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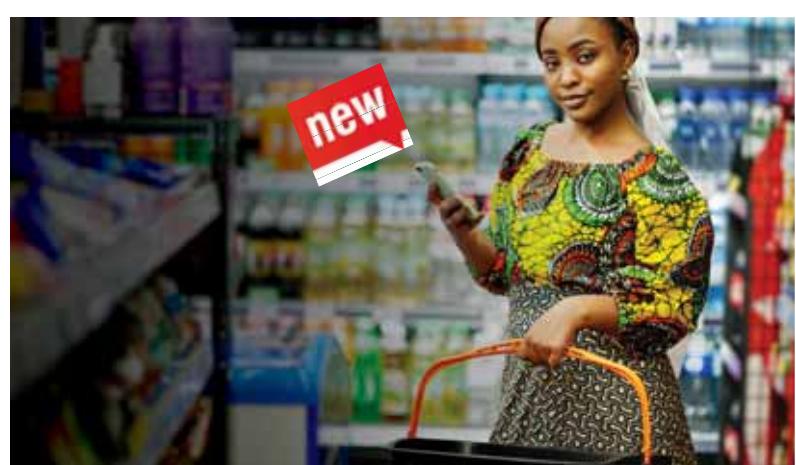


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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) receiving a token of appreciation from Kgosi David Toto (right) of Tsabong and Ikaneng Primary School learner, Anithah De Klerk after launching the Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Botswana's Communal Rangelands national project in Tsabong yesterday. President Boko said building climate resilience particularly in rural farming communities could help Botswana attain its aspirations to re-invent agriculture and set the sector on course to once again be a key contributor to the national Gross Domestic Product. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Dikoloti applauds MOSISEDI farmers for resilience

By Aobakwe Molefhi

MOSISEDI - MOSISEDI farmers have been applauded for their unwavering resilience in ensuring the nation's food security amidst challenges posed by climate change.

Speaking during MOSISEDI Harvest Day held at MOSISEDI Service Centre in Barolong Farms on Saturday, the acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said farmers had shown dedication and commitment to development of the agricultural sector.

He said the theme for the show 'Farming in a changing climate: Strategies for Growth and Sustainability,' was relevant as the country was currently experiencing adverse effects of climate change.

Dr Dikoloti urged farmers, together with other value chain players to unite and develop better ways and means to reduce the impact of climatic challenges.

Furthermore, he urged stakeholders to partner with government in aligning

development efforts towards achieving success and prosperity for all. Dr Dikoloti said MOSISEDI farmers had adopted strategies such as crop diversification and using crop varieties that were more drought resistant in order to deal with challenges brought by climate change. He urged farmers to share their vast knowledge and experience with the youth and women so that they too could contribute to wealth and employment creation.

Giving a keynote address Seedco Managing Director Mr Samson Ruwisi concurred that adverse climate changes like drought and erratic rainfall affected farm produce. Dr Dikoloti assured them that his Ministry was committed to stakeholder engagements through different means such as shows and conferences to improve the agricultural sector.

He said it was for that reason that his company produced seeds adaptable to climatic changes faced by farmers.

"Our main aim is to develop seeds that are climatic smart and produce high yield," he said. **BOPA**



Crosscorn Production Manager, Mr Molebatsi Lekhori (left), Acting Minister for Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (third right), MOSISEDI Commercial Farmers Association (MCFA) Chairperson, Mr Gofaone Mapitse (third left), MCFA Event Coordinator, Mr Joseph Segwabe (second left) and other dignitaries during the MOSISEDI Harvest day on Saturday. Dr Dikoloti applauded farmers for showing resilience in feeding the nation in the midst of adverse climate change conditions.. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

'Be courageous in unearthing corruption'

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - The media have been implored to be courageous in their quest to unearth corruption.

Speaking at the occasion of the Botswana Editors Forum Press Freedom Day celebration in Gaborone on Friday, Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe reminded the media that their role was to hold those in positions of power accountable as an oversight body.

He said journalists needed courage to investigate and unearth corruption, making bravery a virtue.

Justice Ketlogetswe however observed that challenges faced by the private media were not necessarily faced by the state media.

He said the economic realities of Botswana were that government possessed more resources than the private sector and the private press needed government business through advertising and other forms of investment.

"History will attest that when investigative journalism unearthed some inconvenient truths about those then in government, the response was to stop government

advertisement in certain private media houses. The result has been a slow but noticeable death in investigative journalism."

The chief justice said the consequences of the death of investigative journalism was unfortunately governance without accountability.

"The might of the adverts has led to self-regulation," he observed.

Chief Justice Ketlogetswe said the greatest threat to press freedom was self-reservation in the form of self-censorship brought about by an existential plight as the media operated in a hostile economic

environment.

Also, he said a number of statutes such as the Constitution guaranteed the right to receive and disseminate information for public consumption while the Penal Code provided for a criminal defamation.

The chief justice said absence of a duty to avail information of a public nature by those holding such information led to opacity in governance.

"Under the veil of that opacity, there is secrecy and unjustifiable or unjustified confidentiality. Then you have the melting pot of corruption behind that veil. It thrives," he said.

The chief justice said behind that was the dilemma of journalists as news was a perishable commodity that required expedition in its dissemination.

"This made journalists to balance between meeting deadlines and protecting the rights of those affected by stories leading to criminal defamation, violation of laws protecting state secrets and personality rights of those concerned."

Chief Justice Ketlogetswe said that has led to lawsuits against journalists.

He said there has been an engagement between the media and government to come up with a more progressive legislation to improve access to information.

He urged the media to fight for what was rightfully theirs, which is the right to disseminate information as the Constitution dictates.

The chief justice further advised journalists to consider demanding that the Press Freedom Day be included in the public calendar as a holiday to celebrate the media and use it to educate the public on their role as the press.

For his part, the Minister of

Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said the media was a fundamental component of democracy, transparency and public accountability.

He said the media in Botswana had nurtured democracy, public education and shaped national dialogue.

Mr Motshegwa also said a free objective media was an essential component of any democratic society providing the public with information to make responsible informed decisions.

He said the inherited setup of state media controlled by Office of the President where the government controlled content and making less coverage of opposition and dissenting voices, was abuse of state media for self-preservation by government.

The minister said as citizens, they were given one side of the story subjecting Batswana to missing real stories concerning their lives.

Mr Motshegwa said there was need for state media to report news focused on the lives of the people with diversity.

He said media should be seen as an enabler of democracy and it was therefore important to have a public broadcaster funded by government but with an independent board.

"Let me assure you of the commitment of government to social dialogue in instances of introduction of regulatory measures so that such does not stifle the independence and functionality of media."

Collaboration is essentially cardinal between government, state media and civic society to ensure that laws protect press freedom while promoting responsibility," he said. **BOPA**



Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa (left), Justice Reuben Lekorwe of Lobatse High Court (right) and Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe at the World Press freedom Day dinner in Gaborone on Friday. Chief Justice Ketlogetswe said media needed courage to investigate and unearth corruption, making bravery a virtue for journalists. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

Govt mitigates climate change effects

By Keonee Majoto

TSABONG - Building climate resilience particularly in rural farming communities can help Botswana attain its aspirations to reinvent agriculture and set the sector on course to once again be a key contributor to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Officiating at the launch of a Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Botswana's Communal Rangelands project aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change on Botswana's communal rangelands in Tsabong yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said with the sector's contribution to the GDP having declined from 40 to 1.7 per cent over the years, it was necessary that efforts be intensified to reverse the status quo.

Attributing the decline to several challenges among them unfavourable climatic conditions whose effects included frequent and prolonged spells of drought as well as erratic rainfall patterns, President Boko said the take-off of the adaptation and mitigation project was timely as it came at a time when government had renewed its keenness to root out poverty from among its people.

He said the project, with its objective to reach 247 000 people in 104 villages in Ngami, Kgalagadi and Bobirwa regions, would empower rural communities by positively impacting their economies at household level.

"Maikaelelo a rona ke go ntsha lehuma ka kgoro tsa motse gore batho ba rona ba kgone go tshela botoka," he said, underlining why it was crucial to have all hands on deck in order to guarantee the success of the project.

President Boko also highlighted that the project would encompass marginalised pockets of society including women, the youth and People with Disabilities (PWDs), whom he said would make up 54 per cent of beneficiaries.

Commending Green Climate Fund (GCF) Agency and Conservation International for partnering with Botswana on the implementation of the project, the President disclosed that government had contributed P1 billion to the project, whose total cost he said stood at P13.1 billion (US\$496.7 million).

"The partnership by government and key players in issues of conservation such as the Green Climate Fund and Conservation International has seen us pool together resources, with government contributing P1 billion," he said.

Chief field officer at Conservation International Mr Jimmiel Mandima said Conservation International had recently launched an ambitious 10-year strategy for the Africa region to protect and restore 100 million hectares, a milestone which he said would be achieved through the joint efforts of governments, partners, local communities and

global institutions.

Mr Mandima said their efforts had since protected iconic landscapes and wildlife, stabilised climate and improved the livelihoods of millions of people.

He said the impact priorities of Conservation International included mobilising finance at large scale to support conservation and food production systems,

to support nature-positive livelihoods in partnership with local communities, the private sector and governments.

Assuring Botswana of Conservation International support, Mr Mandima said the organisation would bring lessons from comparable initiatives in other parts of Africa.

He said the Botswana project

would serve as a great example for the SADC region of what could be achieved through working with indigenous people, which he said was key to resolving global crises while delivering sustainable development.

Ms Portia Segomelo of Conservation International's Botswana arm said the project was driven by the need to protect

Botswana's rangelands in the face of climate change, thereby building the resilience of communities reliant on agriculture. She also stated that the project would entail merging the good that could be drawn from both traditional and contemporary measures and strategies that could be beneficial in combating the effects of climate change. **BOPA**



Residents of Tsabong and neighbouring villages in a jubilant mood after President Advocate Duma Boko launched the a national project aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change on Botswana's communal rangelands in Tsabong yesterday. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

De Beers closes synthetics business

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - De Beers Group intends to close down its lab-grown diamond (LGD) jewellery brand, Lightbox, illustrating its commitment to natural diamonds. A press release from De Beers Group, states that the company was discussing sales of certain assets, including inventory, with potential buyers.

The company states that Lightbox was established in 2018 and has highlighted that LGDs were a distinct product from natural diamonds, with different attributes and different value. "The business was launched with transparent linear pricing of US\$800 (about P10 800) per carat.

Since then, LGDs prices in the jewellery sector have fallen 90 per cent at wholesale, tracking closer to a cost-plus model as they have diverged from natural diamond prices," reads the press release.

Due to sharp price decline, De Beers has now made the decision to discontinue Lightbox business. "The evolution of LGDs values

in the jewellery sector underpins De Beers Group's core belief in rare, high-value, natural diamond jewellery as a separate category from low-cost, mass-produced LGD jewellery," states the release.

It says the proposed closure of the Lightbox business reflects a key executive milestone in De Beers Group's Origins Strategy, as set out in May 2024, to focus on high-return activities and streamline the business.

The release says the closure will enable De Beers Group to reallocate investment to initiatives focused on reinvigorating desire for natural diamonds through category marketing.

"De Beers Group will work closely with employees, retail partners, suppliers, and other stakeholders to ensure a smooth process over the coming months. Customers will continue to receive support for existing purchases, including warranties and after-sales services, during the closure process," it says.

Meanwhile, Element Six, De Beers Group's subsidiary that

previously produced lab grown stones for Lightbox, will maintain its exclusive focus on industrial solutions using synthetic diamonds.

De Beers states that Element Six was well-positioned to seize the rapidly growing potential for synthetic diamond applications across a range of future-facing technologies and applications.

"By centralising chemical vapor deposition (CVD) synthetic diamond production at its state-of-the-art facility in Oregon, US, Element Six will work with its growing global network of partners to accelerate cutting-edge technologies for high growth industries, such as semiconductors and quantum technologies."

The release says with a track record of growth and profitability, Element Six is favourably positioned to drive the future of synthetic diamond solutions in industrial and high-tech applications.

Al Cook, Chief Executive Officer of De Beers Group, is quoted saying, "As we move towards becoming a standalone

company, we continue to optimise our business, reduce costs and build a focused De Beers that is positioned for profitable growth.

The persistently declining value of lab-grown diamonds in jewellery underscores the growing differentiation between these factory-made products and natural diamonds.

Lightbox has helped to highlight the fundamental differences in value between these two categories. Global competition continues to intensify with more low-cost lab-grown diamond production from China. In the US, supermarkets are driving down lab-grown diamond jewellery prices.

"Overall, we expect both the cost and price of lab-grown diamonds to fall further in the jewellery sector," said De Beers CEO

He said the planned closure of Lightbox reflected their commitment to natural diamonds and they were excited by the growing commercial potential for synthetic diamonds in the technology and industrial space. **BOPA**

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BDP new president promises a united force

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - In order to take the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) back to its glory days, the newly elected BDP president, Mr Mpho Balopi has underscored the need to trace its footsteps to the founding principles that promoted unity, stability and peace.

Addressing party members at the just ended 41st National Congress held in Maun over the weekend, he said the future of the BDP was their hands, stating that the time for factions and internal fights was over.

He extended an invitation to former members who had been unjustly expelled and suspended from the party to retrace their steps with immediate effect

so that they embark on the transformative drive of the party as a unit.

Mr Balopi acknowledged that the party lost power after leading Batswana for 58 years and believed through cooperation and teamwork, they could take the party back into government in 2029.

"As the sixth president of BDP as an opposition party, I am going to be the first to take BDP back to power and I can manage that through your support and teamwork and I welcome all democrats who have been expelled and suspended to re-join the party so that we rebuild it together," Mr Balopi said, emphasising the importance of national unity and true democracy, which he described

as the foundation upon which the BDP was built.

He vowed to work closely with all party structures and all those who contested for party positions to protect the good reputation of the party.

He appealed to the party followers to refrain from using statements that fuel division within the party calling them to be loyal to the party and to support those elected into structures. He pledged to rebuild a party that respects democracy and puts Batswana's interest above its own.

Mr Balopi indicated that there would be an inaugural veterans conference after the winter season so that they recognise and appreciate their veterans citing that the summit would also serve

as a platform to reflect on the party's history, and discuss where the party lost its way.

He said the veterans would share advice and also elect their own structure, whose chairperson would be become ex-officio member of the Central Committee.

Mr Balopi also appreciated the party founders' contribution citing all previous presidents saying they have tirelessly worked for the growth of the party, indicating that they instilled the value of unity, which was key for the party's historical success.

He underscored the need to review the party constitution to make it relevant to today's reality as an opposition party saying initially, it was developed for a party in power.

He cited that the constitution was silent on election of a vice president saying the president used his discretion to appoint the party chairman as his vice, which

he termed unconstitutional.

Mr Balopi thanked BDP members for exercising their political right to elect a new central committee, appreciating that some members within the committee had a wealth of experience as they once sat in the previous executive committees.

He cited himself as he served as the secretary general, the likes of the new secretary general and treasurer, Mr Kentse Rammidi and Mr Kagiso Mmusi among others.

In other positions, the Moshupana area MP, Mr Karabo Gare was elected the party chairperson while Mr Bakani Thukuthe and Mr Tshepho Jim were elected deputy secretary general and deputy treasurer while Dr Alfred Madigile, Mr Baemedi Medupi, Ms Rubiena Kablay, Mr Akim Setswalo and Mr Duelang Setswalo claimed additional members' seats respectively. **BOPA**



Botswana Democratic Party newly elected president, Mr Mpho Balopi celebrating after his win at the party national congress in Maun on Sunday. Photo: Ogioleng Kgomoethata

Women break barriers with innovation, style

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Women Evolve BW recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, marking the milestone with an event themed: Women Evolve in STEM.

One of the most compelling segments of the event was the session by Ms Keleadile Ruda, an energy engineer who shared her journey of working in a male-dominated sector.

Ms Ruda spoke about how she and six other women founded a network to foster gender inclusivity after realising the lack of mentorship when they graduated.

"We wanted to create a support system for women who would otherwise feel isolated in the energy field," Ms Ruda said, emphasising that building a community of passionate, talented women was essential to ensuring future generations would have role models and mentors.

Another inspiring story came from Ms Phatsimo Matshidiso, popularly known as Miss Moringa, who spoke about merging her scientific background with

entrepreneurship.

She shared how during the COVID-19 pandemic, she realised the health benefits of Moringa and began promoting it as a superfood.

"Moringa is rich in iron, calcium, potassium, and vitamin C, making it an essential part of a balanced diet," she explained.

Ms Matshidiso shared that her journey to entrepreneurship was driven by the need to address health challenges during COVID-19, blending scientific knowledge with practical applications.

Ms Zandile Mkwani from South Africa, who has a background in computational and applied mathematics, shared her passion for making tech accessible to young girls.

She said that after noticing that the people building technology did not look like her, she founded Girl Code to empower young girls through coding and technology innovation.

"Seeing women succeed in tech can inspire young girls to pursue careers in the field," she emphasised. Speakers at the event addressed misconceptions and challenges that women in STEM continued to face.

They agreed that representation was crucial, as it gave young girls the confidence to enter fields traditionally dominated by men.

They also discussed the importance of building supportive networks and challenging societal stereotypes that labelled confident women as too bold or loud.

Speaking in an interview, the founder and Managing Director of Women Evolve BW, Ms Boineelo Palai explained that the theme was inspired by the desire to merge two seemingly different worlds; STEM and fashion.

"It's about showing that women can lead in science and technology while embracing elegance and style," she said.

Ms Palai emphasised that the theme encouraged women to confidently bring their full selves into every space, whether it be a lab, a boardroom, or a runway.

Reflecting on the journey of Women Evolve BW, Ms Palai said that the event had grown tremendously since its inception.

"Over the past five years, we have evolved from a small, intimate gathering to a

nationally recognised platform that empowers hundreds of women annually," she said.

Ms Palai highlighted that the event had consistently expanded its programming to include international speakers, mentorship initiatives, and capacity-building opportunities.

She noted that the event had shifted its focus from financial literacy to STEM and was now exploring fashion and innovation.

Highlighting the lineup of speakers and special guests, event organisers expressed excitement about featuring Dr Wedu Somolekai, a leader in Aesthetic Medicine, and Ms Phatsimo Matshidiso, a scientist making significant strides in Botswana's innovation space.

Ms Nicolette Mashile also made a return to explore Fintech and the potential for women in digital economies.

Additionally, the event featured the Women Evolve Lounge Experience and exhibitions by local entrepreneurs and innovators, offering attendees the chance to explore new ideas and connect with like-minded individuals. **BOPA**

for women to reflect on their roles and appealed to them to guard against anything that could divide their families.

She said women should have integrity and avoid having multiple partners which could lead to uncertainty regarding the who fathered their children.

Kgosi Gulubane said women should take control of their lives, have their own source of income and not rely on anyone for financial security.

Pastor Lilian Mmoloki of Open Gates International Church, highlighted the importance of mothers in raising healthy and happy children.

The celebration session was organised by an Anti-Gender Based Violence (GBV) Activist Ms Gosego Mmolawa with the aim to share insights and knowledge with different mothers on various issues that affect them.

Ms Mmolawa said to celebrate being a mother meant being fully aware of the responsibilities of a mother, raising children who would positively contribute to the society as well as fully understanding children's rights. **BOPA**



Kgosi Norah Gulubane

Francistown mayor calls for walkways on roads

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - The absence of walkways on numerous roads and highways is a major contributor to and often the cause of serious and fatal pedestrian accidents, says Francistown mayor, Mr Gaone Majere.

He was speaking at the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA Fund) 2025 Safe Mobility Challenge in Francistown on Saturday.

While acknowledging lack of walkways, Mr Majere said pedestrians retained the right to use the roadsides, and that drivers had a responsibility to respect that right.

He further proposed incorporating pedestrian safety awareness into the driver's licence testing process to address the lack of respect for pedestrians among motorists.

Mr Majere highlighted the challenge's role in promoting active mobility, emphasising the importance of walking and cycling for personal health and road safety.

He further underscored the global significance of road safety saying the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 2023 report, indicated that 1.19 million lives were lost annually due to road traffic accidents globally, with vulnerable road users comprising 53 per cent of these fatalities.

MVA Fund chief executive officer, Mr Michael Tlhagwane noted a significant increase in pedestrian fatalities over the past five years, saying Botswana lost an average of 400 lives annually to road traffic accidents, with pedestrians accounting for 30 per cent of these deaths, a figure that had risen from 21 per cent in 2019 to 32 per cent in the present.

In 2024, she said Francistown,

Mr Tlhagwane recorded eight pedestrian fatalities, 17 serious injuries and 83 minor injuries.

Additionally, he said one cyclist was killed and two others sustained injuries.

These figures, he said were alarming and preventable.

Meanwhile, Mr Tlhagwane explained that the Road Safety Challenge was a key initiative within the MVA Fund's broader strategic objective to improve road safety through targeted interventions focused on road user behaviour.

He said road safety was multifaceted, encompassing accident prevention and improved post-crash care.

The fund's corporate and communications officer, Ms Ogomoditswe Mooketsi said MVA Fund continued to bear the immense financial burden of compensating victims of road accidents, fatalities, injuries, and property damage, amounting to millions of Pula annually.

Ms Mooketsi stressed the profound human cost beyond the financial implications.

She emphasised the Fund's commitment to preventative measures and community engagement noting that this year's theme: Be Seen, Be Safe, Your Life Matters, underscored the importance of visibility and caution for all road users.

She said choosing Francistown to host this year's event reflected the fund's commitment to nationwide outreach, particularly given the concerning rise in accidents involving pedestrians in areas like such the blocks, Maipafela, and the Francistown bus rank.

Activities of the day included aerobics, cycling events (10km, 30km, and 60km) as well as running/walking options (5km, 10km, and 21km), all offered free of charge to encourage participation. **BOPA**



Motor Vehicle Accident Fund held its annual Road Safety Challenge in Francistown recently. The city mayor, Mr Gaone Majere emphasised that the government faced challenges in creating adequate walkways to separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Tertiary institutions reach out to learners

By Portia Rapitsenyanane

PALAPYE - The 2025 national tertiary institutions roadshow chairperson says it is crucial to uplift underprivileged girls and ensure that they have the resources they need to pursue their education with confidence.

"We know that access to dignity products is not a luxury. It is a right."

Without them, girls miss valuable school days, fall behind and sometimes even drop out," said Mr Duelang Ngwako at a donation ceremony of sanitary pads to learners at Lotsane Senior Secondary School in Palapye recently.

He said the donation was more than just education but also about giving back to the community.

He also said the donation was a celebration of a 10-year movement that had touched the

lives of thousands Batswana.

He further said since they began this year's roadshow on April 7, they traversed 20 towns and villages, bringing tertiary education services directly to communities.

"While the world moves deeper into the digital era, with online applications, virtual open days and expanding internet access, we know that there is no substitute for human connection."

We know that no amount of online convenience can replace the power of institutions showing up in person, sitting down with learners, answering their questions, and guiding them in life-changing decisions," he said.

He therefore said the 23 tertiary institutions had committed themselves to travel the length and breadth of the country to make sure that no one was left behind and would ensure

that all had access to relevant information.

Mr Ngwako also thanked the institutions for their dedicated efforts to traverse the country to reach out and give back, which showed a high level of commitment to national development.

Lotsane Senior School head of department, Mr Busang Lelatlhogo appreciated the gesture and thanked the national roadshow committee for donating to the girl child in the school.

He also pleaded with them to also donate to the boy child because they also needed support.

The roadshow featured about 23 tertiary institutions that travelled across the country to bring services closer to the people and provide learners with opportunities to apply to institutions of higher learning of their choice. **BOPA**

Diratsame school addresses boy child delinquency

By Marvin Motlhabane

MOSHUPA - Kgosi Oscar Mosielele of Moshupa has reiterated the importance of academic achievements saying successful learners exhibit self discipline and responsible behaviour.

He was speaking at the stakeholder engagement pitso hosted by Diratsame II Junior Secondary School attended by the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), male learners and some members of the community in order to address the issue of delinquent behaviour among the boy child, which affect their academic performance.

Therefore, he reminded them that their primary purpose in

school was to learn and that they should avoid the behaviour that could hinder their academic success.

He highlighted drug abuse as a significant crisis hindering academic performance, particularly among pupils, whose bodies were still developing.

He also advocated for the principles of upright behaviour, Botho, as essential for guiding the youth in their daily lives, reminding them that, as Batswana, the concept of Botho helped individuals to distinguish right from wrong.

School Head, Ms Grace Badisang explained that the pitso was a follow-up to their previous meeting with Kgosi Mosielele, where they discussed

the significant academic achievements of the 2024 Junior Certificate Examinations (JCE) candidates.

She revealed that the school ranked fourth in the Southern region, with the boys' poor performance being a major concern and linked to delinquent behaviour.

Ms Badisang provided statistics indicating that for the 2024 JCE, the overall learner performance was at 48.8 per cent, with boys contributing only 36.7 per cent, while girls achieved 59.8 per cent. She asserted that the school's potential for a higher ranking could have been realised had the boys performed better academically.

She further presented a detailed

analysis of the current Form three learners' performance in mid-year and final examinations saying the mid-year examinations showed a 37.4 per cent success rate overall, with boys at 18.8 per cent and girls at 51.8 per cent.

In the final examinations, she said the overall performance rose to 49.5 per cent, with boys achieving 42.7 per cent and girls obtaining 56.3 per cent.

Despite an improvement in boys' performance in the latter examinations, girls continued to outperform boys significantly, a trend that the school aims to address.

Ms Badisang also shared that the current Form Two learners had a mid-year average of 38.3 per cent, with boys scoring 19.1

per cent and girls 53.9 per cent.

The end-of-year average further declined to 34 per cent, with boys at seven per cent and girls at 27 per cent.

In light of the challenges posed by the boys' poor academic performance, Ms Badisang noted that the school had prioritised discipline and implemented a learner leadership programme to promote peer learning.

Meanwhile, the school has partnered with former First Lady Neo Masisi, who has pledged P10 000 for pupils achieving merit and P5 000 for those earning an A for the award ceremony scheduled for May 15, with Kgosi Mosielele also committing P3 000 to support academic excellence. **BOPA**

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Fish festival enhances economic growth

By Baleseng Batlotleng

OLIPHANTS DRIFT - The Dinokeng Fish Festival is a shining example of how local ingenuity, cultural heritage and environmental stewardship could be woven into a strategy for sustainable livelihoods and inclusive economic empowerment.

This observation was made by Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa at the official opening of the annual Dinokeng Fish Festival in Oliphants Drift on Saturday.

He said the event was a bold statement about the power of community, innovation and sustainable development.

"It is an initiative that stands out as a beacon of hope and opportunity. It reflects our shared commitment to diversifying the rural economy, creating employment and reducing poverty through sustainable aquaculture. This is not just about fishing it is about food security, income generation and community resilience," he said.

Held under the theme: Growing our economy together through fishing opportunities, Mr Motshegwa said it was a crucial demonstration that no economy was driven from the top but led by people at grassroots level using available resources within their communities.

He said the theme was premised on the fact that fishing

could significantly contribute to economic growth especially for communities reliant on it for their livelihood and food security.

"Developing a sustainable aquaculture sector presents more opportunities in the long run for development across the economic, social and environmental fronts of our communities. It is a strategic initiative and platform where fresh ideas meet tradition, where local voices mix with global influences in transforming the local economic development landscape of the district," he added.

Mr Motshegwa said the fish festival was a platform where food security, job creation and value chain development with regard to opportunities brought by the availability of fish were cultivated and nourished.

He noted the effects of climate change on aquaculture and said government was committed to finding alternative interventions to mitigate the challenges under the pillar for economic revitalisation and that of social development.

"We are committed as government to strengthen our partnerships and collaboration with development partners and private sector to work tirelessly to ensure our communities realise their full potential," he said.

In an interview, chairman of the Almakaar Fishing Group Mr Dira Gouwe said fishing had the potential to contribute to the success and sustainability



Almakaar Fishing Group member, Mr Tshwarelo Gare (right) selling fish at the annual Dinokeng Fish Festival in Oliphant's Drift on Saturday. Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said fishing could contribute to economic growth, especially for communities reliant on it for livelihood and food security. He urged fisher men not only to rely on rivers but rather focus on fish farming as an alternative. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

of economic growth in the river villages.

He said despite the promising signs of success in their trade they were inundated with a number of challenges as fishermen.

Mr Gouwe said they had

successfully managed to get into a joint venture through the establishment of their cooperative society named Almakaar Fishing group.

He said lack of market access for their produce was also frustrating

their efforts of eking a livelihood as fishermen.

Mr Gouwe appealed to government to assist with infrastructure development such as the establishment of fish ponds and other fishing implements. **BOPA**

Public lecture demystifies monetary policy

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Bank of Botswana (BoB) has over the years successfully maintained low and stable inflation while safeguarding financial system stability.

This, BoB's Director of Research and Financial Stability, Mr Innocent Molalapata explained, had preserved the purchasing power of incomes, protected savings, encouraged investment, and enhanced the international competitiveness of local producers.

Mr Molalapata, who was speaking at a public lecture held at the BA ISAGO University Convention Centre recently, said "these efforts ultimately contribute to broader national objectives, such as sustainable economic development and overall national prosperity".

He further explained that the bank's monetary policy framework aimed to keep inflation within a medium-term target range of 3–6 per cent.

Mr Molalapata, said BoB had adopted a ranked dual mandate, price and financial stability, as outlined in the Bank of Botswana (Amendment) Act of 2022.

The primary objective, he noted,

was to achieve and maintain stable domestic prices.

"What we mean is that we want prices to change at a predictable and acceptable rate," he said.

Mr Molalapata also outlined some of the tools the bank used to implement monetary policy, which

include the Monetary Policy Rate, open market operations like the auctioning of Bank of Botswana Certificates, and the issuance of one-month BoB Certificates to address structural liquidity issues and support the short end of the yield curve.

The lecture, aimed at enhancing public understanding of monetary policy decisions and their impact on the economy, was organised by the Botswana Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), BA ISAGO University, and the Bank of BoB.

Held under the theme: The Bank



Bank of Botswana (BoB) Director of the Research and Financial Stability, Mr Innocent Molalapata (left), BA ISAGO University Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance, Mr Lawren Jambani (centre) and Botswana Institute of Banking and Finance Managing (BIBF) Director, Mr Molaodi Menyatso during the BIBF and BoB public lecture on monetary policy in Gaborone on Friday. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

of Botswana's Dual Mandate of Ensuring Price and Financial Stability, and its Role in Fostering Stability and Growth, the event followed the BoB's Monetary Policy Statement launch on February 19.

The lecture was prompted by the Bank's observation of a gap in public understanding and appreciation of monetary policy and its effect on financial well-being.

BA ISAGO University Acting Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Ms Olebogeng Mokgware, highlighted importance of making monetary policy accessible to all citizens, as it directly affected everyday matters such as interest rates and inflation.

"We believe that understanding the forces shaping our economy and personal finances isn't just for economists or bankers, but for every Motswana who wants to make informed decisions in today's financial landscape," she said, expressing pride in the university's collaboration with BIBF and BoB.

The event also included a panel discussion featuring distinguished guests from the banking industry, academia, and business associations. **BOPA**

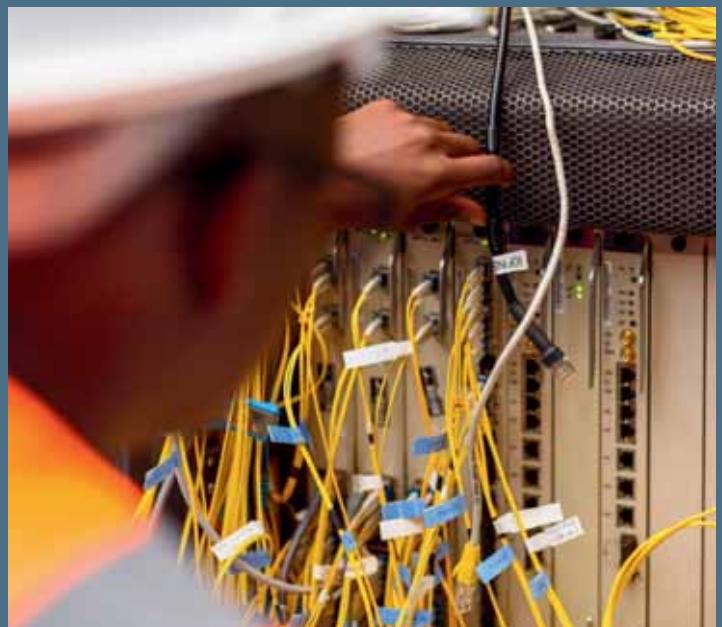
BOFINET UPGRADES BOTSWANA'S INTERNET GATEWAY

Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNet) has recently completed two (2) strategic projects to upgrade the country's internet gateway and deliver significant enhancements in the bandwidth, security and reliability of the internet experience in Botswana.

The first project was the replacement of the national metro network within Gaborone, Francistown and Maun to enhance connectivity in strategic sites such as Government offices, shopping malls and business centres in these locations. The metro network is a high-speed network infrastructure designed to provide connectivity within Botswana between different offices, data centers and branches. It utilises fibre optic cables, offering very high data transfer speeds ranging from megabits per second (Mbps) to terabits per second (Tbps). The network will enable Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to aggregate traffic from various access networks; for example, Fibre to the Home, and connect it to their core network and the wider internet.

The second project entailed the upgrading of equipment and applications that form the gateway that carries internet traffic to and from Botswana. This equipment and applications are housed at special high-capacity sites in London (Global Switch and Telehouse) and Johannesburg (Teraco data centres DC9 and DC3) known as Points of Presence. They are the digital crossroads where BoFiNet directly links with Content Distribution Networks such as Google, Facebook, Netflix and Microsoft to bring content to Botswana via the undersea cables on the eastern and western coasts of Africa. The project also relocated some equipment from one of the Main Switch Units (MSU) in Gaborone to the recently-completed Digital Delta Data Centre (DDDC), which is a more resilient environment. The DDDC is a carrier-neutral data centre owned and operated by BoFiNet.

This project serves to address current and future internet capacity demands of customers and end-users, given the exponential increase of internet traffic to and from Botswana over the last 10 years.

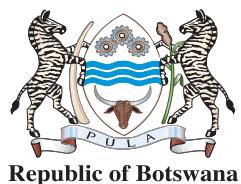


These two (2) projects will enable customers to enjoy higher capacities, higher speed, more security and overall a more seamless user experience; all while ensuring that the internet gateway is equipped for the future. When updating the media on the two (2) projects during a media engagement session recently, the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BoFiNet, Mr Mpho Koolese, stated that BoFiNet remains committed to its mandate of driving connectivity and economic growth with its network infrastructure. "We stand firmly behind the Government in delivering on our mandate and advancing the country's aspirations of a digital future. These two (2) projects that we have just completed are critical to the functioning of our internet infrastructure in the country, which is a key driver of socio-economic growth and the Government's digital transformation agenda. They will deliver a major boost to services such as e-health, e-education, smart Government services and Internet of Things," Koolese concluded.



BoFiNet recently held a media engagement event to report on this project. Addressing the media were (1). The three (3) engineers that were spearheading the upgrade project; Ms. Onalethata Mosaikamo, Ms. Mercy Mmolotsi and Ms. Seneo Pule. (2). Head of Technology, Mr. Boikarabelo Ramaretlwa. (3). Chief Executive Officer (A), Mr Mpho Koolese.

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS

VACANCIES

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VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2025

Applications are invited from suitably qualified citizens of Botswana for the below mentioned position tenable at the **Department of Internal Audit**, within the **Ministry of Finance in Gaborone**.

VACANCY: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR - D1 X 2

TENABLE: Department of Internal Audit

SALARY SCALE: D1 (386,892 – 426,660 per annum)

LEAVE: 30 working days per annum.

BENEFITS:

- i) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and Employee pays 50%).
- ii) Contributory Pension Scheme (Government pays 15% and Employee pays 5%)

QUALIFICATION:

- Degree in Auditing/Accounting/Computer Science/Information Technology/Risk
- Management or related fields. Relevant Professional qualifications (i.e. CIA, ACCA, CIMA, CISA, CRP, CRMA etc.) is a prerequisite. Masters' degree in related fields is an added advantage.

Direct entry or progression will be limited to registered members in good standing with Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA)/ Information System Audit and Control Association (ISACA)/Institute of Risk Management (IRM) /Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

EXPERIENCE:

At least twelve (12) years' experience in Auditing, two (2) of which should have been served as Principal Internal Auditor I at D2 level or its equivalent.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:

To coordinate auditing of utilisation of government resources and monitor implementation of recommendations to improve risk management, control and governance processes.

DUTIES

1. Advise customers on management of Public resources.
2. Attend to customer queries and requests.
3. Provide consultancy services on governance, risk management and information systems.
4. Coordinate review of internal controls, risk management and information systems.
5. Supervise preliminary review of current audit files.
6. Coordinate implementation of Enterprise Risk Management.
7. Lead research and compilation of data for new

- projects and recommending improvements in governance processes.
- 8. Implement automation of internal audit processes.
- 9. Coordinate follow-ups on outstanding issues from previous audits and audits on recommendations.
- 10. Supervise evaluation of risks indicators and decide whether further action is required.
- 11. Supervise development of work plans and audit programmes, development of capacity building plans and the implementation of the annual audit work plan.
- 12. Prepare quarterly activity reports.
- 13. Review, monitor performance of supervisees and conduct staff meetings.
- 14. Attend operations and management meetings.
- 15. Facilitate Ministerial Audit Committee meetings.
- 16. Undertake any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service.

COMPETENCIES

- a) Adhering to Principles and Values.
- b) Presenting and Communicating information.
- c) Writing and Reporting.
- d) Applying Expertise and Technology.
- e) Planning and Organizing.
- f) Analyzing.
- g) Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectation.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants should quote the number of the Vacancy Circular and provide the following details:

- a) Brief summary of career with duties performed (Curriculum Vitae) including date of first appointment, present post and date of appointment thereto (attach letter). Attach copy of appointment letter to the current position.
- b) Certified copies of Certificates, Omang and two (2) work related references (Not more than 6 months).

Applications should be addressed to:

The Permanent Secretary,
 Ministry of Finance,
 Private Bag 008, Gaborone
 Hand delivered to Ministry of Finance RMU,
 Old CSO Block, 2nd Floor, Office No. 25.

IMPORTANT: All applications should be routed through their Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Department for Public Officers. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

**CLOSING DATE: 16th May 2025
 at 1630 hours**

For further information, please contact Human Resource Office at 3950397/3633651

N.B: Applicants who do not meet the requirements of the post will not be responded to.

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 10 OF 2025

VACANCY: PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER II -D3 X 1

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Botswana for the position of **Principal Project Officer II** tenable within the **Ministry of Finance Headquarters, Corporate Services Department**.

SALARY SCALE: D3 (P293,652 – P323, 748) per annum

LEAVE: 30 working days per annum

BENEFITS:

- a) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and Employee pays 50%).
- b) Contributory Pension (Government contributes 15% and employee contributes 5% of basic salary).

QUALIFICATIONS

- i. Candidates must have at least a **Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying** from a recognized institution.
- ii. Applicants should have registered with Quantity Surveyors Registration Council as a Professional Quantity Surveyor.

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of **eight (8) years relevant work experience** in the Quantity Surveying work (management construction project) of construction projects, two (2) years of which should have been served at D4 salary scale or an equivalent level in parastatals or private sector.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To scrutinise and evaluate building projects financial expenditure to ensure timely delivery of projects and adherence to budget.

DUTIES:

- i. Scrutinise consultants' payment claims and prepares draft payment certificates to facilitate payment to consultants.
- ii. Take part in the evaluation and appointment of consultant quantity surveyors to be engaged by the Ministry of Finance to offer consultancy services.
- iii. Monitor consultants' performance to ensure effective and efficient implementation of building projects and compliance to the term of reference.
- iv. Draw up draft contracts documents necessary for signatures by the Ministry of Finance and contractors/suppliers.
- v. Produce final accounts for building projects at the end of the contract and make recommendations for final payment to contractor/ suppliers.
- vi. Compile and collate Bill of Quantities.
- vii. Identify and describe items of work (Taking

off quantities) by translating architectural and engineering drawings into actual work to be done on site.

- viii. Prepare and compile tender documents.
- ix. Prepare tender notice and invite bidders.
- x. Undertake any other related duty as required to meet the exigencies of the service

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

- Working with people
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analysing
- Planning and Organising
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Applying Expertise and Technology
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

APPLICATIONS

Quote the vacancy number of the advert and provide the following details: -

- Summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- Certified copies of certificates and valid ID (Omang).
- State date of first appointment; present post, scale and date of appointment thereto.
- At least two (2) recent references not more than six (6) months old.

IMPORTANT

All applications **MUST** be routed through Heads of Departments. Applications **NOT** so routed will not be considered. **Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.**

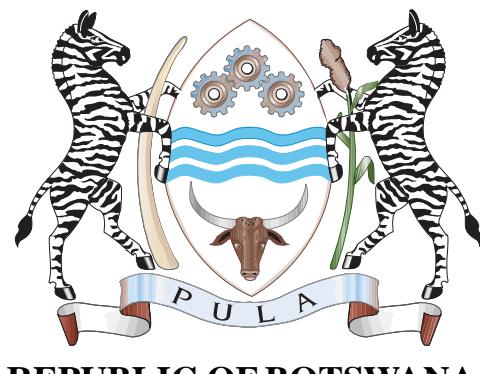
Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
 Ministry of Finance
 Private Bag 008, GABORONE
 Hand delivered to Office No. 25, Second floor,
 CSO Building

IMPORTANT: All applications should be routed through respective Heads of Department. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

**CLOSING DATE: 16th May 2025
 at 16:30hrs**

**For further information please contact
 Human Resources Office at: 363 3651 /
 395 0397 / 363 3631 or 395 0617.**



CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES FOR BOTSWANA HONOURS AND AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2025

- 1.** The annual selection process for the recipients of Botswana Honours and Awards for 2025 is commencing. The Botswana Honours are awarded annually in terms of **Botswana Honours Act (CAP 03:06)** to the most deserving individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the country development.

- 2.** The selection of the candidates is guided by the criteria which looks at the contribution made by nominees on the following factors
 - I. National Impact
 - II. Innovation
 - III. Talent
 - IV. Special Leadership Qualities
 - V. Length of service

- 3.** Notwithstanding the above, honours are awarded within the framework such as
 - a) Youth and Leadership
 - b) Business
 - c) Self-Reliance
 - d) Public Service
 - e) Women
 - f) Traditional and Community Leadership
 - g) Politics

- 4.** The public is therefore requested to submit names of people within your jurisdiction who may have substantial contribution based on the above. The categories of the honours awarded are as follows:
 - a) **The Naledi Ya Botswana (N.Y.B)**, being an honour awarded for outstanding service to the Republic of Botswana.
 - b) **The Presidential Order of Honour (P.H)**, being an honour awarded for efficient and devoted service to the Republic of Botswana
 - c) **The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service (P.M.S)**, being an honour awarded to any persons for actions or services benefiting Botswana or any community or organisation therein in any particular field or sphere and for any acts of courage or devotion to duty.
 - d) **The Presidential Certificate of Honour (P.C.H)**, being a certificate awarded for long and faithful service to Botswana.

Nomination forms are to be collected from the Offices of the District Commissioner throughout the country.

- 5.** Upon completion, the nomination forms must be submitted to the District Commissioners within your locality by the **14th May 2025**.

'Tlhaloganyo e e itekanetseng e botlhokwa'

Ka Relief Lephutshi

KANYE - Mohumagadi wa Bangwaketse Masetsebi Gaseitsewe

a re segopotso sa botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo ya motho wa mme ke selo se se botlhokwa, e seng fela mo go mme le lesea la gagwe, mme

gape le mo go ba lelwapa la gagwe, baagisanyi le lefatshe ka kakaretso.

Mohumagadi Masetsebi o buile se kwa moletlong wa ipelelo

letsatsi la mafatshe la botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo ya bomme ba ba itsholofetseng kwa Kanye bosheng. Setlhogo sa moletlo o, se ne se re Motsamao: Go emela botsogo jwa gago jwa tlhaloganyo, Lentswe la gago, Nonono ya gago.

A re go ipelelo letsatsi le go le botlhokwa ka e le karolo e e botlhokwa ya loeto la botshelo jwa ga Mme, eleng boitekanelo ja tlhaloganyo ya gagwe pele ga pelegi, ka nako ya pelegi le morago ga pelegi.

A re ngwaga ono, go remeletswe mo go direng le go supa go emela botsogo jwa mebele le mantswe go ya kwa phetogong.

A re ntswa mme a tshwara thipa ka fa bogaleng, mme ga a tshwanela go rwala mokgwelelo a le esi. O tlhalositse fa dikgwtelhlo tsa botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo ka nako ya fa mme a itsholofetseng di le teng ebole di le boima.

A re ntswa nako ya boimana e tshwanetse go nna ya boitumelo, bomme ka bontsi ba tletse tshokolo ka ntlha ya tidimalo ya bone, go tshaba, go tlhobaela, ketsaetseg ya maikutlo le kgokgontsho.

Mohumagadi Masetsebi o go lemoga letsatsi le go tla go nonotsha botsogo jwa mmele ka itshidilo mmele ya bomme ba ba itsholofetseng le botlh.

A re gape e ne ele go tla go neela bomme bao sebaka se se sireletssegileng go kgaogana maitemogelo a bone le gone go reediwa. A re gape ke go ba rotloetsa mo ntweng kgathlanong le malwetse a a sa tshelanweng ka go ba fa thotloetsa ya itshidilo mmele gammogo le go tsibosa

ka tlhwaafalo fa botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo e le selo sa botlhokwa.

Mohumagadi Masetsebi a re mantswe a tlhatlosediwang go gowa kgatlhanong le botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo, e nne selo modiro kgatlhanong le mmaba wa kgokgontsho ya bomme le bana.

A re kgokgontsho ya bong e gobatsa tlhaloganyo, mmele le moyo le go utswa kagiso ya bomme ba ba itsholofetseng gammogo le go tsenya masea a a iseng a belegwe mo diphatseng.

A re o motlotlo ka Tautona Advocate Duma Boko a ntshitse lenaneo la kemonokeng ya bomme ba ba itsholofetseng go ba thusa ka P300 kgwedi le kgwedi go tswa ka nako ya pelegi go fitlha sebaka sa ngwaga, ka go tlaa thusa mo kgodisong ya bone.

Mohumagadi Masetsebi a re ditirelo tsa tshidilo maikutlo di teng kwa dikokelong, le gore ba lephata la botsogo ba ne ba tshwre ipelelo letsatsi la botsogo ka moono o o reng; Ditshimologo tse dinonofileng, Tsholofelo ya isago, mme a supa fa tiro e e ne e gateleta botlhokwa jwa botsogo jwa bomme le jwa masea, selo se a gateletseng fa e le konokono ya ipelelo letsatsi la botsogo ja tlhaloganyo ya ga Mme. O kopile basha ba ba itsholofetseng go fitlhelela makalana a a ikemetseng ka nosi jaaka Keitsholofetse, ba boipelego le lekalana la Bong la Tshireletsego ya Bana le le bonwang kwa sepodiseng.

A re badiredi ba ba rutetswe go tshwara dikgang tse di masic ka jalo ba tshephe go ka bua le bone. **BOPA**



Mohumagadi Masetsebi Gaseitsewe wa Bangwaketse (mojeng) le Mothusa Molaodi, Mme Tuelo Gothaang kwa moletlong wa ipelelo letsatsi la mafatshe la botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo ya bomme ba ba itsholofetseng kwa Kanye bosheng. Mohumagadi Masetsebi a re go ipelelo letsatsi la botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo ya ga mme ke karolo e e botlhokwa ya leeto la botshelo jwa ga mme, eleng boitekanelo jwa tlhaloganyo ya gagwe pele ga pelegi, ka nako ya pelegi le morago ga pelegi. Senepe: Relief Lephutshi

Mogolwane o kopa batsadi go bega melato

Ka Masego Tabengwa

GUNGWE - Batsadi ba Gungwe ba gakolotswe go emisa mokgwa wa go bipa dikgang tsa tlhakanelo dikobo le bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ka seo e le molato.

Btsadi ba ba ba dirang jalo ba na le seabe mo go goleng ga dikgetse tse kwa Gungwe.

Seo se senogile mo phuthegong ya kgotla e buisiva ke mopalamente wa Tati Bophirima, Rre Justin Hunyepa kwa motseng oo bosheng, jaaka banni ba ne ba supa fa ba tshwenngwa ke go ntsifala ga ditragalo tse.

Sub-Inspector Omphile Nakedi wa sepodisi sa Botswana a re go ngomola pelo go bona batsadi bangwe ba itlhophela go amogela pipa molomo go tswa mo babelaelweng go bipa dikgang. A re batsadi ba go nna jalo ba ba tlhaloganye gore go dira jalo ke molato o ba ka tseelwang dikgato tse di maleba, ka puso e tsaya tsia fela thata dikgang tse di amang tshireletsego ya bana. Sub Inspector Nakedi o ne a kopa gore dikgang tse di begiwe gore badiramolato ba tseelwe dikgato.

Mabapi le borukutli, jo bo kekelang mo motseng, Sub-Inspector Nakedi o lebogetse tshwaragano ya bone le banni ba Gungwe mo maitekong a go leka go bo lwantsha.

A re cluster ya Gungwe, Gambule le Mbalambi e filwe koloi bosheng,

selo se se tlaa nolofatsang tiro ya bone.

Kgosi Bafi Buka wa Gungwe a re ba tlhorontshiwa ke ditlou, tse di pateletsang balemi go roba mabele a ise a butsw, go tila tshenyo. A kuela seemo sa ditsela tse di lomaganyang motse wa bone le e mengwe, ya Zwenshambe/Kalakamati le ya Gungwe/Masunga a re di tlhoka go tsibogelwa ka di sa jese diwelang.

A re ofisi ya kgotla e mo seemong se se sa nnang sentle e ranyegile e bile e na ka nako tsa pula, gape e tlhoka di dirisisiwa.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo ya motse oo, Mme Mpho Zimundu o kopile gore ba agelwe ntwana ya borutelo jwa bananyana kwa sekolong se se bottlana, a re go ka thusa gore se tshegetse serodumo sa sone sa go ntsha maduo a a nametsang

A kopa go agelwa mantlwana a boiteketso a a dirisang metsi kwa kokelwaneng ya motse. Mo phuthegong ya ga Rre Hunyepa kwa Zwenshambe, banni ba ne ba lela ka borukutli, ba supa fa ba sa le ba sololediwa Satellite Police, mme le jaana ba letile. Kgosi Moses Mabutho wa Zwenshambe o kopile gore sekole sa ithutelo ditiro tsa diatla sa Zwenshambe se tshoediwa maemo gore se nonofele go ruta dithuto tsa maemo a magolwane.

A re ba ntse ba letile kgodiso ya kokelwana ya bone jaaka ba ne ba sololediwa.

Kgosi Mabutho a supa tlhobaelo

ka maduo a a sa nametseng kwa dikoleng tsa bone, le ka tshenyo ya dithoto tsa dikole, e a boletseng gantsi baithuti ba na le seabe mo go yone.

Banni ba Gungwe le Zweshambe ba kopile gore ba okelediwe palo ya badiri ba ipelegeng, ba bo ba kopa gore puso e sekaseke dikatso tsa maloko a VDC gore di tsamaelane le bokete jwa boikarabelo jo ba bo dirang mo metseng.

Bangwe ba ne ba tswa ka mogopolo wa gore dikomiti tse dingwe tse di mo metseng le tsone di atswiwe go di tiisa moko.

Monni wa Zwenshambe, Rre Kenalemang Masole a re kgaolo ya Bokone Botlhaba e tlhoka setima molelo, eseng go ikaega ka Tutume le Francistown.

Rre Hunyepa, o ne a ba lekodisa ka tsa palamente e e fetileng, a tshepisa banni fa a tlaa isa matshwenyego mangwe a bone kwa go maleba, a supa fa a mangwe a tlaa kgaratlha ka gotlhe go leka gore a akarediwe mo lenaneong la ditogamaano la NDP12.

O gakolotse banni go beela kwa thoko sepolotiki mme ba gatele pele ba le seopo sengwe go direla lefatshe leno le tshaba ya lone, a tlatsa ka gore puso e ikemisedit go tlotla ditshwanelo tsa batho mme e bile e rotloetsa gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe a akole meamuso ya lefatshe leno.

A re puso ga e a tlhanogela ditsholofetsa tsa yone. **BOPA**

Ka Grace Sebape

LOBATSE - Bomme le bagodi ba tshwanetse go lemogwa ka go fiwa lerato le tlollo ka ba dira ditiro tse dintsia tsa botlhokwa.

Go dira jalo go molemo ka go thusa gore maikutlo a sek a ya kwa tlase, kana ba nna le boitlhobogo.

Moruti Betrice Dziekpor wa kereke ya Christian Englightning Church o buile jalo kwa Lobatse ka Labothlano kwa moletlong o a neng a o rulagantse go ipelelo letsatsi la bomme.

A re e le bomme ba thapelo go tswa kwa dikerekeng tse di farologaneng ba ikopantse go dira moletlo e le thomo ya Modimo e a nnileeng le yone ngwaga oo fitileng. A re letsatsi le, le akareditse bagodi ka ba nna nako e telele ba le nosi, ba kgathologilwe.

A re ga gona mme ope yo o tshwanetseng go nna le seelo sa gore o dira eng o felela fa kae, mme o tshwanetse go dira tsotlh tse a kgonang go di dira, mme e bile a dumela mo go ene gore o tlaa kgona. Moruti Dziekpor o boletse gape gore ke nako ya gore

ba kopane le ba bangwe, ka bontsi jwa sebaka bangwe ba tswa mo malwapeng fela ba ya bo-okelong kana kerekeng, mme a re bangwe ga ba nke ba ya gope, a tlatsa ka gore bagodi ba tlhoka go itumela.

Mo go tse dingwe o rotloeditse bMoruti Dziekpor le bomme ba thapelo, ba ne ba abela bomme dihutshe, morago ga jewa kuku le dimonamone.

Mongwe wa bagodi Mme Esther Montsho o ne a supa fa a tletse boitumelo a re Moruti Dziekpor, o dirile namane e tona ya tiro go ba ntsha mo malwapeng go ba lemoga a re seo se ba dira motlotlo thata ka go supa lerato. Mme Montsho a re fa a sa le a tlogela tiro ka bogodi ka 1999 ga a itse sethabi mo mmeleeng wa gagwe kana go lwalla, a bolela gore ke ka pabalelo ya Modimo.

Kgosi Tebogo Kemoabe wa kgotla ya Peleng kwa Lobatse o boletse fa moletlo oo, o le botlhokwa e bile o tlisa boitumelo mo go bomme, a bolela gore bagodi ba tlhwaafalela batho, ka jalo a kopa gore nako e tlang go seka ga dirwa nako e khutshwane ya moletlo. **BOPA**

Bomme ba tlhoka lerato le tlotlo - Moruti



PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTATION OF SECOND-HAND VEHICLES

The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) has noted with concern recurring instances of non-compliance in the importation of second-hand motor vehicles, in contravention of the Customs Act, 2018. Specific concerns include unauthorized interference with the Customs Management System, dual invoicing intended to conceal the true customs value, and the failure to submit national identification or residence permit documents to evade applicable customs duties and taxes.

Accordingly, all customs warehousing and importation declarations for second-hand vehicles must, with immediate effect, be accompanied by the supplier's invoice from the country of export, the customs export declaration from the country of export, proof of payment for the transaction such as a bank statement, a valid Police Clearance Certificate, and, for individuals, a valid Omang or Residence Permit, depending on the importer's residency status. Importers and clearing agents are also reminded that the submission of accurate information and supporting documents is mandatory.

BURS hereby advises that any importer, clearing agent or customs warehouse licensee found to be in violation of these requirements will face legal consequences, including seizure of vehicles, revocation of customs clearance or warehousing licenses, imposition of fines of up to P1 million, and/or criminal prosecution in accordance with the Customs Act.

The cooperation and compliance of all stakeholders in upholding these requirements is highly appreciated.

For more information, kindly contact our Call Centre at 17649.

Botswana Unified Revenue Service
Private Bag 0013, Gaborone, Botswana

BotswanaUnifiedRevenueService
@theOfficialBURS
www.burs.org.bw

NOTICE OF BEST EVALUATED BIDDER

Name of the Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services
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Bidders are hereby informed that the evaluation and adjudication process of the above-mentioned tender have been concluded and the details of the Best Evaluated Bidders as listed below. It is the intention of the **Department of Broadcasting Services** to place contract with the bidder named below after two (2) working days of display effective from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Name of Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services
Title of Procurement	A Framework Work Contract For The Provision of Architectural Services For The Department Of Broadcasting Services For A Period Of 24 Months.
Method of Procurement	Open Domestic Bidding
Approved Suppliers	1. Kgatlhego Architects & Associates (Pty)Ltd 2. Bsen Architects & Consultants (Pty)Ltd
Period of the Contract	Once-Off

Display of this notice does not constitute an acceptance of the bid described above or the formation for the contract. Bid acceptance and contract placement shall be in accordance with regulations.

Should any bidder who participated in the tender require to be debriefed on the outcome of their bid, they may take such request in writing to the **Permanent Secretary, Ministry of State President**.


K. S. Boikanyo
Office of the Government Buyer
Ministry for State President

DIRECTOR
PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT
MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT
06 MAY 2025
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BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE

CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

In line with the provisions of the Retirement Funds Act (2022) (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, NMG Administrators Botswana is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. Therefore, all possible beneficiaries/dependants should liaise with the Administrator. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility.

Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.



MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Setlalekgosi Boepetswe	06/04/2025	Pensioner
Chandabona Chida	12/04/2025	Pensioner
Keneilwe Rapalai	15/04/2025	Pensioner
Lakidzani Sekuku	10/09/2021	Active
Montlenyane Lepotoko	16/11/2024	Active
Thato Kapondorah	09/12/2024	Active
Moses Tshupegetso	04/09/2024	Active
Golang Botshabelo	06/12/2024	Active
Maipelo Motlotlegi	08/01/2025	Active
Lekopanye Mmusi	07/03/2025	Active/ Pensioner

Please contact NMG Administrators Botswana at: +267 318 6824/ 241 2562/ 588 1236/ 686 0597 or Toll Free: 0800 600 177

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FARM WORKERS

JOB VACANCY: FARM Labourer, Company: Lavase Pty Ltd, Location: Farm QO 29 in Pandamatenga. Skilled Farm Labourer with experience in operating John Deere equipment, particularly 8R Tractor, S660 Harvester, FX Planters. Send CV: Whatapp Only: 75438744, Email: marcovisagie123@gmail.com

FARM DRIVER WANTED: We are looking for an experienced and reliable driver who will assist at our farm. The following is required: A valid heavy duty vehicle license. Contact Legacy Kingdom 73325313.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Ngwapa 72273143

HERDBOY WANTED. BAZIBISI Moffat Modise. Box 715 Tutume 77597089.

1 X FARM LABOURER NEEDED in Tuli Block, portion 3 Mabalel Estates. Applicant must have relevant farm experience, at least 5 years. Willing to spend extended periods in remote area, No dependents. Contact Dream Big Botswana Safaris on +26 776526884 or Johnny@dbasafaris.com, before 31st June 2025

FARM WORKER WANTED AT LEPHOKWE CATTLEPOST. CALL 71892610...

VACANCY: FARM WORKER wanted at Dikwididi. Duties: Bush clearing, livestock herding, horticulture, farm maintenance and other duties. Minimum 2-3 years experience. Send applications to P O Box 1188ABG Gaborone Whatsapp 72376973. Applications will close 2 weeks after date of this advert.

FARM WORKER NEEDED, Matlagatse Lands near Thebephatswa. Call 71307205.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Nshakazhonwe. Contact Dano Mbaakanyi Box 199 Sebina. Cell 75542255. Closing date 28.05.2025.

MISCELLANEOUS

A COMPANY ENGAGED manufacturing of furniture is urgently looking for operation manager. Candidate should hold A-Level Certificate or equivalent. Contact 72162085 Shailajamohadev@yahoo.com

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I POPO HUMPHREY BADISA owner of Plot 80166, Gaborone North would like to erect a boundary wall. For any objections, contact Gaborone Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT NO: 6767 AND 6771 in Mogoditshane Block 5 intend to change land use from Single Family Residential to Multy Residential purpose. Any objection to the proposal should be forwarded to Mogoditshane Sub Landboard. Box 2 Mogoditshane Contacts 3168600 Fax 3906302

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VACANCIES

CARETAKERWANTED at Palapye. Contact: 77043452/75603415

Farm Workers needed (3 positions)

Farm workers needed for a farm in Sasakwe (near Kopong village, Kweneng District).

Must be mature, responsible, hard working. Knowledge or background in cattle rearing or looking after livestock is an added advantage.

Send cv and cover letter to The Manager, P O Box 1256 Mogoditshane or email to heritagedalita@gmail.com. mobile 75583189. no later than 3 June 2025.

Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to

Botic Construction (Pty) Ltd

Vacancy

Botic Construction (Pty) Ltd invites applicants for the following positions based in different project sites:

1. Land Surveyor x 1no, with 3+ years related work experience, Diploma or Degree, skills: TOTAL STATION, MOUNTING TRIPODS, DIGITAL LEVEL, REFLECTOR, etc.

2. Automation Manager x 2nos with at least 10 years work experience on Photovoltaics or HVAC construction or management, Degree in Automation, skills: CAD, MICROSOFT

3. Pipeliner x 2nos, with 15+ years work experience on supply and drainage, diploma or professional certificate.

4. Mechanics x 2nos, with 10+ year work experience on photovoltaics or HVAC installation and operation, diploma or professional certificate.

5. Electrician x 2nos, with 10 years experience in Photovoltaics or electrical works, diploma or professional certificate.

6. Project Manager x 2nos, with 15+ year work experience and at least one Photovoltaics project management experience. Degree in Construction Management, Civil Engineering or Electrical Engineering, or Automation.

All applicants are requested to email CV, References, Certificates, ID and Driving License to hr@botic.co.bw before 31 August, 2025. Please specify the position you are applying for in the subject line of the email. If you do not receive a response, it means your application was not successful.

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Aiseng Seaseole	ASHFT -000097-25	08 - 07 - 2025	0900H	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



Vacancy: Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (1No Positions)

Company: Estate Construction (Pty) Ltd

Location: Gaborone, Botswana

Employment Type: Full-Time

Application Deadline: 31st May 2025

Role Summary:

Estate Construction (Pty) Ltd is seeking a visionary and results-driven Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to lead and oversee the financial strategy and operations of the company. The ideal candidate will play a critical role in shaping the financial direction, ensuring compliance, and contributing to the overall strategic decision-making of the organization.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Strategic Financial Leadership:

- Develop and implement financial strategies aligned with the company's goals.
- Provide strategic recommendations to the CEO and executive team.
- Oversee budgeting, forecasting, and long-term financial planning.

2. Financial Management:

- Lead and manage all aspects of financial operations including accounting, treasury, and tax.
- Monitor and ensure the integrity of financial statements and reporting.
- Oversee internal controls and risk management processes.

3. Compliance and Governance:

- Ensure compliance with financial regulations and standards.
- Liaise with auditors, regulators, and other financial institutions.
- Ensure timely and accurate preparation of financial reports.

4. Team Leadership and Development:

- Lead, mentor, and develop the finance team across the group.
- Foster a culture of high performance and continuous improvement.

5. Stakeholder Engagement:

- Manage relationships with shareholders, banks, and investors.
- Support business units with financial insights and decision-making tools.

Qualifications and Experience:

- A Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, or related field (Master's preferred).
- Professional accounting qualification (e.g., ACCA, CIMA, CA).
- Minimum of 10 years of financial leadership experience, with at least 5 years in a senior executive role.
- Proven experience in construction or related industries is highly advantageous.
- Strong leadership, analytical, and strategic thinking skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in financial management software and systems.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their Application, CV, certified copies of their academic qualifications to recruitment@estateconstruction.co.bw or send via post using P. O. Box 403200, Gaborone on or before the **31st May 2025**. Please use the subject line "**Application for Group Chief Financial Officer Position**" in your email

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JOB SPECIFICATION NOMINAL DIRECTOR



Simolola Drilling Services (SDS) is a leading provider of drilling services in the Exploration, Mining, Energy, and Government sectors. SDS is a partnership with Mitchell Drilling International, an internationally recognized drilling company. Founded in support of Botswana's Government Citizen Economic Empowerment policy, the company is now looking to fill the following position to be based in Botswana.

Position: Nominal Director

Key Responsibilities:

The Nominal Director's duties will include (but not limited to) the following:

- Attend Directors' meetings and meetings of shareholders of the Company.
- Represent the Company in appropriate forums as required.
- Lead negotiations concerning commercial transactions on behalf of the Company.
- Liaise with current clients regarding safety and operational issues in alignment with their requirements.
- Develop and implement alternative equity and business structures for the Company's existing business units and entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Manage Exploration and Drilling contracts.
- Ensure cost control measures are in place and projects are completed within budget.
- Analyze, evaluate, and optimize existing and new business opportunities within Botswana.
- Formulate and implement strategies for the development of Simolola Drilling Services (Pty) Ltd.

Requirements:

- Minimum of 5 years' experience in the Drilling, Exploration, and Mining industries.
- Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Auditing.
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law.
- Certificate of Membership in Chartered Accountant.

Experience and Background Preference:

- A minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience in business areas related to drilling, exploration, and mining.

Interested candidates should submit their applications to recruitmentbw@mitchellgroup.net.

Deadline: 25 May 2025

TOSS & GRILL SEEK OPERATIONS MANAGER

The successful candidate must meet the following criteria:

Minimum Requirements: MINIMUM 15 years' experience with Hotel, Hospitality & Food & Beverages Industry (General Manager & Higher) Diploma in Hotel Management.

Must possess Comprehensive Knowledge & Experience of: Food & Beverages (Multi Cultural Cuisines like Asian & Turkish) Hotel & Restaurant functions, Catering (Indoor & Outdoor Specializations), International experience with Guest handlings, Staff Management and planning for smooth operations, Financial & Operational Management, Strategic Planning with International Hygiene standards.

Must be Computer literate with good and working knowledge of F & B handling software's.

All applications must be submitted to: PO Box 16963, Gaborone.

Email: tossandgrillza@gmail.com

Closing Date: 26th May 2025

NORTH WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC NOTICE REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL ADVERTISING BOARDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT OWNERS OF ALL ILLEGAL ADVERTISING/SIGN BOARDS WITHIN MAUN PLANNING AREA ARE URGED TO REMOVE THEIR BOARDS WITHIN 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. THIS NOTICE INCLUDES ADVERTISING/SIGN BOARDS THAT;

1. ARE NOT PAYING THEIR ANNUAL FEES TO NORTH WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL.
2. HAVE NEVER BEEN GIVEN PLANNING PERMISSION BY COUNCIL BEFORE ERECTION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND CLARITY, PLEASE CONTACT PHYSICAL PLANNING DIVISION AT **73032853** AND **73032911**.

VACANCY FOR TEACHERS

Legae Academy, an Independent International Senior Secondary School has openings in January 2024 for the following positions:

1) A- Level teachers in Mathematics, Computer Science and Chemistry
Requirements: Master's degree in the relevant subject area and at least five years of A Level teaching experience with recognized professional qualification.

2) IGCSE teacher in Agric, Art and Music

Requirements: At least a Bachelor's Degree in French and minimum five years of IGCSE teaching experience with recognized professional qualification.

3) Vice Principal

Requirements: Candidates with a minimum of 5 years' experience as a Senior Administrator at Senior Secondary schools, offering Cambridge Syllabuses and a master's degree will be preferred.

Please forward application letter, with C.V, certified copies of qualifications and the names of two referees to:

The principal

P O Box 750, Mogoditshane, Botswana
Tel: (267)3924333 Fax: (267)3923003
E-mail: principal@legaeacademy.co.bw
www.legaeacademy.co.bw

Only those short-listed will be contacted for interview.

DEADLINE: 30/05/2025

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (SECTION 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that SUBASH CHAND AND VEENA GUPTA have entered into an offer to purchase agreement with RAKESH AND ASHU GUPTA for the sale of shares in B & G PROPRIETARY LIMITED (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Tribal Land 740, Serowe;

SITUATE: at Serowe in the Bangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 1290 m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Square Meters);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 323/2002 dated the 14th of October 2002 made in favour of B & G Proprietary Limited. Hereafter referred to as (the "Property")

Purchase Consideration for the sale of shares amounts to **BWP 1 400,000.00** (One Million Four Hundred Thousand Pula) excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the Transaction.

Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to **lodge such objection with reasons, in writing**, with the Serowe Sub Land Board, Private Bag 12, Serowe within 30 (Thirty) days from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 08th DAY OF MAY 2025



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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CONRAD L. DJENG	ESHFT-000328-25	05-08-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ANNAH SENATSI	ESHFT-000382-24	23/07/25	0900HRS	BASUPI

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Spirit of Praise mesmerises revellers

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - In a powerful celebration of life, faith and music, some of southern Africa's most iconic gospel artistes gathered on Saturday to honour the late gospel legend, Mmerekki Marakakgoro, whose heartfelt songs and unwavering devotion left an indelible mark on the genre.

The all star-studded memorial concert held at the University of Botswana Indoor Sports Arena in Gaborone on Saturday, drew fans and fellow musicians for a touching tribute to the man affectionately known as Botswana's 'Voice of Worship'.

The concert, aptly titled: Spirit of Praise All Stars Botswana Concert, featured performances from some of South Africa's most celebrated gospel voices, including Benjamin Dube, Mmatema, Winnie Mashaba, Zaza, Nothando, Rofhiwa, Ayanda, Dumi Mkokstad, Omega and Keke.

Each brought their unique sound and spiritual energy to the stage in honour of Marakakgoro.

Botswana's own gospel talents, including Noah Samuel and Tlo-tlo, as well as the Calvary Apostolic Church Brass Band, also serenaded the audience with moving tributes.

Marakakgoro, who passed away in 2023, rose to prominence in the late 1980s with a signature blend of traditional Setswana gospel and contemporary worship.

Known for timeless classics such as *Eat Some More*, *Romela Tsoselsetso*, *Nneneketsa*, and *When the Going Gets Tough*, his voice became a source of spiritual comfort for generations of believers across the region.

As the Spirit of Praise All Stars delivered electrifying performances that moved the audience from dance to worship, the concert became a fitting tribute to Marakakgoro's legacy, one rooted in faith, community and the transformative power of music that uplift the soul.

The emotional high point of the evening came when all artistes united on stage for a heartfelt performance of *Re Tshepile Wena*, one of the most beloved hymns by the late Neyi Zimu, a fellow gospel icon. As cellphone lights lit up the arena, the crowd sang in unison-a moving display of unity and



Benjamin Dube (left) and Keke Phoofolo in concert at the Spirit of Praise All Star music show at the University of Botswana Indoor Sports Arena in Gaborone on Saturday. The show was held in honour of the late Mmerekki Marakakgoro for his contribution to the gospel music artiste. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

reverence.

Presenting the commemorative photo frame, Gaba Gabriella Mogapi praised Marakakgoro for being a 'national treasure whose music transcended borders and religious divides'.

She paid homage and told stories of how Marakakgoro's ministry had inspired careers and touched countless lives, adding that he left an indelible mark on the genre with his stirring vocals, profound lyrics, and unwavering commitment to faith-based music.

His widow, Bonegang Marakakgoro, expressed gratitude for the support from fans and artistes.

"Mmerekki sang not just for crowds, but for souls. He believed music was a ministry. And today, you have all reminded us of that," she said, holding the photo frame presented to her.

As the final notes echoed into the night, it was clear that Marakakgoro's legacy will continue to live on, through the music, the memories and the millions of hearts he touched.

Organisers made special provisions to accommodate older attendees, including priority seating, ensuring they could fully enjoy the evening.

"I haven't felt this alive in years," said 74-year-old Dineo Kabong. "It reminded me of the revival days. The music, the message, it was all food for the soul."

I feel 30 years younger today," beamed 82-year-old Gofaone Kebone, a retired teacher and lifelong choir member.

"The music spoke to my soul. I have not clapped and danced like that in years."

The event ended with a powerful rendition of *Total Praise* that had many in the audience standing with hands raised in worship.

At end of the festival, 89-year-old Leonard Moruti summed up the day perfectly: 'This was more than a festival, it was a blessing'.

He nevertheless expressed disappointment that the event was not an all-night festival saying he desired to spend the night worshiping.

The event also included prayer

sessions with many attendees saying the festival was not just entertainment, but a spiritual

experience that reminded them of the power of faith and community.

BOPA

Thunderbolts leads North American box office

LOS ANGELES - Walt Disney and Marvel Studios' superhero film, *Thunderbolts* stayed atop the North American box office chart on its second weekend, pulling in US\$33.1 million, data from measurement firm Comscore showed on Sunday.

The film based on Marvel Comics featuring the team *Thunderbolts* has grossed US\$128.5 million in North America for a global total of US\$272.2 million.

Directed by Jake Schreier, *Thunderbolts* is the 36th entry in the Marvel Cinematic Universe

and features a cast including Florence Pugh, Sebastian Stan, Wyatt Russell, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and David Harbour.

The film had a reported budget of US\$180 million.

In second place, Warner Bros. Pictures' horror film *Sinners* gained US\$21.1 million on its fourth weekend, bringing its North American total to US\$214.4 million.

Fantasy comedy film, *A Minecraft Movie* from Warner Bros. and Legendary Pictures took third place, raking in US\$7.95 million on its sixth weekend. *Xinhua*

BNSC pleads for continuation of sponsorship

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The acting chief executive officer of the Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC), Makuke Makuke, has urged Metropolitan Botswana to reconsider its decision to end a two-decade sponsorship of the sporting code.

Speaking at the award

ceremony of the Metropolitan Chess Championship finals in Gaborone on Sunday, Makuke said the company's P160 000 sponsorship for the 2025 event had raised concerns as it signalled the conclusion of a nearly 20-year relationship with chess in Botswana.

"I am here to plead with Metropolitan to stay with you

for the next 20 years," he said, expressing gratitude towards the company for its significant role in the development and growth of sports.

He said government grant was not enough as it was shared and share among the different sporting codes.

"I implore you to give more support to sport. As the BNSC, we will do all in our power to ensure that, as a company supporting sport, you get value for your money by producing positive results.

Kindly reconsider your decision, grow chess, and make it big.

It is a premium sporting code and can make your company shine."

In an acknowledgment of the championship winners' dedication, Makuke highlighted chess's ability to foster well-rounded individuals who could strategise not only in their games but also in contributing to the country's economy.

Thatayotlhe Molatole, Finance Manager at Metropolitan

Botswana, noted the positive legacy established over the past 20 years, emphasising the importance of celebrating the achievements made through the partnership.

"It is important to focus more on the positives that have been achieved over the years.

Together we can," he said reinforcing the belief that the partnership has effectively grown chess in Botswana.

Celebrating the event on Mother's Day, Molatole also recognised the contributions of mothers in encouraging their children to engage with chess.

"It has been a long and beneficial relationship, where individual players used the annual championship to grow," he stated.

International Master (IM) Providence Oatlhotse, the 2025 Metropolitan Chess Champion, expressed disbelief at the impending conclusion of the sponsorship.

Winning his eighth title,

Oatlhotse said. "I had wanted to continue taking part in the championship and do the double digit of wins with Metropolitan by our side." He acknowledged the pressure from younger competitors, stating, 'I felt the pressure from the young players.'

In the championship, Gaasitse Sebetela claimed second place while Gofaone Kobe earned a bronze medal.

Women Candidate Master (WCM) Laone Moshoboro, the women's champion, thanked Metropolitan for its support, which has enabled the Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) to consistently host annual tournaments.

She urged for additional financial backing to expand the number of tournaments, emphasising the support from her parents in her journey to victory.

Maya Otimile (WCM) and Amolemo Mosweu (WCM) took second and third positions, respectively. **BOPA**

Car spinning opens opportunities to boost economy

By Keith Ketl

PALAPYE - Car spinning presents opportunities to diversify the economy by generating economic activity in various sectors, boosting tourism and fostering innovation.

Speaking in an interview with on the sidelines of a car spinning event in Palapye dubbed 'MJ Louw Spin Bash,' the organiser Seremeng Seremeng said racing series events attracted international participants, spectators and businesses leading to increased spending in hotels, restaurants and other establishments.

In addition, he said the high-tech nature of the sport with its focus in engineering, aerodynamics, and data analysis could drive innovation and create new jobs in related industries.

He is of the view that car spinning brings in tourists, directly boosting hotel occupancy rates, restaurants sales and other related businesses.

Furthermore, he said the pursuit of speed and efficiency in car spinning drives innovation in areas like aerodynamics, material science and data analysis.

Seremeng said the construction and customisation of car spinning vehicles and related infrastructure as well as the provision of the services like insurance and maintenance, create jobs and generate revenue in various sectors.

He opined that the media coverage and advertisements associated with such events generate further economic activity, noting car spinning also creates a platform for young people to develop skills in areas like engineering, car spinning and events management.

The event, which was in its fourth edition, is growing better and bigger with the numbers of participants and spectators increasing every year.

Hinting on the objectives of the event, Seremeng said such platforms present opportunities for aspiring the youth to learn car spinning skills from established professional spinners.

Moreover, he said the event is meant to provide and promote tourism diversity as well as to raise awareness about car spinning sport.

As for the sport code to soar to greater heights, he said the input of government, the private sector and all stakeholders is needed to ensure the sport is nurtured until it reaches maturity level.

Seremeng is of the opinion that such events divert people

particularly the youth from unbecoming behaviour to focus on positive things that can uplift their lives, thus he urged Batswana to embrace the sport for it to grow.

However, he said every spinner who took part in the event was insured through Botswana Motor Sport. In a subsequent interview, one of the participants, known as Boss Lady from No Direction fame, described car spinning as a thrilling experience.

She emphasised that while the sport is still growing, it requires nurturing to reach its peak.

Boss Lady noted that car spinning is not for everyone; it demands hard work, practice, precision, time, and sponsorship for it to flourish.

Additionally, she highlighted the importance of publicity to increase public awareness of the sport.

She also called for proper facilities and management to elevate the sport to greater heights.

For his part, Mothusi Alfred, who goes by the stage name King Joe from Northside Crew fame, acknowledged that the organizers did their best to ensure the event's success, although some challenges were inevitable but manageable.

He lamented the lack of sponsorship for the sport, which he described as expensive.

Participants often have to dig deep into their pockets, driven by their passion for the sport and a desire for its growth.

Regarding the ingredients for the sport's development, King Joe emphasized the need for facilities, including tarmac or paved fields for practice. He pointed out that the current lack of such amenities hinders growth.

He suggested that car spinning could serve both as a form of entertainment and a potential source of livelihood, as well as educational entertainment.

King Joe noted that the sport presents opportunities for tourism diversification.

For example, in 2024, South African professional spinners traveled to an island in Aruba, South America, to compete in a car spinning event that proved to be lucrative. He mentioned Sam, a South African professional spinner sponsored by Red Bull, akin to Letsile Tebogo, who also receives support from the same company.

He urged local businesses to follow the example set by their South African counterparts, emphasising that car spinning in the country should have a proper governing body so that individuals can make a living from the sport.

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Jwaneng Galaxy Ladies Football Club are the champions of the 2024/25 Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's Football League after white washing Maletamatse FC in Moshupa with a convincing 4-0 victory to clinch the title. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Duo compete in DTCB title

By Marvin Mothabane and Portia Ikgopoleng

MOSHUPA - Jwaneng Galaxy FC is the winner of the 2024/25

Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's Football League.

The victory secures their position to represent the region at the upcoming DTCB Southern Block Playoffs, scheduled to take place on May 24-25 in Gaborone. Fixtures for the playoffs are expected to be announced later this week.

In a decisive showdown at the Baitirile grounds in

Moshupa on Saturday, Galaxy showcased their dominance over third-placed Maletamatse FC, clinching the title with an impressive 4-0 victory.

Despite both teams finishing the season with 46 points, Galaxy's championship was assured by a significantly superior goal difference of approximately 68 goals.

The team received P15 000. Two-time defending champions Zodiac Collabo Girls FC finished in second place this season after securing a 2-0 victory against Kanye Swallows at Mathaithai

grounds.

In a related development, Orapa United emerged victorious in the Women's Football Northern Block tournament held in Kasane on Sunday and is preparing to face champions from the other three blocks next month.

Orapa United showcased their prowess in the opening match against the Chobe region's Tornado, winning decisively with a score of 10-0.

However, they faced a challenge in their second encounter against Nhabe's

Western Dynamos, who initially took a 2-0 lead in the first half. Orapa United mounted a remarkable comeback in the second half through Dimpho Sedirwa and Candy Jautse, leveling the score.

Orapa United concluded the tournament with a 2-1 win against Francistown United, earning a total of seven points. Western Dynamos finished second with five points, followed by Francistown United with four points, while hosts Tornado ended at the bottom with no points. The Botswana Football Association

Technical Development Officer for Women's Football, Barobi Ngwako, remarked on the growth of women's football in the region.

"Many teams that only had men's squads now have women's sides, indicating a broader interest and investment in the women's game," she noted.

The DTCB top four tournament is set for June 12-14 in Gaborone, where champions from the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Blocks will compete for top honours. **BOPA**