotleng, ngwana le mogolo.

O tswelutse a re go baakanyetsa moletlo wa Boipuso ka mowa wa boitlhaopo ke sesupo sa gore Batswana ba sanstee ba le tlhaga go itirela ba tshwaraganye, ka jalo seo ke tsholofelo ya bokamoso jo bo nonofileng, bo dirwa ke batho ba ipelega.

“Go ya pele re tshwanetse re lemoge gore lefatshe le ya kae. Jaaka re ntse re tlhagelwa ke dibetso tsa tlhologo jaana, re tshwanetse gore re akanye gabedi re ipotse gore re tla itirela eng fa itsholelo e ka tswelala ka go koafala, re tla tshela jang. Ga ke eletse go bona seemo se re tshabelang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka re bona baditshaba ba tlhabela kwano,” Kgosi Puleng a tlhalosa. **BOPA**

Khama o kopa banni go tswa ka methale ya go tlhama ditiro

Kefilwe Selotlegeng
MAHALAPYE

Kgosi Khama IV o rotloeditse banni ba Mahalapye go tshwaragana le go dira dilo tse di ka tlhamang ditiro.

Kgosi Khama IV o buile jalo fa a buisa phuthego ya Kgotla kwa Mahalapye ka Labotlhano e a neng a rolela banni ba Mahalapye mogopolo wa go dira GaMmangwato Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, ga mmogo le GaMmangwato SACCOS.

A re maikaelelo a koporase e ke go kopanya morafe wa GaMmangwato ka lorato le kutlwano le go lwantsha letlhoko la ditiro.

Kgosi Khama IV o boletse fa lenaneo le la go dira koporase ya le semolositswe kwa Serowe bosheng.

A re morafe o tshwanetse wa thusa puso go tlhama ditiro ke ka moo go tlhamilweng dikomiti go itebaganya le tiro e.

Ka jalo Kgosi Khama o ne a kopa ba GaMmangwato mo Mahalapye go nna bontlha bongwe jwa koporase e ka ele tsela ngwe ya go ipelega.

A re maikaelelo a koporase e ke go kgobokanya madi le go dira dithoto tse di tlaa rekisiwang mo lefatsheng la Botswana le kwa

mafatshe a sele ka thulaganyo le ba Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association.

Thulaganyo e go ya ka Kgosi Khama e tlaa bo e dirwa ka tshwaragano le lephata la tsa kgwebo le dikoporase.

“Mikaelelo a mangwe gape ke go dira dikgwebo tsa bojanala kwa kgaolong jaaka di park tse di kgonang go tlhama ditiro di le dintsi,” o ne a tlhalosa jaana.

Modulasitilo wa Gammangwato Industrial Development Committee, Rre Bonang Morapedi a re toro ya koporase e ka kgonagala fela fa morafe o bopagane.

Rre Morapedi a re e le komiti ba ne ba ile kwa lefatsheng la India go tsaya malebela kwa go supileng fa tshwaragano ya morafe ele botlhokwa mo go atlegeng ga lenaneo le.

Ka jalo o ba kopile go tsaya tsia dikgakololo tsa ga Kgosi Khama tse a reng di botlhokwa thata.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Mahalapye Bophirima, Rre David Tshere o ne a leboga Kgosi Khama IV ka mogopolo o montle wa go tlhama koporase.

Rre Tshere yo gape a leng Tona wa ditlhaeletsano le botlhami o boletse fa dikoporase le di Trust di le botlhokwa ka di thusa go dira ditlhabololo tse di ka fetolang selebego sa motse. **BOPA**



Kgosi Keabetswe Molefe wa Mokatse a re go ipelela dingwaga tse di masome marataro ke sekao sa gore Botswana o godile, ka jalo Batswana ba tshwanetse ba tswelala ka go tshwara ka thata gore Botswana a seka a latlha serodumo sa go nna sekgantshwane sa kagiso le thokgamo.



Kgosi Fanuel Mokalake wa Modipane a re morafe o tswelala ka go tswaraganela go tlhabolola motse.



Mothusa Kgosi wa Letlhakeng, Kgosi Tumelo Puleng a re BOTS60 ke tshimolodiso ya gore Batswana ba ipelele gore ba tle ba kgone go emelana le dikgwetho gore lefatshe le se wele ka lemena la khumanego.

Senepe: Keetile Bontsibokae



Kgosi Sue Mosinyi wa Bokaa a re boipuso jwa monongwaga e ne e le go ipelela dingwaga tsa diphenyo le dikgwetho tse lefatshe la Botswana le kgonneng go emelana le tsone.



JOHANNESBURG - The regional capacity-building workshop on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems concluded in South Africa last week, with officials from 16 African countries agreeing to promote the establishment of such sites in their respective countries. Photo: Xinhua

Officials strengthen capacities to advance agricultural heritage systems

JOHANNESBURG

A three-day capacity-building workshop on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) concluded last week Wednesday, with officials from 16 African countries agreeing to promote the establishment of such sites in their respective countries.

Funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)-China South-South Cooperation Program, the event provides participants with technical knowledge and practical tools to develop GIAHS proposals and access funding opportunities, bringing together representatives from 16 English-speaking African

nations. Jeremie Mbairamadji, senior coordinator at the FAO GIAHS Secretariat, said, “Africa is lagging behind in GIAHS designations.

We intend to close this gap and increase the number of designated sites across the continent.”

He said since Africa possessed rich natural capital and time-tested farming systems that met all GIAHS criteria there was need for participants to convey these skills to their leadership and build the capacity needed to draft GIAHS proposals.

Mbairamadji added that strong political will was essential for African nations to fully reap the benefits of GIAHS.

He noted that the FAO stands

ready to conduct technical briefings for individual countries requesting further guidance.

Maria Mphahlele, director of extension and advisory services at South Africa’s Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, emphasised that GIAHS was “people-centered” and reconnected communities with their environment to preserve traditional agricultural systems.

Deputy director of livestock research and production at Namibia’s Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Deidre Januarie, said the training reinforced the value of traditional knowledge, culture, and biodiversity conservation.

Xinhua

TIMB pushes drought-tolerant tobacco varieties

BULAWAYO

The Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB) has urged farmers to use drought-tolerant crop varieties ahead of the forecast dry conditions in the upcoming 2026/27 season caused by the predicted Super El Nino weather.

In a statement, the Board said there are varieties that were developed for moisture stress and low rainfall environments which farmers could plant to get better yields.

“At farm level, growers will be required to adopt water harvesting, efficient irrigation, appropriate planting dates, mulching and drought-resilient varieties such as KRK71, KRK75, T78 to T81 linked to approved systems,” TIMB said.

“Drought-resilient varieties such as KRK71, KRK75, T78 to T81 have been developed to withstand moisture stress and are recommended as ideal under forecast Super El Niño conditions,” it said.

On uptake, TIMB said farmers must shift now. “Growers are urged to take up drought-resilient varieties such as KRK71, KRK75, T78 to T81 and adopt water harvesting and efficient irrigation

to survive the El Niño period,” TIMB said.

Zimbabwe produced a record 359.1 million kg of tobacco in 2026, according to statistics from TIMB.

“The 2026 record crop strengthens the economy, but expansion without discipline can intensify demand for curing fuel, pressure labour systems and increase compliance risks in export markets where global buyers are demanding traceability,” it said.

Kutsaga also recommended the same varieties as they were drought resistant, climate smart, tested and proven for dry areas, and they had been known that they do well in those kind of conditions.

But to the farmers who are irrigating, Kutsaga advised they could continue with their old varieties.

TIMB also warned that curing must move away from indigenous firewood as Zimbabwe loses between 260,000 and 330 000 hectares of forests annually, averaging 312 900 hectares per year between 1990 and 2000 and 327,000 hectares between 2000 and 2010, with about 262 000 hectares lost as of 2024.

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FARM WORKERS

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URGENTLY LOOKING FOR a horticulture farm worker with experience at Dovedale. Box UB 70752 Gaborone, 71 301 737 or 71548860

FARM WORKER WANTED Selepane Farm (Sojwe) Box 232 Kopong 77 835 080. Closing date 19/10/26.

FARM WORKER WANTED Sekokwe Farms Mr Boatametse Mmreki Box 11365 Francistown 71 413 248

FARM WORKER WANTED at Rakops, Nxabetsoro. Box 175, Rakops.

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR a herdman with experience at Notwane Estate in Tuli Block .Box UB 70752 Gaborone, 71 301 737 / 71 548 860

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Mapete Farm. Contact 77 533 147

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mmasegotso, Mahalapye Experience in farm implements mechanic a requisite, Aply to Box 1100 Mahalapye contact 71640887

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Mahuhumetsa Dikgonnye. Apply to Montshosi Malokwane P O Box 81345 Gaborone.

SEASONAL FARM WORKERS. Contact Zacharia M. Seleka 71613980.

THREE FARM WORKERS wanted at Kang farms. Edward Stegling, P.O Box 1796 ABG Gaborone

3 SEASONAL FARM WORKERS wanted at Goodhope farm. Marceline Biuma Musangu. No experience needed, 72 386 558/ 73 303 678 1km from Goodhope Choppies. Land preparation, ploughing and harvesting. Closing date 15 October 15 October 2026.

HERDMAN WANTED URGENTLY at Salajwe. Apply to Mr Tebogo Akanyang P O Box 965 Molepolole

FARM WORKER WANTED in Ramotswa, preferably between 26-30 years old. Call Kelennetse Moloi on 72 274 667.

DUDU MOALAFI IS LOOKING for a farm worker at Maonyeleng in Southern District. Cell No. 72688181

I NEED ONE FARM WORKER at Mabutsane my number 75 305 030 / 72 148 367

KOLAPENG GARDENS requires farm workers. Please respond to: P.O Box 720 Mogoditshane 71689469

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 11836 at Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from residential use to Group living housing use. For any objection, Contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council Planning Office or call 77 621 481 within 14 days from this publication notice.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 20599 at Monarch ward in Francistown, wishes to inform their neighbours that they wish to erect a boundary wall. For objections contact City of Francistown Council, Physical Planing Office on 241 1700/929 within 14 days of publication.

THEBE TUMAGOLE, OWNER of Plot 8985 Tlokweng wishes to apply for change of land use from residential to multi residential. Any objections be sent to Tlokweng District Council within 14 days of this notice at 369 5000.

CHANGE OF LAND USE, owner of plot 33788 at Xhosa 1 in Mahalapye, wishes to change land use from single-family residential to civic & community (pre-school). For objections contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 471 8636/16 within 14 days of publication

OWNER (BOTSHELO CLINIC (PTY) LTD) of Plot No 16397 Mowana, Mahalapye wishes to inform neighbours of the intention to erect a boundary wall.For any objections contact Mahalapye District Council-Physical Planning Office on 471 8636 within 14 days of publication of notice

OWNER OF PLOT 74358 Gaborone North notifies owners of plots 74537, 73255, 69323, 69324 and 74366 of plans to convert the single storey house to a double storey house. Any objections contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning within 14 days.

MONDAY MAGNET (PTY) Ltd, owner of portion 169-JO, a portion of 165-JO of plot 1077-JO being a portion of farm Knockduff No. 6-JO at Lobatse Farms proposes to change land use of the plot to mixed use agricultural (agrivoltaic). Objections shall be forwarded to GaMalete Council.

I THOMAS NKWAZI T/A The Connection Lounge Bar and Restaurant would like to apply for a bar liquor license at Lebodu Ward in Kachikau. Any objections can be submitted in writing to: Council Secretary, Chobe District Council P/Bag K30 Kasane.

VACANCIES

LORDSLAND LAND MEDICAL centre in Francistown. Looking for a medical officer. Five years of experience and above. P.O Box 2806 Francistown. info@lordland.co.bw / 241 9696 Deadline 20/10/2026

Notice of Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime (in Terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- 1. ABEL NALEDI MOTSWASELE and FLORENCE POLLY, married in community of property on the 31st day of October 2025, at Maitengwe, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- 2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after three (3) consecutive publications of this statutory notice.
- 3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/ or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, Wilson Attorneys, before the expiration of the said three consecutive publications, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED at Francistown this 16th day of September, 2026.
WILSON ATTORNEYS, Plot No. 3973, Tihangwe Drive, Minestone, P.O Box 301445 Metsef, Francistown.

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Please submit Curriculum Vitae to:

Secretary
Al-Nur School
Private Bag 00192
Gaborone

N.B. Only applicants who qualify for an interview will be contacted.

CLOSING DATE: 28 /10/2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Emma Seho Bashe	ESHFT-000856-26	16/12/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000475-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Saul Ngwenya- ESHFT-000475-24/ who died at Bobonong District on the 8th July 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof. DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24th month of September 2026

DANIEL NGWENYA AND TO; Master of high Court
Executor Dative Private Bag F13
P O BOX 152 FRANCISTOWN
SELIBI PHIKWE Cell: 76663884 / 78729652

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL SHARES IN A COMPANY OWNING SALE SHARES IN A TRIBAL LAND (SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SERUTO MANYEMA, has entered into a sale shares agreement with CARLO MERLA and CHARLIE SUZANNE LEGLER, for the purposes of acquisition of the 51% (fifty one per cent) sale shares beneficially owned by SERUTO MANYEMA in KALAHARI BUSHES PROPRIETARY LIMITED for a purchase consideration in the sum of BWP250.000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula).

Notice in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 is required because CARLO MERLA and CHARLIE SUZANNE LEGLER are non-citizen and KALAHARI BUSHES PROPRIETARY LIMITED is the indirect holder of the below mentioned tribal land, namely:

Certain: piece of Land being Tribal Lot 347, Tsutsubeng; Situate: at Tsutsubega (Cadastre 274) in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;

Measuring: 7.5794 Ha (Seven point Five Seven Nine Four Hectares); Held Under: a Notarial Deed of Cession No. FT MA 172/2018 dated the 20th June 2028 made in favour of Duck Nest Proprietary Limited. (hereafter referred to as the "Property")

Notwithstanding the proposed Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of KALAHARI BUSHES PROPRIETARY LIMITED.

All persons objecting to the proposed Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Tawana Land Board within 30 (Thirty Days) from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 C80, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone, Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
Email: info@aja.co.bw
Web: www.aja.co.bw

Partners Akheel Jinabhai | Consultant Partners Mark Mdee
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- Ability to identify technical issues and implement effective solutions to minimize machine downtime.
- Experience in training and guiding operators and technical staff on Galaxy machine operation and maintenance.
- Willingness to travel to customer sites or field locations

when required for installation, servicing, troubleshooting, and technical support.

- Willingness to work flexible hours when required for breakdowns, installations, commissioning, or field support.
- Train operators and technical staff on machine operation, preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, and safe working procedures.

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- Skilled in handling various cuts to excellent standards.
- Good understanding of symmetry, proportions, and polish quality.
- Able to train and oversee polishing team.

Applications should be accompanied by copies of certificates, I.D, references from the previous company and CV addressed to: The Human Resources Department
Email: hrmanager@constellaffrica.com
WDM Botswana
P O BOX 201654, Gaborone.

CLOSING DATE: 24th October 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000865-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late KGOTLA KENNETH AUTLWETSE who died at Gaborone Private Hospital , Gaborone District, Botswana on the 3rd June 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Gaborone on this 13th day of August 2026.

The Executrix Gabalese Autlwetse
ID NO: 842 320 204
P .O . BOX 234 GABORONE
CELL: 72 881 600 / 71 605 367

The Executrix Tirelo Autlwetse
ID NO: 468 626 405
P .O .BOX 234 GABORONE
CELL: 72 339 833/ 73 339 833

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

The owners of Plot No. 31449, Gaborone North, Gaborone, hereby notify the owners and occupiers of neighbouring Plot Nos. 31447, 31448, 31450, 31451 and 31452 of their intention to construct a double-storey residential building and a boundary wall.

Any objections or queries should be directed to the Physical Planning Office or Building Control Office, Gaborone City Council, on telephone number 365 7400 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No FT TL 604/ 2021** dated **3 August 2021** made in favour of **WORTH A MILLION (PTY) LTD** in respect of;

CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 1202
MEASURING: 25942 m²
SITUATE: RAMOKGWEBANA
HELD UNDER: TATI LAND BOARD FT TL 604/2021

All Persons having objection to the issue of such copy are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from the last publication notice.

Dated: 16/09/2026
ADDRESS:
P O BOX 401805 GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

Master’s reference: ESHFT 000266-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PATRICIA LUTANGU** ESHFT 000266-24 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the 28th day of June 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chamber of the Assistant Registrar and Master of High Court Francistown for the period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the second publication thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2ND OCTOBER 2026

Goitseone Kabelo Lutangu **Executor Dative**
P O BOX 305 Francistown
CONTACTS: 72196995 / 73993546

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s reference: ESHMY 000117-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KEALESITSE SEHUNELO** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye District, Botswana on the 7th April 2024.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **Twenty-One (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 26 Day of August 2026.

Executor Dative John Sebunelo
P O Box 136 PALAPYE
Cell: 74 133 412

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR BAR LIQUOR LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that I, Keemenao Palai, of Makgophana Ward, Mochudi, intend to apply for the grant of a Bar Liquor license in premises at Malotwana lot 0028 Mochudi.

Any person wishing to object this application should do so in writing or call Kgatleng District council Private Bag 0011(577411) within the period prescribed by law.

25/05/2026
Applicant:
Keemenao Palai
72692445

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Operations Director, Kalahari Game Ranches (Pty) Ltd, Private Bag 101, Pitsane

Closing date: 21 October 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction between **BASE AGENCIES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** and **STOCKTON HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN: piece of land being a Tribal Lot 2442 Mogoditshane;
SITUATE: in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 900 m² (Nine Hundred Square Metres);
WHICH
PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No.TL 193/2011 dated 24th February 2011 made in favour of Base Agencies (Proprietary) Limited;
CONSIDERATIONS: For the sum of **P3,050,000.00 (Three Million and Fifty Thousand Pula)**
Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest in writing to Mogoditshane Sub Land board and copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE Plot 19111, Aresutelane Way Phase 2
P O Box AE 451 AEH GABORONE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY REGIME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 8 (1) (f) of the Married Persons Property, Act 2014 that:
1. MR TSHEPO SENKU AND MRS NAMETSO SENKU, married to each other in community of property on the **30th November 2018** at Francistown, intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for variation or change of their matrimonial regime from in community of property to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for variation after the expiration of three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication of the notice of intention to change matrimonial regime, that is, after the **2nd of October 2026**.
3. Any persons, Creditors or Debtors, who may have an interest in the assets and / or liability of the parties’ estate, should they have objection to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties, through their Attorneys, **MBIKIWA LEGAL PRACTICE**, before the expiration of the said (3) weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated Application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

MBIKIWA LEGAL PRACTICE
DIPHALANE MALL, FIRST FLOOR
OFFICE NO. 10 PALAPYE
CELL: 73601325/ 74040201

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Sharps Electrical (PTY) Ltd

Sharps Electrical (PTY) Ltd wishes to recruit a Mechanical Engineering Lift Technician to work within our contracts department. Candidates are expected to have a suitable technical qualification and must have a good contracting track record that can be substantiated if required.

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The incumbent should have at least the following :

- At least a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering related discipline .
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Applicants should send their curriculum vitae to, referenced “Mechanical Engineering Lift Technician”:

The Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 603**Gaborone**
Tel: 00267 3952341
Email: veronica@sharps.co.bw



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Botlhale Cambridge International School invites applicants from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of Deputy Principal (Academics) and Cambridge Examinations Officer, to join the Senior Management Team.

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- Relevant teaching qualification/Degree in education.
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- At least 10 years’ teaching experience, preferably 3 years with academic leadership or management experience.
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- Assist the Principal in leading and managing all academic affairs of the school.
- Oversee curriculum planning, delivery, schemes of work, and assessment standards.
- Coordinate all Cambridge examinations, including registrations, entries, timetabling, invigilation, security of materials, and compliance with Cambridge regulations.
- Analyse examination results and lead strategies to improve learner performance.
- Supervise and support teaching staff, including lesson observations and professional development.
- Ensure implementation of school academic policies and procedures.
- Act as Principal when required.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit an application letter, detailed CV, certified copies of qualifications, and relevant supporting documents.
Preference will be given to Botswana citizens.

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW
CLOSING DATE: 21st OCTOBER 2026

Please address all correspondence to:
The Principal, P O Box 3076, Gaborone, Botswana, **Tel** 3162307/8
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- Must be able to deliver a wide range of advances treatments including for the hyper-pigmentation, rosacea, melasma, acne, scar remediation, skin laxity, ageing, cellulite reduction, fat melting, and other issues of concern, including chemical peels, deep cleansing (including extractions), micro needling, laser treatment for skin rejuvenation, and other techniques.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and passionate about delivering the highest standards of customer service whilst remaining sensitive to patient dignity and privacy
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P.O.BOX 152ABG, Broadhurst
Plot 80908 Setlhoa, Unit 11, Block 10 (Hand delivery)
Closing date: 19 October 2026.

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000293/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late KELEBELETSE MARAMANE who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on 7th November 2025.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE this day 2026

Executor Testamentary, Mogateledi Victor Mbanga, P O Box 504488,GABORONE, CELL: 76654408

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

MASTER'S Reference ESHGB 000228/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late Dimakatso Sethlake who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone in Gaborone District, Botswana on the 29th day of July 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Gaborone on this 29th Day of September 2026

Mosiane Setlhake
The executor P O Box 706
Mogoditshane 72617807

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000312-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late OGANEDITSE MATSHIDISO who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the 17th January 2026. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 21st day of September 2026.

The Executrix, Bontshetse Wankie, P O Box 11711, Palapye, Cell: 74710980

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Jowie Kuda	ESHFT-000856-26	16/12/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000039-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late MMOLOKI NABALO who died at Unit 7, Jwaneng, Jwaneng District, Botswana on the 20th day of December 2019.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditor in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

Dated at Mahalapye this 02nd day of September 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE,Laone Nabalo, P O BOX 3054, Serowe, CELL: 74540240

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act(Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims of the above estate, are being called upon to attend the Master of High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person.	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEKGOPYE RAMABELE	ESHMY 0000209-26.	10.11.26.	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02 OCTOBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

Notice is issued in compliance with provisions of the Tribal land Act of 2018, section 34, subsection (1) (a). The transaction involves immovable property being residential plot in Mokuelelo ward, Maunatlala.

The plot is undeveloped and is being sold for P16, 000.00. Any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through Ngaparelang Bogogopelo of P.O. Box 390, Maunatlala. Cell: 77 522 126.

Dated at Selebi Phikwe this 24th day of September 2026.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- TEBOGO MARODI (NEE MOITHOKI) and RAMATLAKANE GOODLET MARODI married in community of property on the 28th day of June 2019 , in Sefhare , intend to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime from “in community of property” to “out of community of property”.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform Tebogo Marodi, Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi and/or Dow & Associates , before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

The Applicants, Tebogo Marodi & Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi, c/o DOW & ASSOCIATES, P.O. Box 45992, Gaborone,Plot 16527,Phase 1, Gaborone West, Gaborone,Tel 3500108/73558334

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

Masters Reference: ESHFT -000183-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOTLALEKGOSI MASWIKILA and KEINOTSWE MASWIKILA - ESHFT-000183-26 who died at Selebi Phikwe Government Hospital, Selebi -Phikwe District, Republic Of Botswana on the 26th day of MARCH 2022 and 17th day of NOVEMBER 2004.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after publication hereof.

DATED AT SELEBI PHIKWE THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

The Executrix Jacob Maswikila
P o Box 10476, Selebi Phikwe
Cell: 72 532 902

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor / Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEIKABILE PHETSOLANG	ESHMY 000343-26	02.11.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 21st SEPTEMBER 2026
DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHFT 000075/26

IN THE ESTATE of the late PETER SENN who died on the 12th day of August 2025 at Sefoke Ward, Tlokweng, Tlokweng District, in the Republic of Botswana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 41 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01), calling upon all persons having claims against the deceased or his Estate to lodge the same with the undersigned within thirty (30) days of the latest publication of this Notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

BEAT QUINTER, THE EXECUTOR c/o MAZHANI LAW, P.O. BOX 1167 FRANCISTOWN, +267 242 0013

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Title Deed 431/76 dated 23rd day of July 1976 made in favour of Lawrence Siphonasha in respect of :

CERTIFICATE : Piece of Land Being lot 5603

SITUATED : In Gaborone Extension 18

HELD UNDER : Deed of fixed period State Grant NO.431/76 DATED 23rd JULY 1976 IN FAVOUR OF Lawrence Siphonasha

All persons having objections to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds,Private Bag 0020,Gaborone. within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice hereof.

Dated at Gaborone this 28th September 2026.

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000238-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late MOGOTSI ONAMILE who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 04th September 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 10th Day of September 2026.

The Executor Dative, Solomon Onamile, P.O. Box 702, Serowe, Cell: 77308033

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

Masters Reference: ESHFT 000390-23

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late Maria Mogobe - ESHFT 000390-23 who died at Francistown District on the 10th day of August 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court, Francistown, for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publication thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

J. T. Mokgadi Executor Dative
P.O. Box 683 Francistown

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 Francistown

VACANCIES

EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL TRUST of Botswana looking for Managing Director with Diploma of Law, Bachelor of Arts. 10 years experience, knowledge about international welfare standards, fluent in English. Male candidate are preferred. Job description: oversee the design, implementation. Apply to: Box 1048 ADD Gaborone. Closing date 9/10/26.

MOCHUDI CENTRE CHIEFS call for application for the Head Coach. Minimum requirement is CAF A licence. Forward applications to : gm@mochudicentrechiefs.com. Deadline is 16 October 2026.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of
Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person: Margaret Keletso Gabaake
Estate Number: ESHMY 000116-26
Date of Meeting: 02.11.26
TIME: 0900HRS
MASTER: SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS DAY
29TH OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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IN THIS COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-001053-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CHARLES MOEYA who died at NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL- FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT, on the 4th of August 1994 AND THE LATE LELEBO LEBINDA who died at RIVERSIDE HOUSE NO:9073-FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT, on the 11th day of May 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS :28 September 2026

SEBESO BOEMO
Executor Dative
Plot No:9073
Riverside North, Francistown

And To Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
Francistown

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that we intended to apply for a certified copy of the Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No.TL 117/2014 dated 30th day of January 2014, made in favour of VIOLET SEKGOTHELO CHIMELA.

CERTAIN : Piece of land being being Lot 1154 Tlokeng.
SITUATE : At Tlokeng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2161m² (Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty One Square Meters);
HELD UNDER : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 117/2014 dated 30th day of January 2014, made in favour of VIOLET SEKGOTHELO CHIMELA.

SUBJECT TO: the terms and conditions as are contained in the aforesaid deed.

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS th DAY OF AUGUST 2026
SENAMELA SEKGA ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT’S ATTORNEY PLOT 2859 EXTENSION 10, CHURCH ROAD P.O.BOX 1551 GABORONE.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
ESHGB-000437/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GALEFHETE MOTSWALEDI who died at Jwaneng Mine Hospital, Jwaneng, Jwaneng District, Botswana on the 21st day of June 2023.

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED AT ON THE.....DAY OF 2026

The Executor
Florah Karango
P.O Box 60486
71383066 / 71882633

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000024-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late MODISAOTSILE BATHUSI who died at Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the 20th December 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at on this.....Day of.....2026.

Executrix Dative Mpho Bathusi, P O Box 126, SHOSHONG, Cell: 74388166

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master’s Reference: - ESHGB 001127-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late KHOTSO ELIZABETH OAHILE Who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the 24th of June 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication thereof.

DATED at ____on this ____Day of ____2026

The Executrix
Maitlamo Matsetse
P O Box 46163
GABORONE

CELL: 71648282

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
Masters Reference: ESHFT 001402-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late EMMANUEL DEMA ESHFT 001402-25 who died at PRINCESS MARINA, GABORONE DISTRICT on the 01 day of FEBRUARY 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Njuse Machokoto
P O Box 2931 Francistown

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000297-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late PITSO MOLOI ESHFT 000297-26 who died at TUTUME MEDICAL CENTER, TUTUME, CENTRAL-TUTUME DISTRICT on the 30TH day of MARCH 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

HARRY MOLOI
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 301188
METSEF, FRANCISTOWN

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. FT 1275 / 2014 dated the 11th day of December 2014 made in favour of PHOKOJE KEAKOPA, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 27441, Francistown;
SITUATE: in Francistown Extension 48;
MEASURING: 360 m² (Three Hundred and Sixty Square Metres);

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72, Francistown within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Peto & Co. Attorneys, Conveyancers & Notaries P O Box 20747, Francistown
Plot 1363, Guy Street, Minestone Francistown, Botswana

NOTICE OF THE NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

DIKGANG WILLIAM MOTSWAGOLE - ESHGB 000213/26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 1430 hours at the Office of the Master – Keneilwe Thebeetsile located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s)/Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relatives.

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person’s estate, please contact the Masters Office on 3718348, or 3718000/3718040 (Switchboard)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 001398/25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late MRS ROSINAH MAKHALA ESHFT: 001398/25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 27TH day of OCTOBER 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given tthat Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

MBHATSHI MAKHALA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 1126
FRANCISTOWN
CELL: 71732831

MOFFAT MAKHALA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
PO BOX 1126
FRANCISTOWN
CELL: 71847716

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000878-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late DEAN JAMES CHALMERS Who died at Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, London SW1W 9TP on 31 March 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at ____on this ____Day of ____2026

The Executrix, Maithamako Anna Mmolai-Chalmers, Plot 68A, Rureitse, Cell: 72722003

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 001158-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Zibanani Judge, ESHFT 001158-25 who died along A3 road near Nokaneng Village, Gumare District on the the 30 day of August 2025.

NOTIVE IS HEREBY that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28 DAY OF September 2026.

Nokuthula Judge- AND TO: Master of the High Court
Executive Dative Private Bag F13
P O Box 20712 FRANCITWON
Francistown
73027043

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31: 01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor / Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOSES KAMOBIBI	ESHMY 000489	12.11.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 29TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
Masters Reference: ESHFT-000171-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late CHIRISIA MABENDE- ESHFT/000171-23 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital on the 03/08/2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that debtors and creditors in the above estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Misheck Kambarame
P O Box 1119 Francistown

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN



ZUNYICITY - Tourists visiting the historical site of the Zunyi Meeting in southwest China's Guizhou Province on Thursday. The site renovation and upgrading of the memorial hall were completed ahead of the country's National Day holiday, drawing a surge of visitors in recent days. Today, Zunyi is one of China's best-known destinations for historical education tours, which take visitors to sites associated with the country's revolutionary history. Photo: Xinhua

Australia launches national data platform

MELBOURNE

Australia has launched a national data platform to accelerate the discovery of new risk markers for heart attack and

stroke. The Australian Cardiovascular Disease Data Commons is a cloud-based research platform linking major Australian health cohorts

and analytical platforms, with more national and international datasets to follow, according to a statement released Monday by Australia's Baker Heart and

Diabetes Institute. The institute described it as 'one of the most ambitious plans to harness cardiovascular disease data globally and accelerate research and clinical translation.'

Professor Peter Meikle from the institute, said the project brought together large cohorts with genomic, metabolomic and proteomic data, as well as stored blood samples, to validate existing risk markers and discover new ones.

Meikle said the platform would

help researchers assess how well polygenic risk scores work for Australians and develop the first combined lipidomic and genetic risk tool for coronary artery disease, a leading cause of death worldwide.

Up to 27 per cent of heart attack patients have none of the well-known risk factors, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or smoking, when they present to a general practitioner, the institute noted. *Xinhua*

World Bank finances cyclone-hit roads in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO

The World Bank on Wednesday approved US\$110 million to help Sri Lanka repair and reconstruct 600 km of roads severely damaged by Cyclone Ditwah.

A press release from World Bank says the financing will prioritise roads that restore access to markets, schools and health facilities in communities most severely affected by the cyclone.

The reconstructed roads will incorporate climate-resilient features, including improved drainage systems, landslide protection measures and updated engineering standards designed to withstand extreme weather events.

The new financing will extend the ongoing Inclusive Connectivity and Development Project by three years, bringing total World Bank investment in Sri Lanka's transport connectivity under the operation to 610 million dollars.

The investment is expected to directly benefit more than 830,000 people and reach nearly 2 million people across eight

districts. It is also expected to create about 5,671 new or improved jobs in reconstruction and maintenance and benefit nearly 22,000 tea, vegetable and paddy farmers by reconnecting them with buyers and supply chains.

Cyclone Ditwah struck Sri Lanka in November 2025, causing an estimated US\$4.1

billion in damage and affecting nearly 2 million people across all 25 districts.

The transport sector sustained severe damage, including nearly 2,000 km of provincial roads, more than 3,500 km of rural roads and close to 700 bridges.

Recovery needs in the sector are estimated at US\$1.31 billion. *Xinhua*

Trio win Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM

Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel were awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on Monday for

their discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics, the Nobel Assembly at Sweden's Karolinska Institute announced. *Xinhua*

Brazil Presidential runoff set for October 25

BRASILIA

Brazil will hold a presidential runoff on October 25 as official results showed Sunday that no candidate secured a majority of valid votes in the first round.

According to results released by the Superior Electoral Court, with over 99 per cent of the ballots counted, Flavio Bolsonaro, presidential candidate of Brazil's Liberal Party, garnered about 47 percent of valid votes while incumbent President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of the Workers' Party came in second with about 45 percent.

Under Brazil's electoral rules, a presidential candidate must secure more than half of the valid votes to win outright in the first round.

Otherwise, the two candidates with the most votes advance to a runoff. Following the announcement of the first-round results, both candidates made remarks on Sunday night.

Bolsonaro said at a press conference in Brasilia that he was satisfied with the election result and hoped to have the opportunity to serve Brazil and its people. "Brazil wants change. I just need a

mandate to put Brazilians at the center of my government, to tackle and solve Brazil's real problems," he said.

Speaking in Sao Paulo, Lula acknowledged that he had expected to win in the first round but described the result as a lesson from voters.

He pledged to campaign on economic development and social inclusion, and urged those who abstained in the first round to vote in the runoff. "We have a second round, and it's time for the test, time to show the true picture of Brazil," Lula said. *Xinhua*

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Prime Minister reopens Brexit debate

LONDON

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham has reopened the debate over Britain’s relationship with the European Union (EU), putting eventual membership among the options.

His remarks challenge Labour’s previous red lines and raised a central question: how far was Britain prepared to go in rebuilding ties with the bloc? In his first Labour Party conference speech as prime minister on Tuesday, Burnham said “Brexit has done more harm than good,” and laid out options for “Britain’s long-term relationship with our European partners.” In an interview broadcast by the BBC the next day, he said rejoining the EU was one option.

“I would like to see Britain rejoin in my lifetime,” he said, but added that he would “look at the different options.” Those options ranged from maintaining the current relationship to joining a customs union, participating in the single market or returning to full EU membership.

They involve different degrees of economic integration and political commitment. The openness to reconsidering those options contrasts with Labour’s 2024 election manifesto, which ruled out returning to the single market or customs union and restoring freedom of movement. Burnham had also previously pledged not to reopen “divisive arguments about rejoining the EU,” according to the Financial Times.

The debate comes a decade after 52 percent of voters backed leaving the EU in the June 2016 referendum. Britain formally left in 2020.

Burnham has made economic growth a critical argument for reconsidering Britain’s relationship with the EU. “I think we have seen growth harmed by Brexit and it’s hard to see how we can get back to the higher levels of growth we once had by staying too distant from our largest market,” he said in an interview broadcast by ITV News on Wednesday. Polling also points to public support for closer ties, although that does not necessarily amount to a mandate for full membership.

A Public First poll found that 70 percent of British voters wanted the government to build a closer relationship with the EU, the Independent reported Wednesday. YouGov data published on the same day showed 59 percent support for rejoining the EU.

Reopening the debate also carries political risks. Labour MP Graham Stringer said it would be a “betrayal” for Britain to go back on the vote, and warned that the debate could be “more acrimonious” than in 2016.

French President Emmanuel Macron and Spanish Prime

Minister Pedro Sanchez welcomed the prospect of Britain’s return. Macron said in English, “welcome back,” describing a possible British return to the EU as great news for Britain and Europe.

Sanchez said Brexit had been a “huge loss” for both the British people and the EU. The responses signal political goodwill, but they do not establish agreement across the bloc on the conditions for British membership. Rejoining would require negotiations over membership terms, the European Parliament’s consent, unanimous approval by the Council of the EU and ratification of an accession treaty by Britain and all EU member states. Support from individual European leaders would be only part of that process.

A forthcoming UK-EU summit could provide an early indication of how Burnham intends to translate his remarks into policy. The summit originally scheduled for July was postponed and could be held in November. British media have suggested that Burnham wants it also to address the broader framework of UK-EU relations.

The immediate test is whether government sets out a concrete negotiating position. That would help clarify whether Burnham is pursuing closer practical cooperation or preparing for a more fundamental change in Britain’s relationship with the EU. *Xinhua*



LONDON - "UK Votes OUT" on a giant screen as pro-Brexit supporters celebrate Brexit at a gathering at Parliament Square in Britain. Photo: Xinhua

Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia issue declaration on Red Sea governance

CAIRO

Leaders of Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia on Sunday issued a joint declaration on state sovereignty, Red Sea governance, and water rights, stressing the necessity of adhering to international law as the foundation for regional stability and cooperation.

In the El Alamein Joint Declaration issued following the quadrilateral consultative summit in Egypt’s New Alamein, the leaders rejected interference in the internal affairs of the region’s states “under any pretext.”

The summit was attended by presidents Abdel Fattah El-Sisi of Egypt, Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of Somalia, and Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, chairperson of Sudan’s Transitional Sovereign Council.

The leaders discussed regional and international developments, and ways to strengthen political, economic, trade and cultural cooperation among the four countries, and addressed a number of regional issues.

On Sudan, the leaders support the unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and national institutions of the Republic of Sudan, rejecting the establishment of any parallel entities. They reject any recognition of or support for the so-called “Somaliland” and affirmed that the governance of the Red Sea was the exclusive

responsibility of the littoral states.

The declaration also stressed the importance of respecting international law regarding transboundary rivers, including the Nile River, particularly the principle of “no harm” and the obligation to cooperate through prior notification, consultation, and consensus.

They reject “any unilateral measures that harm the existing water uses of the two downstream Nile states.” The summit came amid growing Egyptian efforts to strengthen coordination with countries in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea region over regional security and stability. *Xinhua*

AI and digital tools transform education in Africa

NAIROBI

A joint initiative by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Chinese coding teaching platform Codemao is making progress in integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into schools across Africa.

According to Mary Nyasimi, national program specialist at the UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, AI and digital tools were transforming teaching

and learning across the continent, equipping students with essential skills for future careers and innovation. “Accelerating AI education is essential to bridge the digital divide, strengthen human capital, and improve the global competitiveness of both Kenya and the broader African continent,” she said during a meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.

Launched in 2021, youth coding initiative by UNESCO and Codemao promotes inclusive, safe and equitable AI and coding

education across Africa and Asia. The program focuses on delivering hands-on training, establishing cross-continental educational networks, and raising awareness of digital empowerment.

“Between 2021 and 2022, over 200 teachers from the Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Namibia and Thailand, including 45 percent women, completed UNESCO’s initial international coding training program,” Nyasimi said.

The initiative operates on a train-the-trainer model, with newly

trained educators cascading coding and digital skills to thousands of their peers and students across the region, she added.

Augustine Nzuki, a teacher at Tala Township Primary School in Machakos County, eastern Kenya, shared how a recent trip to Shenzhen, transformed his approach to teaching.

Although Nzuki had previously taught robotics theoretically, his visit in July marked the first time he operated a real drone and interacted with a robot in person. “I saw practically what robots and drones are, gaining hands-on knowledge of AI and coding,” Nzuki said.

He was among eight Kenyans four teachers and four students who traveled to China to see firsthand how the Fourth Industrial Revolution was reshaping education. Looking ahead, Nzuki plans to visit 20 neighboring schools to share insights and mentor the next generation of educators.

In Kenya, 20 schools across Kiambu, Nairobi, Kajiado and Machakos counties have been incorporated into the project since 2025. To date, the program trained more than 1 200 Kenyan students and established dedicated school coding clubs to foster continuous peer-to-peer learning. *Xinhua*



BRUSSELS - The European Parliament in Belgium. British Prime Minister Andy Burnham has reopened the debate over Britain’s relationship with the European Union putting eventual membership among the options. Photo: Xinhua

Khama declares ploughing season

Keith Ketl
SEROWE

Bangwato deputy chief Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama, on Sunday, declared the start of the ploughing season. The move allows farmers to prepare their fields and take advantage of the rain season.

Commissioning the ploughing season that is usually conducted on October and on Sundays as per Sengwato custom, Kgosi Khama thus encouraged communities to utilise first and early rain to boost national food security.

The declaration, otherwise better known as ‘go-bolotsa Letsema’ is meant for farmers to clear weeds, fertilise soil and mend fences ahead of the rainy season. Consequently, deputy chief advised farmers to service tractors, prepare draught power and secure quality and drought resistant seeds as the season has been declared an El-Nino season, so as to catch the early rain and optimise yields.

The letsema declaration also serves as a warning for livestock farmers to look after their animals to prevent stray livestock from destroying crops and causing unnecessary conflicts. One of the traditional leaders and Bangwato royal uncle, Kgosi Rasebolai Kgamane remain optimistic that the heavens shall open and down pours shall be in abundance to enable the masses to plough to boost food security and self-sufficiency in the country.

He thus called for mass crop production and self-reliance so as to reduce reliance on government handouts.

In addition, Kgosi Kgamane said the move would also reduce reliance on food imports and thus urged Bangwato to partake in cultural activities for their own benefit.

For his part, Serowe Ministers Fraternal chairperson, Pastor Karabo Koosimile said rain was a blessing and

a powerful symbol of God’s provision and care of creation.

He said a precipitation was viewed not merely as a physical weather pattern, but as a tangible gift that sustained life and nourished the earth.

Bikwe farmer, Malebo Seako was of the view that arable farmers should be assisted with fencing material to protect their fields from animals, arguing such a move would optimise crop production. She said risk mitigation financing focusing on broader production was paramount for the country to realise food security and self-sufficiency, noting government assistance was limited to a hectare.

Seako said more people were willing to plough a huge chunk of their lands but that assistance was limited, incapacitating some farmers, thus contributing to low yields as only those with the financial resources could afford to plough as they wished.

Another farmer, Lekgabale Kootswele of Mogatsapoo farms, said rain was no longer reliable unlike in the past, adding that it was no longer enough for arable farmers to hit optimum levels of out-put.

Kootswele urged Batswana to take farming as a business, arguing such a move would transform farming in the country and change people’s economic landscape. **BOPA**



Some of community members who attended an event where ploughing season was declared.



Bangwato deputy chief Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama (right) at a kgotla in Serowe on Sunday, where he declared the start of the ploughing season. He urged farmers to utilise early rain to boost national food security. Photos: Keith Ketl

Ghana National Symphony Orchestra dazzles audience

ACCRA

On Thursday night, the performance of Ghana’s National Symphony Orchestra wowed its local and expatriate audience who converged at the forecourt of the National Theater, built for the West African nation from 1990 to 1992 under a China Aid project.

The orchestra played several classical tunes, including *Game of Thrones* by Ramin Djawadi, *Serenade in G* and *Voi Che Sapete* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and *Hey Everyday* by Bob

Pinodo.

These classical tunes were interspersed with local compositions, including Nkebo Baaya (*I’ll go with you*) and *All for You* by Emmanuel Tetteh Mensah; Afrobeat medleys from the legendary Osibisa; *Pata Pata* by Miriam Makeba; and *Guantanamera* by Cuban musician Joseito Fernandez, among many other excellent tunes.

Supporting the National Symphony Orchestra was the Tema Mozama Cathedral Orchestra, which brought various tunes includ-

ing *Cantate Domino* by Claudio Monteverdi, *The Whole World*, *Ayeyi*, and many more, blending both local and global classical tunes that held the excited audience spellbound.

At one point, the thrilled audience could not resist standing up to move their bodies to the rhythmic harmony that saturated the atmosphere on the night when the world celebrated International Music Day. Henry Herbert Malm, Executive Director of the National Theater of Ghana, told *Xinhua* in an interview that the National Theater seeks to

revamp its activities with a more commercial outlook to make the performing arts industry attractive to the corporate world.

Malm expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for its recent gesture of commitment to finance the renovation of the facility, which it had gifted Ghana 34 years ago.

“We are not only expecting a renovation but also a closer collaboration with the performing arts sector in China so we can learn from their rich experience,” Malm stated. **Xinhua**

Mosemele turns life struggles into lessons

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

What began as a career in beauty therapy has inspired Lorato Mosemele to venture into authorship, resulting in her publishing a book titled: *School of Life: Lessons No Classroom Can Teach*. A pastor, wellness coach and nail technician, Mosemele launched her maiden book recently in Molepolole.

According to Mosemele, her experiences, coupled with stories shared by her clients and church members, inspired her to write the book.

“This book teaches what no normal mainstream school can teach a person. It is about the journey of life, where one is faced with an array of challenges,” she said.

Living as an orphan since her childhood, Mosemele said the journey of life without a parent and learning to fend for herself started when she was doing form one.

After completing Form Five, she turned to nail technology, a career she pursued for 10 years. “It was tough, but I had no choice because there was no one to care for me since my mother was no more. At times I nearly lost hope, but I carried on and survived,” she said.

Mosemele said her interactions with clients taught her that people of different ages and backgrounds faced various challenges.

“Most of my clients would tell me about their hurdles, and I was more like a counselor. As people shared their stories, I learnt that life is a combination of achievements and struggles, and one needs to learn and move forward,” she said.

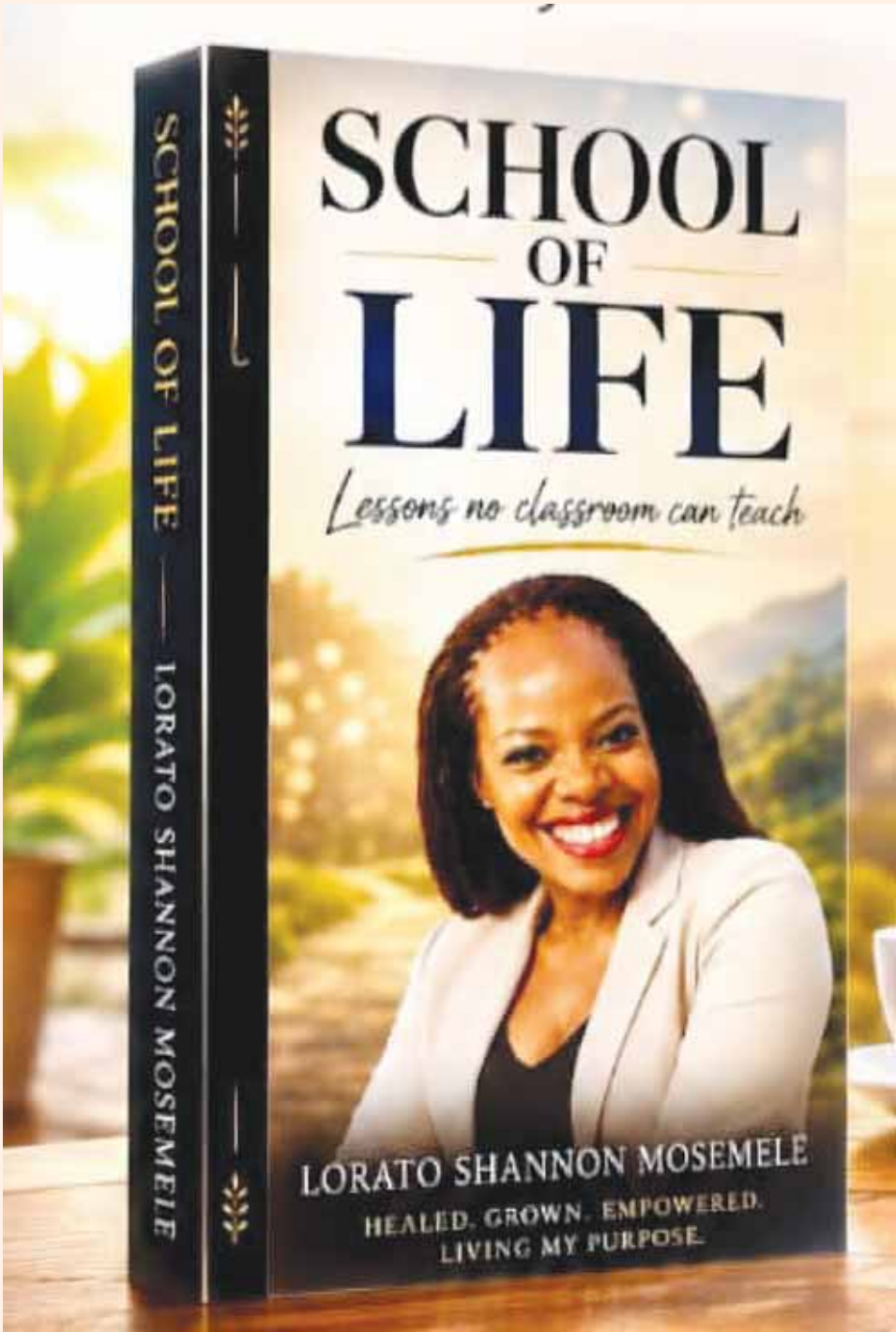
She said the same experiences were shared at church, where people often sought her advice, reinforced her belief that people needed a ‘school of life’ to help them navigate everyday challenges. Mosemele said the book used tests and exercises to encourage readers to learn from life’s challenges and overcome them. She said it could also guide people struggling with suicidal thoughts, drug addiction and alcoholism. “Life has its own tests that one has to learn and graduate from,” she explained. Mosemele said her own journey demonstrated that challenges are part of life.

She encouraged readers to acknowledge their struggles, learn from them and move forward.

“The School of Life... is to encourage the reader never to allow challenges to push them to the grave, but to stand strong and be triumphant against all odds,” she said.

She acknowledged veteran writers in the likes of Lebogang Mogotsi, Onyana Reetsang and Wiseman Seboy for their support and encouragement during her writing journey.

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Lorato Mosemele through her book: School of Life: Lessons No Classroom Can Teach depicts that people can learn new things and challenges beyond mainstream school.



Maphakela ‘Parks’ Koswane has released his latest album *My Dream*, with hit songs *Selina* and *No More*. Photo: Courtesy of Maphakela Koswane

Koswane hopes to shake music industry

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

A plumber by profession, Maphakela Koswane, popularly known as ‘Parks’ in music circles, says his passion and breakthrough into music began with a talent show performance at junior secondary school.

Koswane took music more seriously in 2018, drawing inspiration from the sounds and lyrics of Dalom Studios, pioneered by the late South African hitmaker, Dan Tshanda.

“I grew up listening to disco music, the likes of Dan Tshanda, Peacock and Thabile Mazolwana, and ended up loving disco music,” he said. His main inspiration came from his brother, Boitshwarelo ‘Lepakistan’ Koswane. To date, Koswane has released four albums: *Nka Chench*, *Go Bothoko*, *Ke ne ke le Ngwana* and *My Dream*.

“I released my latest album, *My Dream* on May 29 and it features hit tracks such as *Selina* and *No More*,” he said.

He said his songwriting was largely inspired by observing and responding to everyday experiences. “Upon developing an interest in something, I arrange the lyrics, jot them down on paper and at some point, seek advice from other artists to help patch up my songs with lyrics that can make a complete music piece,” he said. His dream of collaborating with established artistes has already begun to materialise. He has worked with local disco giant, Kehakgametse Kehakgametse, popularly known as Khoza Mkhozeni, as well as South African Afro-disco heavyweight Slindile Nodangala, known for the gospel hit *Uyinkosi*. Living in Chobe, a major tourism hub, Parks said he took advantage of the area’s natural attractions when

producing music videos. He believes such productions can help promote Chobe and Botswana by showcasing the country’s wildlife and tourism experiences, while encouraging greater cooperation between the tourism sector and the arts industry. “I like shooting videos while cruising along the Chobe River and Chobe National Park to show tourists our game drives and the wildlife that we have in Chobe,” he said.

Koswane also highlighted Chobe’s strategic location near Botswana’s borders with Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe as an advantage for expanding his fan base and creating opportunities to perform beyond Botswana. “I have fans from Zambia and Zimbabwe, and also artist friends in Zambia such as Alfatip. In Namibia, my friend is DJ Siya,” he said. He said his distinctive voice gave his music a unique identity.

He described himself as an artiste who valued originality and believed his Afro-beat productions offered a different sound from music that relied on similar production layers.

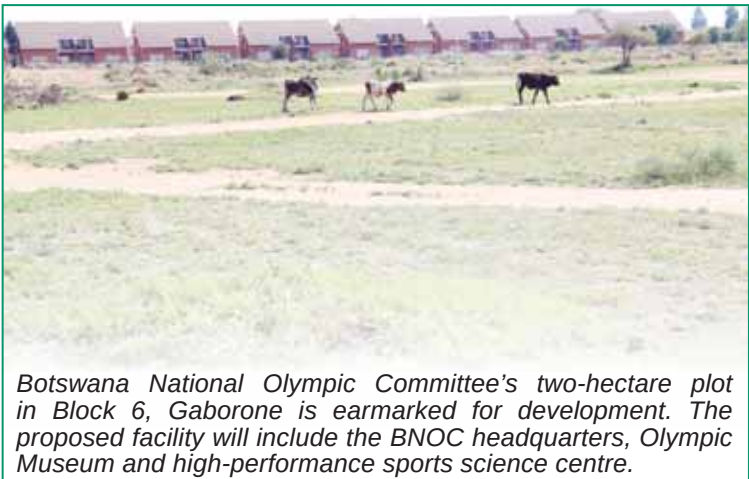
He argued that the repeated use of similar production techniques had contributed to a monotonous sound among some local Afro-disco artistes.

Despite having a profession that provides his livelihood, he said he would never abandon music because he regards it as a calling. Looking ahead, he said he intended to work hard to establish his brand in the music industry.

However, he identified a shortage of bookings and gigs as one of the major obstacles to expanding his music career and reach a wider audience.

Despite the challenges, he remains optimistic about his future and draws encouragement from the famous proverb, ‘Rome was not built in a day’.

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Botswana National Olympic Committee's two-hectare plot in Block 6, Gaborone is earmarked for development. The proposed facility will include the BNOC headquarters, Olympic Museum and high-performance sports science centre.

BNOC to start work on Block 6 plot

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

In an era where land has become scarce and expensive, the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) is sitting on a goldmine and plans are underway to unlock its multi-million-Pula value.

The committee is gearing up to transform its two-hectare plot in Block 6 plot number 38801 into a state-of-the-art sports science and administrative hub, breathing new life into a legacy piece of land that has remained undeveloped for over three decades.

BNOC president, Tshepo Sitale said in an interview that the land was originally allocated as a recreational space on September 2011.

He thanked the previous BNOC leaders more especially Negroes Kgosietsile for securing the asset when space in the capital city was still abundant.

He said the past leadership left a legacy which the current committee must take advantage of to release value out of the land.

Sitale said back then, there were still open spaces, but Gaborone was quickly filling up, leaving no vacant spots.

With local real estate valuation in the area hovering around P1 000 per square metre, Sitale estimated the market value of the 20 000 square metre plot to be worth well over P20 million.

"The property is held under a fixed period state grant spanning 50 years, with an option for renewal. Rather than continuing to bleed financial resources into leased corporate spaces, the BNOC intends to achieve self-sufficiency by building its permanent headquarters on the land," he said.

Sitale said the money going into renting offices could instead be redirected to develop their own property, allowing them to operate from their own land and reduce expenditure.

"The proposed development is far from a standard office block, the BNOC envisions an inclusive Olympic Centre that will house

the official BNOC Headquarters, administrative offices, and an interactive Olympic Museum showcasing Botswana's rich sporting history," he said.

According to Sitale, it would also accommodate BNOC Foundation and a specialised high performance sports science centre, with an elite level gym equipped with advanced sports science diagnostic and training equipment.

Furthermore, he said the short-term lodging and athlete kitchen would be built, so that national competitors could learn to prepare tailored, high-performance nutrition meals during training camps.

"To signify ownership and deter encroachment, the immediate priority before the end of this year is to fully fence off the perimeter," he said.

He said the BNOC aims to open the space to its local affiliates, creating a shared community environment where national federations could build facilities tailored to their disciplines, whether it be a tennis court, a badminton court, or a judo mat.

"But BNOC will seek out corporate sponsors and strategic investors to realise the full scope of the high performance facility, it is our desire and plan," he said.

Meanwhile, BNOC has received around P1.3 million financial boost from the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA).

BNOC Chief Executive Officer, Dorothy Tlagae-Gasiitsiwe, said the funding will be directed toward the initial phases of the project, targeting the architectural designs and engineering frameworks required to transform the vacant land into a state-of-the-art sports hub.

Tlagae-Gasiitsiwe pleaded with the private sector to partner with the BNOC, so that they benefit from the commercial incentives for investors, including premium naming rights and high-profile brand visibility within the future sports complex. **BOPA**



The foundation stone laid by International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach in 2014.



Swimming sensation, Benco van Rooyen has earned himself a prestigious development scholarship from World Aquatics after qualifying for the World Aquatics Championships.

Van Rooyen secures scholarship

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

For Botswana as a landlocked country blanketed by the Kalahari Desert, open-water swimming is arguably the last arena where the country expects to shine.

Elite open-water athletes typically require vast natural marine environments seas, oceans, or sweeping river systems to build world-class stamina.

Yet, local swimming sensation Benco van Rooyen continues to shatter those geographical limitations, turning heads across the international aquatics community.

Commonly dubbed the 'Ocean Walker' by peers because of his seemingly effortless power and technical prowess, Van Rooyen has proven that natural oceans are not a prerequisite for athletic excellence.

His exceptional competitive run includes representation at the prestigious World Aquatics Championships and a recent bronze-medal victory at the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Open Water Championships in Mauritius.

Van Rooyen's ability to outswim athletes from coastal nations who enjoy year-round ocean access highlights a remarkable triumph of discipline over environmental constraints. Van Rooyen recently achieved a major milestone by qualifying for the World Aquatics Championships, a feat that earned him a prestigious development scholarship from World Aquatics.

The scholarship will fund a two-year elite training block in France, designed to prepare him for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Van Rooyen said the stark contrast between his current training conditions and what awaits him in Europe. "This opportunity means a lot because of the advanced training facilities available there, most importantly, we will be able to swim in the sea. Here in Botswana, there are very few safe open-water

spaces where we can train due to the presence of crocodiles and hippos," he said.

To compensate for the lack of natural training grounds, Van Rooyen and his coaching team have had to innovate, relying heavily on local swimming pools to simulate the grueling endurance required for open-water races.

"We have been training much more in the pool sometimes for three hours a day, and sometimes even longer," he explained.

As he prepares to depart for France later this month, Van Rooyen remains focused on his ultimate goal of representing Botswana on the world's biggest sporting stage in two years' time.

He also offered words of encouragement for the next generation of local swimmers aiming to follow in his wake.

"Build a strong foundation and put all your effort into what you do," Van Rooyen advised. "That is the best advice I can give," he said. **BOPA**

Eppie ready for global individual stage

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Africa 400 metres champion Lee Eppie has successfully concluded a strategic, two-year "building phase" under Coach Chilume 'Chippa' Ntshwarang, transforming what was meant to be a developmental transition into a highly decorated season.

Born in Palapye and raised in the mining town of Orapa, Eppie's athletics career began in 2016.

He debuted internationally at the under 20 level in 2017 before moving to the United States in late 2019, where he balanced track commitments with completing a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at Mississippi State University.

During his collegiate years, Eppie adopted his signature white sweatband and chains to craft a recognisable media identity.

Eppie made his senior international breakthrough at the 2024 Africa Championships and attended the Paris Olympics as part of Botswana's 4x400m relay squad.

Seeking greater progression, he then joined coach Ntshwarang's camp, embarking on a rigorous, two year conditioning regime designed to acclimatise his body to the grueling demands of the 400m event.

The strategy yielded immediate success. In 2025, Eppie reached the individual World Championship final and anchored Botswana to a historic 4x400m relay gold.

In 2026, the focus shifted to consistency, which saw him run in the 44 seconds window an impressive 18 times.

By so doing, Eppie sustained form culminated in a gold medal at the World Athletics Relays on home soil, where Eppie ran the opening lap to set up teammate Letsile Tebogo, alongside an appearance at the elite Ultimate Championships finals.

Despite missing out on an individual medal at the Commonwealth Games, where he still managed to defeat global icons like Zambia's Muzala Samukonga, Eppie credits his mother's low key support and his coach's disciplined system for his meteoric rise.

Coach Ntshwarang praised Eppie's hunger, intense work ethic and profound respect for the sport.

With his racing system now firmly established, Eppie has declared that his focus for the upcoming athletic season will shift away from relays toward individual global glory, with a firm target set on securing a top three podium finish at the next World Athletics Championships. **BOPA**



Africa 400 metres champion Lee Eppie



Eppie ready for
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Young Zebras player, Tsholofelo Speakson (right) challenging Seychelles' Lorenzo Hoareau for ball possession during the first leg of the CAF U-23 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Gaborone on Friday. The Young Zebras won 2-1. The two teams meet again in the second leg at the National Stadium today. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Young Zebras play second leg

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana Men's Under-23 national football team, The Young Zebras, will again face Seychelles in the second-leg clash of the CAF U-23 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier at the National Stadium today.

The home side enters the second leg tie with a narrow 2-1 aggregate advantage secured during the first leg.

In that match, Botswana's rising star Losika Ratshukudu scored brace to put his team ahead.

However, Seychelles kept their tournament hopes alive after exploiting a defensive lapse, with Christiano Louis striking a solo goal to narrow the deficit.

Despite holding the aggregate lead, local football pundits have warned against complacency, and Coach Michael Mogaladi said his technical team has identified critical errors from the opening match and will look to tighten loose screws.

The Young Zebras should strive to utilise all their scoring opportunities and bury the game in the first half of the game.

On the other hand, Seychelles is expected to come out with guns blazing to overturn the score line and breathe life back into their qualification campaign.

Total concentration in the backline will be paramount to thwarting the visitors desperate counter attacks.

The build up to first leg, had its own challenges as squad fatigue remains a primary concern for the technical team.

Mogaladi said his squad physical conditioning was tested during the friendly against Mozambique, played as part of the country's national Independence Day celebrations.

He said his players started sharp against Seychelles but suddenly dropped and looked heavy, adding that the scorching weather in the first half was also not friendly to them.

"It was sunny in the first half, though the players managed to find their rhythm and improve after halftime," he said.

The games doubles as the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games qualifiers, and Botswana football team has never qualified for both CAF U-23 Africa Cup of Nations and Olympic Games. **BOPA**

BNSC receives AUSC Region 5 roving torch

Booster Mogapi
MOGODITSHANE

The African Union Sports Council (AUSC) has officially handed over the Region 5 Roving Torch to the Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) for this year's youth games.

Speaking during the handover ceremony on Friday at Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School, AUSC Sport Manager Mr Francisco Consiciao stated that the torch relay holds great significance.

He noted that the Region 5 games celebrate youth, sport, and unity ahead of the 12th edition of the AUSC Region 5 Youth Games, scheduled for Maputo, Mozambique, from December 4 to 13, 2026.

He explained that as part of the preparations, the torch travels across participating countries to build momentum and promote regional unity before arriving in Maputo for the opening ceremony.

Mr Consiciao added that Mozambique is ready to host one of the biggest events on the AUSC calendar and that preparations are well underway.

Receiving the torch on behalf of the Government of Botswana, Director of Sport and Recreation in the Ministry of Sport and Arts Mr Moeti Godisamang expressed great pleasure and commitment to the development and growth of sport in Botswana and across Africa.

He emphasized that sports in the region must reach new heights so that young people can turn their talent into professional careers rather than just hobbies.

Mr Godisamang commended the AUSC for its dedication and expressed confidence that new stars will emerge from the upcoming games in Maputo.

He advised students to take sports seriously, noting that many global stars started this way and encouraged them to participate in one of the 39 available AUSC sporting codes designed to nurture talent from a young age.

Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) Chief Executive Officer Mr Olebile Sikwane said that as the torch traverses the Region 5 countries, it carries the aspirations of millions of young people in Southern Africa.

"For Botswana, the Region 5 games remain the premier nursery for future Olympians and world champions, as most athletes representing Botswana at major competitions like the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and World Championships are products of these games," Mr Sikwane stated.

He added that the games provide a structured, competitive platform for Under-20 athletes to gain international exposure, learn sportsmanship, and build character.

Mr Sikwane also reaffirmed Botswana's commitment to the Region 5 agenda noting that despite financial constraints, funding has been prioritized for training camps, coaching support, and equipment for all qualifying codes.

Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) Vice President, Ms Tebo Segaise stated that the organization views the Region 5 games as a vital launching pad for Botswana's high-performance sporting journey.

She affirmed that the BNOC is committed to working with the government and stakeholders to ensure a clear, rigorous, and sustainable pipeline from Region 5 to the Olympic podium. Ms Segaise noted that the youth games introduce athletes to international multi-sport competition, teaching them strict discipline, anti-doping protocols, and how to perform under pressure.

She thus encouraged Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School students to view the torch as an invitation to the international stage, reminding them that reaching the top tier requires high-performance coaching, sports science, mental toughness, and a strong work ethic.

In his vote of thanks, Member of Parliament for Mogoditshane West Mr Galenawaabo Lekau expressed gratitude for hosting the torch relay.

He highlighted that Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School has been identified as a school of excellence, making the arrival of the iconic torch a meaningful step toward the world stage. **BOPA**