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Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

The successful implementation of the proposed Lesotho-South Africa-Botswana (LESABO) water transfer project will strengthen Botswana's long-term water security, support industrial development and enhance regional integration, President Advocate Duma Boko has said.

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President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Lesotho Prime Minister , Mr Samuel Matekane during the official opening of the inaugural Bi-National Commission session in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko said Botswana had pledged 100 000 doses of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines to assist in combating outbreaks affecting the region, including Lesotho. Photo: Phenyoy Moalosi

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Bi-National unlocks Botswana and Lesotho relations

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

The Ministerial session of the inaugural Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission, that concluded at the Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC) on Wednesday laid a foundation in unlocking the potential of the two countries' relations, and transforming goodwill to cooperation, the Minister of International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale has said.

Delivering an address at the conclusion of the ministerial segment of the Bi-National Commission, Dr Butale said the engagement had provided a platform for the two nations to engage and make decisions towards enhanced cooperation on a broad range of issues of common interest, including trade, defence, water, education and cultural exchange.

"These outcomes constitute a shared vision for a partnership that delivers tangible benefits for our citizens. They reflect our collective determination to transform friendship into opportunity, cooperation into development, and shared aspiration into measurable

results," Dr Butale said.

He said that after the exhaustive work of the senior government officials in agreeing on areas of mutual interest that could be pursued to produce the most feasible outcomes within a reasonable framework, the ministers met to cement decisions which would then be presented to the two heads of government; President Advocate Duma Boko and Prime Minister Mr Sam Matekane for final ratification.

"We will present these outcomes to our principals, whose vision and leadership made this inaugural Bi-National Commission possible. The true measure of the success of this commission, however, will be measured in the tangible outcomes we will deliver in the months and years ahead, the opportunities we create, the businesses we empower, and the peace and stability we help sustain in our country and across the region," Dr Butale said.

The Lesotho-South Africa-Botswana (LESABO) Water Transfer Project, a transboundary initiative to channel water over a 700 kilometre route from the Lesotho Highlands across South Africa to Botswana would be among the critical projects to be pursued, Dr Butale said.



Lesotho's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Mr Limpho Tau (left) and Botswana's Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale during bilateral discussions. Mr Tau said the two countries enjoyed longstanding ties with their people united by language, kinship and shared traditions that continue to strengthen mutual understanding and solidarity across borders. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

Agricultural cooperation would include the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) exploring the Lesotho market, and the two states would also pursue mutually beneficial partnerships in areas such as mining, tourism and cultural exchange.

Dr Butale said that in a rapidly evolving global economy the most important resource the two states possessed were their people whose human resource, skills and adaptation to global best practice could help unlock opportunities to partake in modern development.

Lesotho Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Mr Limpho Tau commended the ministers and senior government officials from either side for the camaraderie they displayed over the Bi-National Commission, setting the tone for the meeting of the heads of government.

Mr Tau said this was an opportune time for the two countries to strengthen partnerships that would benefit the ordinary citizenry, and increase the two economies' revenue streams. **BOPA**

Learners celebrate Day of African Child

Thokozani Matiha
LENTSWELETAU

Students from Kweneng schools and community members gathered at the Lentsweletau Service Centre on Tuesday morning, braving cold weather to commemorate the Day of the African Child.

The annual event honours the bravery of South African students who protested against Afrikaans instruction in 1976. This year it also drew attention to ongoing challenges facing African children, particularly access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said the 1976 students' courage serves as a reminder of government's duty to protect and empower every child.

She tied that duty to this year's theme: Ensuring Universal Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

"African children continue to face grave challenges such as sexual exploitation and abuse, extreme poverty, armed conflict, lack of access to education and health care, and climate change-induced drought," Kgafela-Mokoka said.

She noted that the theme forces governments and child rights actors to confront realities and act to protect children from harm.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka emphasised that providing water, sanitation and hygiene is a binding legal obligation, not optional charity.

"Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is not merely a development goal. It is a right enshrined in the African Charter on the rights and welfare of the child. Without clean water, safe sanitation and proper hygiene, children cannot survive, learn or thrive."

The minister highlighted government gains in public health and infrastructure since the early 1980s, including improved water access, pandemic hygiene measures, and menstrual equity.

Yet she acknowledged challenges remain. Some schools and hostels still have dilapidated sanitation facilities that undermine progress.

To address this, the ministry has established an education infrastructure and management company to refurbish school facilities nationwide, she said.

"Every citizen must play their role so that no child is left behind," Kgafela-Mokoka said, pointing to the national clean-up campaign launched by President Duma Gideon Boko as one way to care for the environment. **BOPA**



Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka

Commission targets youth empowerment

Bonang Masolotabe
GABORONE

Botswana and Lesotho inaugural Bi-National Commission aims produce practical and measurable outcomes that support and empower youth.

Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale said this during the official opening of the Bi-National Commission Ministers' Session in Gaborone on Wednesday.

Dr Butale said Africa's youth constitute the continent's greatest asset and was the engine for future prosperity and unlocking its immense potential required deliberate and sustained investment.

He noted that youth unemployment, access to quality education, skills development and economic inclusion remained critical to converting demographic advantage into lasting prosperity.

In addition he stated that across the continent, there were inspiring narratives of young Africans pioneering innovative solutions in fintech, renewable energy, culture and digital technology.

African creativity, he said was also making its mark globally through the arts, music, fashion, literature, film and creative industries, noting that these achievements demonstrated the extraordinary potential of young people when provided with opportunity and support.

"I must admit that there are growing indications that many

young Africans feel increasingly alienated from existing political systems," he said.

Furthermore, Minister Butale said there was a growing perception among many young Africans that political institutions and leadership were not responding adequately to their aspirations and expectations.

With regards to the launch of the Commission, Dr Butale said, Botswana and Lesotho aimed at establishing a shared framework for economic resilience and strategic partnership.

The Commission, he said gave both countries a formal platform for a partnership to reduce vulnerability and create joint growth opportunities.

He noted that the Commission comes at a time when the global economy continued to experience uncertainty, volatility and shifting trade dynamics.

"This Commission provides an opportunity and an important mechanism through which Botswana and the Kingdom of Lesotho can strengthen economic resilience and collectively safeguard our nations against external shocks," he said.

Dr Butale noted that as the inaugural session, it was important that it be built to be strong enough to withstand storms and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

He said Botswana hoped that cooperation under the BNC framework would be characterised by, among other things, resilient trade, market diversification, value addition, the exchange of

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best practices and deeper regional integration.

"We hope that the Commission directly supports the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme, which seeks to foster sustainable innovation, economic diversification, and wealth creation," he said.

He noted that central to this vision was youth development as a driver of sustainable economic growth.

He also highlighted that the Commission's priority areas were water and energy cooperation, through the transformative Lesotho Highlands Water Transfer Project.

Under the project, Botswana expects to secure water by 2034,

while simultaneously creating opportunities for the country to benefit from Lesotho's hydroelectric power generation capacity.

He noted that the bilateral water and energy partnership had entered a new and more advanced phase, following the successful conclusion of negotiations on water allocation.

On trade, agriculture and economic cooperation, he said Botswana welcomes efforts to increase trade between the two countries.

As for education, skills development and innovation, he said that Botswana's notice of withdrawal from the Institute of Development Management (IDM) was aimed at repositioning for greater relevance and impact.

Lesotho's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Mr Limpho Tau, noted that the two nations shared ties of friendship, culture and history that transcend generations, adding that their peoples are united by language, kinship, and shared traditions which have fostered mutual understanding and solidarity across borders.

These ties, he said, continued to inspire cooperation in education, sports, cultural exchanges, and tourism, among other areas.

He further noted that the two nations meet at a most challenging time, when emerging and developing economies face global economic challenges, while also fighting to improve budgetary and socio-economic stability. **BOPA**

Boko pushes for trilateral water deal

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has announced plans to expand a proposed Botswana-Lesotho water transfer scheme into a trilateral project with South Africa, calling it a potential game-changer for regional water security and industrialisation.

Speaking at a State Banquet in Gaborone on Wednesday for Lesotho Prime Minister Samuel Matekane, President Boko said discussions were underway to formally include South Africa in the Lesotho-South Africa-Botswana Water Transfer Project.

The announcement came

during the inaugural session of the Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission, launched after Boko's official visit to Lesotho last year.

The project would channel water from Lesotho through South Africa into southern Botswana, covering about 700 kilometres. President Boko said the proposal gained traction after South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa suggested a three-country approach during his recent state visit to Botswana.

"We will have the opportunity during our discussions to endorse and fully bring South Africa on board," President Boko said.

Implemented under the Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) framework, the

scheme aims to bolster water security in southern Botswana and support agriculture, industrial growth, climate resilience, and regional integration.

President Boko praised the speed at which both countries moved from signing the agreement to convening the commission. He also called for faster joint action in trade, investment, agriculture, tourism, education, health, youth development, culture, defence and security.

"Governments should create an enabling environment for the private sector to drive investment, innovation and job creation," he said, noting that trade between Botswana and Lesotho

remains below its potential. He welcomed the Botswana-Lesotho Business Forum held alongside the commission, saying stronger business partnerships would deepen economic integration and expand opportunities for citizens of both countries.

Prime Minister Matekane called for a new chapter of economic integration and technological collaboration. He described the BNC launch as a historic milestone to strengthen ties in trade, investment, infrastructure, education, tourism, and other sectors.

"Today, as we embark on a historic milestone through the formal convening of the first session and official launch of our BNC, we

do so with a desire to further deepen the already existing diplomatic and economic relations," Matekane said.

He urged renewed cooperation within the Botswana, Lesotho, and eSwatini grouping, emphasizing technology, AI, innovation, creative industries, and sport to create youth opportunities.

Mr Matekane also paid tribute to the late former President Festus Mogae, calling him a visionary statesman whose leadership advanced regional cooperation and democratic governance.

He congratulated Botswana on hosting the recent World Athletics Relays and praised Team Botswana's performance. **BOPA**

Countries commit to partnership

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Botswana, a country known for its flat Kalahari Desert terrain, and Lesotho, the mountainous 'Kingdom in the Sky,' are eager for a symbiotic relationship that would permit use of their comparative advantage to complement each other.

The notion was affirmed by the heads of government of the two nations yesterday in Gaborone during a press briefing that concluded the inaugural Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission (BNC).

President Advocate Duma Boko and Lesotho Prime Minister, Mr Samuel Matekane said enduring diplomatic relations anchored on shared history, cultural heritage, linguistic affinities will be translated to deepening cooperation.

They revealed that the BNC had identified key sectors, among them trade and investment, energy, water, agriculture and livestock development, tourism, sport, culture and creative industries, as important sectors for collaboration.

"We have met, we have engaged, we have crafted and fashioned what we believe are solid deliverables for both countries. We must move from talk to action and that is the most critical stage. It will be turned more difficult by the fact that government by its very nature is a machinery, an apparatus comprising several institutions and

agencies," President Boko said. He lauded senior government officials from both states who toiled to bring the BNC discussions to a fruitful conclusion as well as the private sector who engaged in the Botswana-Lesotho Business Forum for their contribution to the success of the bilateral event.

"The officials dealt with complex and intricate issues, simplified and captured them in meticulous detail, and they are the reason our work has been swift and as efficient as it has been. The private sector has also been active, they have taken the lead and participated actively, and they are now ready to implement critical outcomes of this BNC," President Boko said.

He added that there was a need to act fast in ensuring noticeable results that could benefit the two nations and avoid being on a 'treadmill to nowhere, in the words of Maya Angelou, 'going nowhere fast.'

"We need now to act, translate all these desires into concrete deliverables within the temporal boundaries and horizons that we have set ourselves, and I am happy that we have set some reasonable time frame for implementation. We need to engage in a radical simplification of procedures, make it easier for our people to access services that our governments must



Lesotho Prime Minister, Mr Samuel Matekane (second left) with Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (second right) during a tour of the Diamond Trading Company Botswana (DTCB) in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Kenewendo emphasised the potential of joint initiatives aimed at creating resilient regional supply chains for minerals and energy products. She also said regional beneficiation could unlock significant value by transforming raw materials in high-value finished products, create jobs, foster technological innovation and strengthen the region's position in the global market. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

render to them," President Boko said. Prime Minister Matekane said the BNC had laid a solid foundation for a results-oriented partnership between the two states to pursue common developmental aspirations.

"It is therefore gratifying that this Commission has yielded significant and actionable outcomes across a wide spectrum of sectors. Among the key achievements of these sessions include strengthening

trade and investment; economic infrastructure including a commitment to accelerate the Lesotho-South Africa-Botswana Water Transfer project," Mr Matekane said. **BOPA**

LESABO project to address water scarcity

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Officiating at the inaugural session of the Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission (BNC) held in Gaborone, he said the project would unlock broader economic opportunities for the participating countries.

President Boko said the project represented an opportunity for Botswana to confront challenges of water scarcity and seek sustainable solutions to energy needs.

"Lesotho's extraordinary and abundant water resources present an asset of immense regional value," he said. Meanwhile, while highlighting the BNC as a reflection of the exceptional relations and enduring friendship between the two nations, he said the platform offered an opportunity to deepen cooperation across vital sectors such as energy, trade and investment, agriculture and food security, natural resource management,

education and training as well as defence and security.

He also emphasised that it was important for the two nations to harness the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA).

In that regard, he said it was compelling for the two countries to leverage their complementary economic strengths by positioning themselves to participate in regional value chains in agriculture and food security. He said the emerging cannabis industry was also a promising opportunity for bilateral collaboration as Lesotho was an established regional pioneer in the development of a regulated cannabis sector, attracting investment and developing expertise across the full value chain.

In education and skills development, health, tourism, youth, culture and the creative industry, President Boko said

there was abundant scope for collaboration in those areas.

On the other hand, he said Lesotho's dynamic textile and manufacturing sector presented significant opportunities for increased trade, investment and industrial partnerships.

Meanwhile, Lesotho Prime Minister, Mr Samuel Matekane highlighted that the BNC would serve as a beacon of partnership, ensuring that all collaborations were strategic, impactful and responsive to the citizenry of the two countries.

"Our engagement on high-impact areas of cooperation should unleash the full potential of our economies and of the unity of our peoples," he said.

He said Botswana and South Africa should harness water from Lesotho to advance sustainable development and ensure water security and called for expediting the completion of the feasibility

studies to pave way for moving to the design phase of the water transfer project. He said Lesotho possessed immense potential in renewable energy, particularly in hydropower, wind and solar resources.

"This endowment positions our nation as a key contributor to the region's transition towards sustainable energy. In this regard, cooperation with Botswana offers a unique opportunity to complement our strength and build a shared future," he said.

Equally, he concurred that Lesotho's hydropower capacity, paired with Botswana's vast solar potential, could create a powerful synergy that could advance regional energy security and support a collective response to climate change. Mr Matekane also thanked Botswana for the 100 000 doses of the Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine that the country donated to his homeland. **BOPA**

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Judiciary struggles under staff shortages and rising legal costs

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The Administration of Justice is battling severe manpower shortages and mounting legal aid costs that have strained its finances, despite notable improvements in court performance and progress in expanding judicial services across the country.

Appearing before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Gaborone on Tuesday, the High Court chief registrar, Mr Mompoti Taolo said the judiciary continued to face operational and financial challenges as it sought to fulfil its constitutional mandate of upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Mr Taolo said the judiciary, established under Section 95 of the Constitution as an independent arm of the state, had recorded encouraging gains during the 2022/23 financial year following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Performance of the courts improved by eight per cent in the Magistrates’ Courts and five per cent in the High Courts, for the year under review, being a comeback from the COVID-19 challenges,” he added.

The judiciary he said, also advanced key infrastructure projects, including the second phase of the establishment of the Maun High Court Division through the delivery and installation of an additional courtroom and administration block.

Among other achievements, Mr Taolo highlighted legislative reforms that strengthened access to justice and improved compliance with international financial standards.

He cited amendments to the Magistrates’ Courts Act, which increased the civil jurisdiction of the courts from a maximum of P40 000 to P100 000; a change that came into effect in August 2022.

He further noted that amendments aligning the definition of beneficial ownership with provisions of the Financial Intelligence Act contributed to the

country’s improved compliance rating during an Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group assessment held in Zambia in July 2022.

However, Mr Taolo expressed concern that the judiciary’s progress was being undermined by a critical shortage of manpower.

“As courts continue to expand into new locations, staffing levels have failed to keep pace with growing operational demands,” he said.

He added that no additional manpower had been provided to support newly established courts and expanded functions, resulting in severe shortages among court administration personnel.

Recently, the chief registrar said the judiciary had established new courts in Mogoditshane and Takatokwane, but challenges remained. Mr Taolo also revealed

that authorities were still struggling to secure suitable premises for the Mogoditshane Magistrate’s Court.

While efforts were underway to acquire land for a permanent facility, he said the court was currently operating from the Broadhurst Magistrate’s Court and the Mogoditshane Rural Administration Centre.

He also raised concerns over escalating legal aid costs following amendments to rules governing fees for attorneys handling criminal cases on a pro deo basis.

The changes, he said resulted in an increase in fees and tariffs.

Additionally, while the revised fee structure succeeded in encouraging more lawyers to take up pro deo cases, Mr Taolo said the increase had not been budgeted for during the 2022/23 financial year, ‘creating significant financial pressure on the Administration of Justice’.

He said the judiciary could not suspend court proceedings and was, therefore, compelled to continue incurring the additional costs, resulting in outstanding payments owed to lawyers representing accused persons in criminal matters.

The financial strain, he said forced the judiciary to reprioritise its programmes and defer some planned activities in order to ensure that core judicial functions continued uninterrupted.

Despite the challenges, the chief registrar said the Administration of Justice maintained a high level of expenditure performance during the year under review.

Mr Taolo said the judiciary received a recurrent budget allocation of more than P344 million and spent more than P339 million, representing 99 per cent utilisation of the approved budget.

Under the development budget, he said the Administration of Justice was allocated more than P16 million, of which approximately more than P8 million was spent during the financial year 2022/2023, which was 54 per cent.

The budget, he said covered infrastructure projects such as; procurement of Transactional Advisor for the construction of staff houses and a purpose-build court in Serowe, using a Public Private Partnership, maintenance of court facilities, procurement of vehicles for newly established courts, improvements to court security, temporary office accommodation, as well as the computerisation projects such as e-Filing, computerisation of the Administration of Justice and improvements to judicial libraries.

“The under expenditure is attributable to the lack of skilled manpower in areas of architecture, engineering and quantity surveying. The absence of these experts causes delays in the pre-contract processes and in effective project management,” he added.

To mitigate this challenge, Mr Taolo said the Administration of Justice had identified some positions to rationalise and create the quantity surveyor and mechanical engineer positions.

In terms of revenue generation, the chief registrar said the organisation had estimated to collect more than P35 million, of which more than P29 million was collected, which translated to 85



Parliamentary Standing Public Accounts Committee members, Mr Lucas Taolo (left) and Mr Leepetswe Lesedi (centre) engaging Independent Electoral Commission Secretary, Mr Jefferson Siamisang during the latter’s appearance before the committee in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Siamisang said they had challenges of voter apathy, shortage of both officers and residential accommodation. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Low voter participation undermines democracy - IEC

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) secretary, Mr Jefferson Siamisang says low citizen voter turnout in both general and local bye elections is not just a statistical trend but a direct challenge to democratic legitimacy.

Appearing before the Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday, he for instance, said 52 per cent of the overall national eligible voting population casted a ballot in the 2024 general elections, representing 845,318 voters from a roll of 1,038,275 validly registered voters.

High voter participation, he said was one of the key indicators of a healthy democracy.

He also highlighted that apathy has been a long standing challenge

for the organisation historically citing a 45 per cent turnout at the 2023 bye-election in Serowe West from a total of 9,829 registered voters.

Post the 2024 general elections, the declining turnout trend still remains a matter of paramount concern for the electoral management body as they reported a 66 per cent turnout rate from a total of 706 registered to vote in the December 2024 Chobe Enclave bye-election in the Chobe constituency.

The 2025 Kgalagadi South bye-election also attracted a 64 per cent participation rate from 18,456 voters who actually registered raising distress as the IEC views this democratic deficit with utmost gravity.

“Voter participation remains the cornerstone of effective representation of democracy and

the IEC remains committed to addressing the declining voter turnout. It is a matter of paramount institutional concern for us,” Mr Siamisang.

He also stated that achieving higher voter turnout could be challenging especially when relying on traditional election methods.

As a result, the electoral management body is in the process of implementing a number of reforms key to enhancing the efficiency of the overall election process.

However, recently the IEC launched a new Electoral Management System which promises improved security and data capacity to ensure that democratic processes remain secure, transparent and accurate.

“The system has already passed quality assurance and we have

begun the data migration process in preparation for the 2029 general elections and any future bye-elections to be held,” cited Mr Siamisang.

As another measure to address voter apathy, he cited improved equal accessibility and visibility as a facilitator to full citizen participation.

IEC has increased its footprint, recently opening service centres in Lerela under the Tswapong South Constituency as well as in Mabutsane under the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency.

Additionally, Mr Siamisang highlighted that voters in the Thamaga-Kumakwane Constituency and those in Shoshong could also expect closer access to IEC services as their pipeline offices were expected to be operational by the end of 2026. **BOPA**

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proposed land uses in the proposed layouts promote and are in line with the principles of conserving the fragile Okavango Delta eco-system.

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A. Nature and Magnitude of the Activity

The Okavango District Council (ODC) has prepared structure plans/layouts to demarcate virgin land use activities such as residential, commercial and industrial, recreational, civic and community, agriculture to accommodate rising human demands. The plans have been prepared in villages that fall within the Ramsar World Heritage Site. This is a highly environmentally sensitive area in which the district is desirous to ensure that all

B. The Location of the Activity

The detailed layout plans have been prepared for the villages of Ikoga and Sepopa in the Okavango District.

C. The Anticipated Impacts of the Activity and the Proposed Mitigation Measures to Respond to the Negative Environmental Impacts

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Go diragatsa tsetlana ya bolesome ya molao wa Environmental Assessment Act (CAP 65:07), sechaba se itisiweng ke tshoboko ya maduo a dipatlisiso tse di bonweng fa go dirwa tshekatsheko ya tikologo mabapi le moalo

A. Boleng le Selekanyo sa Tiro

Ba Khansela ya Kgaolo ya Okavango ba dirile mealo ya kgaoganyo ya lefatshe le le sa dirisiwang go le kgaoganyetsa tiriso ya bonno, kgwebo le madirelo, boitapolo, ditirelo tsa setshaba le tsothe tsa dikago, le tsa temo, go kgona go rarabolola thokego ya lefatshe. Mealo e e direlwa mo metseng e e tlhomilweng go nna matlotlo a ngwao a mafatshefatshe (Ramsar World Heritage Site). Bokao ja lefelo le, le tiama go thokomelwa le go somarela

B. Lefelo la Tiro

Mealo ya kgaoganyo ya lefatshe e dirwa mo metseng ya Ikoga le Sepopa mo Kgaolong ya Okavango.

C. Ditlamorago tse di ka thagang nako ya tiro le tse di akantsweng go ka dirwa go fokotsa manokonoko a kamego ya tikologo

Component	Impact to be mitigated	Mitigation Measure
Biophysical Environment		
Water resources	Groundwater pollution from sanitation systems (pit latrines/septic tanks) in high-vulnerability zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid siting sanitation facilities in flood-prone or shallow water table areas. Use raised, lined, or sealed sanitation systems. Maintain buffer zones (>50m) between boreholes and latrines.
	Surface water pollution from greywater and effluent discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit direct discharge into natural water bodies. Promote household-level wastewater management education.
	Reduced water recharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source alternative water supply, develop local water use plan
	Disruption of shallow water table and recharge areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect wetlands and pans as recharge zones in layout plans. Restrict developments in areas of high seasonal inundation. Design sanitation to withstand flood conditions.
	Water table contamination from flooded soakaways or septic overflow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote elevation of soakaway pits in high-risk areas. Ensure borehole siting follows hydrogeological assessment.
	Groundwater over-extraction & contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainwater harvesting, implement groundwater regulations
Pollution (soil, air and noise)	Generation of solid and liquid waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineered waste disposal area should be provided All new land uses within the plan area should be connected to central sewerage reticulation system
	Soil contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In situ remediation of contaminated soil should be encouraged in line with applicable national or international standards
	Noise pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that noise levels from noise generating activities are kept within acceptable standards (BOS 575:2013).
	Air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-use of greenhouse gas emitting equipment and substances in construction and finishes of all infrastructures encouraged within the plan areas.
Biodiversity	Habitat destruction to make way for new infrastructure; houses, roads, commercial, industrial, civic and community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All proposed development should be in accordance with the proposed layout plans for Ikoga Aand Sepopa
	Introduction of new or exotic species that may become invasive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce natural enemies of invasive species to help control their spread
	Vegetation and Biodiversity Loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled burning – setting fires in a controlled manner to manage and maintain ecosystems. Physical barriers – fences or other physical barriers can be used to keep animals away from certain areas.
	Human wildlife conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid critical wildlife habitats by creating buffer zones and artificial watering points away from residential areas For villages like Ikoga and Sepopa, set in areas where wildlife roam, consideration for "effective fencing" of entire villages should be considered. Palisade fencing, or similar, could be erected along the boundaries of the villages allowing for a 30-year projected expansion area. Translocation - problem animals may be moved or relocated to areas where there will no conflict with humans.
	Impacts of wildlife on humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is need to create buffer zones and wildlife corridor to separate residential areas from critical wildlife habitats
	Overexploitation of terrestrial and aquatic resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid overexploitation, (overharvesting & overfishing) of both terrestrial and aquatic resources
Socio-economic		
Cultural Heritage	Uninformed destruction of cultural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply chance find procedures for any discovery of burials, artefacts or sacred materials (Monuments and Relics Act, Section 12).
	Loss of traditional craftsmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and manage open spaces, communal areas, and access routes that support traditional gatherings and cultural activities. Implement targeted programs that provide cultural education, documentation of oral histories and community driven initiatives
	Risk of disturbing unmapped archaeological sites and sacred landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require review of cultural and heritage considerations where significant land-use changes or expansions occur beyond the approved layout plan.
Tourism	Upgraded services that benefit tourists and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stimulate the market for locally produced goods by creating organized commercial zones, improving accessibility, and attracting both residents and visitors.
	Boost to local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage the proximity of Ikoga and Sepopa to Okavango Delta and Tsodilo Hills to boost villages' cultural tourism
Land Use	Changes in land use patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a compact or clustered development coup-led with mixed use development
	Lack of community participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary residents/community consulted Stakeholders including government officials from other departments consulted. NGOs Any other relevant persons/institutions/groups
	Social and cultural land use conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate planned development and adherence to building controls to minimise land use conflicts
	Conflict between agricultural areas and residential development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a clustered housing development to reduce spatial footprint Create a buffer between agricultural and residential areas
Socio-economic	Disruption of livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide skills training, alternative livelihoods and small scale business opportunities Equip local population with knowledge and skills necessary to take advantage of income-generating activities
	Creation of employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment creation through cultural tourism;
	Increased pressure on health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number and quality of services
	Increased pressure on educational services and demand for education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number and quality of services
	Potential increase in HIV/AIDS and STIs infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide education and risk sensitization

D. Conclusions and Recommendations of the Study

The implementation of the proposed plans will have both negative and positive impacts on the environment. To prevent or minimize negative impacts to arise from developments the SEA has imposed limits on development in environmentally sensitive areas. Okavango District Council needs to commit to:

- Preserving wetlands, pans, and floodplains as ecological buffers and designate them as non-developable open spaces in layout plans;
- Creating buffer zones and wildlife corridor to separate residential areas from critical wildlife habitats;
- A minimum buffer of 50m from boreholes should be enforced

Report Placement
Copies of the SEA can be accessed at the following areas for review by the public:

- Department of Environmental Protection – Maun Office;
- Ikoga Village Kgotea;
- Sepopa Village Kgotea.

F. Correspondences

Karolo ya Tikologo	Ditlamorago tse di tla fokodiwang bogale	Dintlha tse difokotsang manokonoko a ditlamorago
Tikologo ya tholego		
Metsi	Kgotlelesego ya metsi a ka fa tiase ga lefatshe, ka nthla ya ditlamelo tsa boithomelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tla go aga ditlamelo tsa boithomo/boithomelo mo mafelong a a tshabelwang ke merwalela, kana fa metsi a ka fa tiase ga lefatshe a seng boteng go tshwarwa. Dirisa ditlamelo tsa boithomo/boithomelo tse di agetsweng fa godimo, di sireleditswe, kana di tswetswe. Go nne le seelo/sekgele sa 50m kana go feta fa gare ga didiba le ditlamelo tsa boithomo/boithomelo.
	Kgotlelesego ya metsi ka nthla ya metsi a leswe le go ntshiwa ga metsi a leswafetseng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go thibela metsi a leswe go amana le go kgotlela mafelo a tshwarang metsi Go ruta ka tshwaro ya metsi a leswe mo malwapeng
	Phokotsego ya go tsena ga metsi ka fa tiase ga lefatshe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go batla metswedi e mengwe ya metsi, le ditsetlana tse metsi a selegae a ka dirisiwang ka teng.
	Kgoreletsego ya metsi a ka fa tiase ga lefatshe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mealo e sireletse mafelo a a tshwarang metsi, jaaka makgobokgobo le makgadikgadi. Go seka ga letlelelwa ditlhabololo mo mafelong a a amiwang thata ke merwalela.
	Kgotlelesego ya metsi a ka fa tiase ga lefatshe ka nthla ya go tala ga ditlamelo tsa kgopo ya metsi a leswe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ditlamelo tsa kgopo ya metsi a leswe di agelwe fa godimo mo mafelong a mathofo go kgotlelesega. Rurifatsa gore fa sediba se bewa go setswa morago di tshakatsheko tsa metsi a ko tiase ga lefatshe.
	Go ntshiwa ga metsi a ka fa tiase ga lefatshe phelelela le kgotlelesego ya one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go kokoangwe metsi a pula.
Kgotlelesego (mmu, phefo le modumo)	Koketsego ya matlakala le matlakala a metsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse go dirwa lefelo le go latlhelwang matlakala Ditiriso tse disha tsa lefatshe di tshwanetse go gogangwana le mafaratlhatlha a kgopo ya metsi a leswe
	Kgotlelesego ya mmu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phepafatso ya mmu o o kgotlelesegileng e tshwanetse go rotloediwa go ya ka melao e maleba ya lefatshe kana ya mafatshefatshe.
	Kgotlelesego ka modumo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selekanyo sa modumo se tshwanetse go nna mo seeleng se se letlelesegang (BOS 575:2013)
Naga (dimela le diphologolo)	Kgotlelesego ya tikologo go bulela ditlamelo tse disha, matlo, ditsetlana, kgwebo, madirelo, le ditirelo tsa setshaba.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ditlhabololo tsothe tse di akanyetswang go dirwa di tshwanetse go sala morago mealo ya kgaoganyo ya lefatshe ya Ikoga le Sepopa.
	Koketsego ya mefuta e mesha ya dimela tsa metsenelela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go rotloediwa dimela tsa selegae tse di ka kwantshang kanamo ya mehero le dimela tsa metsenelela tse di tswang mafatsheg a sele
	Tatlhego le phokotsego ya dimela le diphologolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshuba naga ka tsela e e letlelesegang. Go tsenya terata e e ka kganelang diphologolo go tsena mo mafelong mangwe.
	Kgotlhang fa gare ga motho le diphologolo tsa naga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go bewa mafelo a kgaoganyang naga ya diphologolo, mafelo a go nosiwa diphologolo le mafelo a bonno Go tsenngwe terata mo metseng ya Ikoga le Sepopago go letlelela katoloso ya bophara ja metsi mo isagong ya dingwaga tse masome a mararo. Diphologolo tse di tshabelwang ke go gonthagathana le batho di ka fudusetswa ko mafelong a kgakala le bonno ja batho.
	Ditlamorago tsa diphologolo tsa naga mo bathong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go thamiwe lefelo le le kgaoganyo lefelo bonno le le diphologolo tsa naga
Tiriso e feteletseng ya ditsatholego tsa naga le tsa metsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go thibelwe tiriso e e feteletseng (go roba dimela ka bontsi le go tshwara ditlhapo ka bontsi) ya ditsatholego tsa naga le tsa metsi 	
Kamano ya batho le itsholelo		
Matlotlo a ngwao	Tshenygo ya matlotlo a ngwao ka go tlhoka tshedimotsetso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go dirisiwe thulaganyo e e dirisiwang fa go fitlhetse matlotlo a ngwao ka tshoganetso, jaaka mabitla, matlotlo a ngwao kana tse di boitshupo (Monuments and Relics Act, Section 12)
	Go nyelela ga botsipa ja tiro ya diatla ga setso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go thokomela le go laola mafelo a bulagileng a tiriso ya setshaba, le ditsetlana tsa setso le ditiragalo tsa ngwao. Go dirise mananeo a a rutunshang ka ditlhapo tsa ngwao, go kwadisiwa ga ditso ka puo ya molomo, le mananeo a a eteletsweng pele ke merafe ka go harologana ga yone
	Bodiphatsa ja go kgoreletsa matlotlo a ngwao a iseng a tshwaiwe, le mafelo a boitshupo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go dirise ditshakatsheko ka tse di amang ngwao le matlotlo fa e le gore go tla dirwa tlosoloso kana phetogo ya moalo o o ko ntle ga moalo o o setseng o dumalanwe.
Bojanala	Tokafatso ya ditirelo tse di tswelang bajanala le morafe molemo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go rotloediwe mmara ka dithoto tsa selegae ka go thama mafelo a dikgwebo, tokafatso ya kamano ya dithoto, le go ngoka morafe le baeng
	Nonotsho ya itsholelo ya selegae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go bapa ga Ikoga le Sepopa le mafelo a tshwanang le makgobokgobo le Tsodilo Hills go tshwanetse go dirisiwa go nonotsha bojanala ja setso.
Tiriso ya lefatshe	Phetogo ya sekao sa tiriso ya lefatshe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go amogelwe sekao sa tlhabololo e e kitlaneng ebo e kopana le sekao se se tswakantsweng
	Morafe o sena seabe mo tsamaisong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banni/beng ba motse ba ba solegelang molemo ba rerisitswe; Banaleseabe, go akaretsa badirela puso go tswa mo maphateng a mangwe, ba rerisitswe; Mekgatho e e ikemetseng (NGOs); Motho ope kgotsa lekalana kgotsa ditlhopha.
	Dikgotlhang tsa tiriso ya lefatshe tse di amang tsa itsholelo le ngwao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go akaretsa tlhabololo e e rulagantsweng le kobamelo ya melao ya dikago go fokotsa dikgotlhang tsa tiriso ya lefatshe
	Kgotlhang fa gare ga mafelo a temothuo le a tlhabololo ya mafelo a bonno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go amogelwe tlhabololo ya matlo a ditlhopha go fokotsa tiriso ya lefatshe Go thamiwe lefelo le le kgaoganyang mafelo a temothuo le a bonno ja batho
Kamano ya batho le itsholelo	Kgoreletsego ya matshelo a batho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse go nna le dithoto le ditsetlana tse dingwe tsa go itshetsha le ditshono tsa dikgwebopotlana Go rutunshwa morafe ka kitso le bokgoni jo bo thokegang gore ba kgone go tsaya karolo mo ditirong tse di tsenyang madi.
	Tshono ya go thama ditiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go thamiwe ditiro ka bojanala ja setso
	Kgatlelo mo ditirelong tsa botsogo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koketsego ya dipalo le boleng ja ditirelo
	Kgatlelo mo ditirelong tsa dithoto le lethoko la thuto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koketsego ya dipalo le boleng ja ditirelo
	Kgonagalo ya koketsego ya dipalo tsa HIV/AIDS le malwetso a dikobo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go nne le dithoto le tsiboso ka bodiphatsa ja mogare

D. Ko Motsobong le Dikgakololo

Tiriso ya mealo e tla tsisa ditlamorago tse di bosula le tse di molemo mo tikologong. Ditlamorago tse di bosula tse di tla tsisiwang ke tlhabololo e, di ka laolesega kana go fokodiwa manokonoko ka go diragatsa methale e e kwadileng mo pegong ya SEA. Ba Khansela ya Kgaolo ya Okavango ba tshwanetse go dira mailamo a;

- Go sireletsa makgobokgobo, makgadikgadi, le mafelo a merwalela, di tshwanetse go bewa jaaka mafelo a a sa letlelelweng go agiwa mo go one (non-developable open spaces) mo mealong ya tlhabololo ya lefatshe;
- Go thamiwe lefelo le le kgaoganyang lefelo la bonno le le diphologolo tsa naga;
- Go nne le seelo/sekgele sa 50m kana go feta go tswa fa lefelong la didiba.

G. Kanamiso ya pego ya tshekatsheko ya tikologo
Mokwalo o o feletseng wa ditshakatsheko tsa tikologo o ka bonwa mo mafelong a a latelang:

- Lephata la Thokomelo Tikologo – Ofisi ya Maun
- Kgotla ya motse wa Ikoga;
- Kgotla ya motse wa Sepopa

H. Dikakgelo

Please note that all comments regarding this SEA should be directly forwarded to The District Environmental Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, P O Box 35, Maun, Telephone +267 680 1237, Fax +267 680 1246 or Hand delivered to Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street next to Motovac in Maun by 08th July 2026.
Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested persons should be submitted to: deamaun@gov.bw

Tswetswe, elatlhoko gore ditshwaelo tsothe mabapi le pego e ya SEA, di ka fetisediwa kwa aterseng e; The District Environmental Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, Protection, P O Box 35, Maun, Telephone +267 680 1237, Fax +267 680 1246 or Hand delivered to Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street next to Motovac in Maun by 08th Phukwi 2026
Dipotsa le dikakgelo mabapi le kitsiso e di ka romelwa ko: deamaun@gov.bw

DailyBusiness

Bidding Announcement	
Principal	Huaye Botswana Mining Proprietary Limited
RFP Reference Number	BOT-OP-CAMP-CONST-TENDER-202606-001
RFP Title	SITE CAMP CONSTRUCTION WORKS SUBCONTRACTOR
Procurement Content	Contact the Principal's representative via Email for RFP Acquire
Principle Contact Information	Tong Qiao, procurement engineer - Supply Chain Dept. Email Address: supplychain@huayebw.com
RFP Document Acquire Time	22 June 2026 Beijing Time

Council establishes committee to enhance collection

Booster Mogapi
MOGODITSHANE

In an effort to raise funds toward sustaining financial needs, Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council has vowed to intensify revenue collection

Opening the full council session on Monday, council chairperson, Mr Molatedi Selala said the local authority had planned to collect from own sources of revenue over P10,052,840.00 in the first quarter of the financial year.

However, he said actual collection as at May 31, 2026 was P718, 201.53, representing 28.58 per cent of the planned target for the quarter.

Mr Selala said the development clearly indicated that council revenue generation was falling short of expectations.

In an effort to address the shortfall, Mr Selala said Council had introduced convenient payment platforms to allow the public to pay for services without physically coming to their revenue office.

"It is essential that we intensify public sensitisation on these new payment platforms to intensify collection," he said.

Councillor Selala further said council management and councillors, were duty bound to ensure that the availed payment platforms were accessible to the public, as well as emphasising the importance of paying for services rendered.

He reminded councillors that strengthening revenue collection would enable Council to deliver fully on its mandate.

He said council management had established a Revenue Maximisation Committee to monitor revenue collection and ensure optimal performance.

The chairperson said the committee was composed of heads of divisions from departments critical in revenue collection whose main role was to provide financial and technical guidance as well as to propose strategies for improvement.

Mr Selala said it was essential for council to intensify revenue collection, particularly given that 79 per cent of the budget was allocated to personal emoluments, while the remaining 21 per cent was divided between running expenses and establishment expenses at six per cent respectively and Special Expenses with nine per cent.

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Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Keletsositse Olebile (right) and BITC board chairperson, Ms Gomolemo Madikgetla (second right), engaging with Hillcity Herbals founder and managing director, Ms Mamolise Lawrence (second left) of Lesotho at her exhibition stand during the Botswana-Lesotho Business Forum in Gaborone on Wednesday.

Photo: Phenylo Ramatu

Private sector key to bilateral gains

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Botswana and Lesotho's business communities have been encouraged to leverage the cordial relations between the two countries to foster stronger economic cooperation and unlock trade and investment opportunities.

Priority investment opportunities exist in agribusiness, including dairy processing, meat production, horticulture and medicinal cannabis, as well as manufacturing, tourism and technology. Botswana's competitive advantages include a 15 per cent corporate tax rate for manufacturing and rebates of up to 100 per cent on imports of agricultural and manufacturing machinery.

Despite their longstanding relations and shared membership in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), trade and investment activities between the two countries remain limited. Latest statistics from the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) indicate that Botswana's export potential to Lesotho stands at P26.9 million, of which P25.5 million remains unrealised.

Products with the greatest untapped export potential include building materials, salt and beef.

At the institutional level, BITC and the Lesotho National Development Corporation (LNDC) formalised their relationship through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2014.

The partnership has since

facilitated benchmarking visits, information exchange and the sharing of best practices in investment promotion and business facilitation.

Officially opening the Botswana-Lesotho Business Forum on Wednesday, BITC chief executive officer, Mr Keletsositse Olebile, said the existing bilateral relations between the two countries provided an enabling environment for investors to expand their business ventures and further strengthen economic ties. He said both nations could unlock opportunities for increased trade volumes, enhanced economic cooperation and greater investment flows by capitalising on the cordial relations that already existed.

Mr Olebile said the private sector in both countries had a critical role to play in harnessing these opportunities and taking advantage of the favourable bilateral relations.

He emphasised the need to strengthen trade

relations with the objective of creating seamless regional trade routes.

"Trade between our two countries is strengthened by our Bilateral Trade Agreement, which offers numerous advantages, harmonised trade protocols and investment facilitation measures that we must continue to leverage," he said.

For his part, LNDC chief executive officer, Mr Thabo Khasipe, said the investment drive was timely as both countries sought to diversify their economies and strengthen regional value chains under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

While Lesotho remained one of Africa's leading apparel exporters under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGO), Mr Khasipe said the country's investor incentives included reduced corporate tax rates for commercial farming and manufacturing, duty-free access to capital equipment and raw material imports, as well as the repatriation of profits in any currency.

He said Lesotho's investment proposition was further supported by competitive labour costs and a range of fiscal incentives aimed at attracting investors.

Building on the success of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, Mr Khasipe identified renewable energy as another key sector offering significant opportunities for private-sector investment.

He said the outcomes of the business forum should reflect a strategic partnership anchored on solidarity, unity, mutual respect and shared benefits for the citizens of both countries.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Taxi industry warns of economic impact of anti-migrant protest

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's taxi industry has warned that anti-migrant protests and unlawful actions targeting foreign nationals could disrupt transport services, hurt businesses and affect the broader economy. The South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) said in a statement on Tuesday that while migration into South Africa should take place through lawful channels and in line with the country's immigration laws and regulations, enforcement must be carried out in a lawful, peaceful and constructive manner. The warning came amid planned demonstrations against illegal immigration in different parts of the country. SANTACO expressed concern that some protest actions could interfere with transport operations, restrict the movement of people and disrupt economic activity.

Xinhua

Kenya launches US\$11.4 billion agricultural plan

NAIROBI - Kenya on Wednesday launched an US\$11.4-billion-national agricultural initiative to transform the sector into a modern, high-tech and commercially viable industry. The Kenya AgriConnect Compact (2025-2030), unveiled in Nairobi, seeks to create more than 2.4 million new and upgraded jobs by 2030. Mutahi Kagwe, cabinet secretary for agriculture and livestock development, said the initiative redefined agriculture as a modern, tech-driven, climate-smart and investment-ready driver of inclusive economic growth, rather than a subsistence-based sector.

Xinhua

G7 summit ends without final communique

EVIAN - The G7 summit, chaired by France, concluded Wednesday in Evian without a final communique being issued. This marks the second consecutive year, following the G7 summit under Canadian chairmanship in 2025, that the group of seven Western powers has failed to adopt a final communique. Summit organisers had already abandoned the idea of a final communique during the preparatory phase, opting instead to publish thematic documents in order to avoid highlighting the differences between the US and its allies. For the host country, the summit in Evian was objectively a success insofar as the seven countries had reached consensus on the crisis in Ukraine, the situation in the Middle East, strategic minerals, macroeconomic rebalancing, and other issues, French President Emmanuel Macron said at a press conference held following the summit.

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Tech Geek breaks ground with AILE Designs

Keith Ketji
SEROWE

Innovation truly knows no boundaries, transcending geographic, cultural and discipline limitations to spark transformative change.

Whether it is solving global health and wellness challenges or creating recreational solutions, boundary-free thinking relies on a mix of purpose, passion, discipline, and resilience.

Mr Mopati Seeletso, a 37-year-old Serowe native from Kgama ward, is a

tech geek equipped with both groundbreaking artistic and scientific skills.

Standing 1.9 meters tall, he is an embodiment of an encyclopedia in the realm of mathematical reasoning and artistry.

He has taken a gigantic leap forward with his groundbreaking innovation: AILE Designs.

The concept is protected by the Industrial Property Act of 2010 and the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act of 2008, registered at the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) under the company name AILE Eye Writing Systems.

Mr Seeletso notes he has developed several concepts

focusing on health, education, and recreation, primarily based on his "Alonomia board."

Unpacking the health aspect of AILE Designs, he explains that it features a unique sign

language for people living with disabilities, although the innovation requires funding to reach its final computerisation stage.

He relays that he previously engaged the disability support unit at the University of Botswana and received a positive response.

He is convinced this unique sign language will address the needs of the visually and hearing impaired.

Furthermore, he stated that the model features a tactile application, enabling users to communicate and understand easily.

The application can also be converted into Braille, with primary communication done simply using the hands.

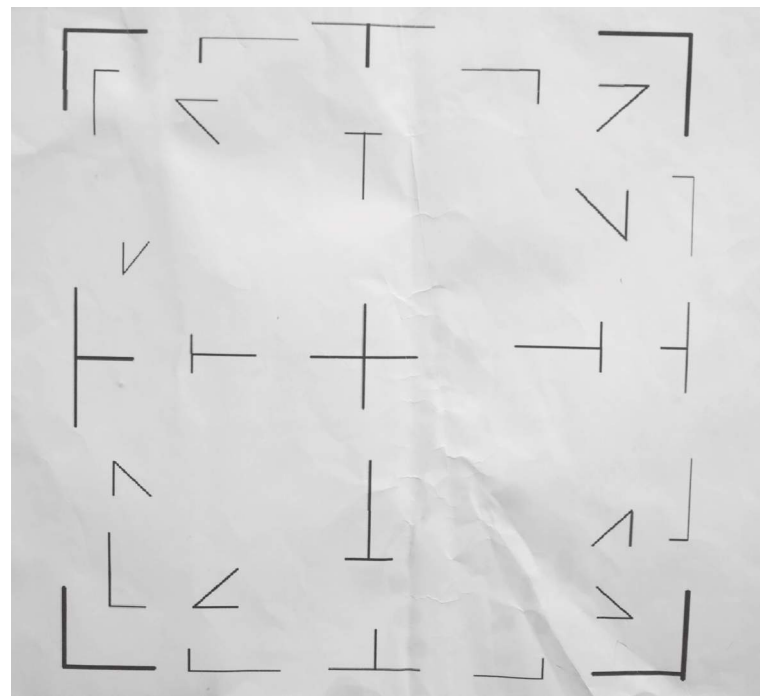
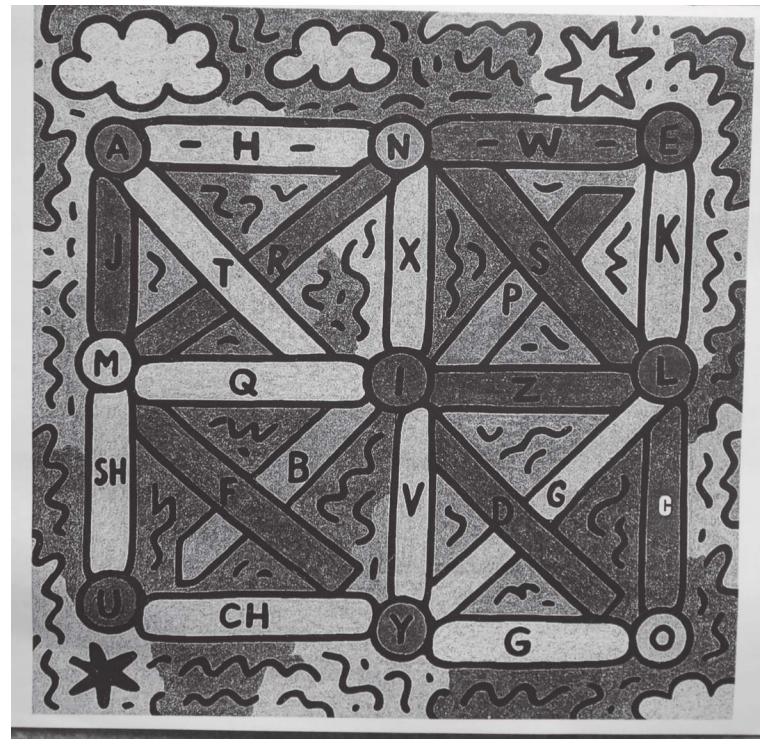
"The technological aspect is deeper because, to have an interface with a computer, there can be other aiding devices used. Sometimes we use sensitive rings or tactile divisions of the finger representing the letters of the alphabet or sounds that help one to communicate," he said.

Additionally, Mr Seeletso has developed physical exercises tied to the same concept that are easy to memorise and track, which act as a form of healing therapy.

He also notes the concept serves as an edutainment tool that makes learning easier by allowing users to gamify lessons.

For instance, in physics, students learn about vectors—a mathematical application that fits perfectly into the concept.

Innovator of AILE Designs, Mr Mopati Seeletso says the application can also be converted into Braille, with primary communication done simply using the hands.



The robust innovator says he pitched his idea to the Ministry of Basic Education for curriculum incorporation but was advised to wait for an official call for proposals to submit his concept for vetting and consideration.

He further notes that the Alonomia board is structurally similar to the aerial view of a mathematical pyramid, which has energy qualities attached to it.

He believes the concept can be used in psychological analysis, equipping individuals to strategise and make better decisions.

Mr Seeletso holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics of Finance from the University of Botswana

and studied Pure and Applied Mathematics at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST).

He is currently an independent researcher in complementary and alternative medicine, as well as environmental health.

He conceived the idea for AILE Designs in 2019 after watching the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia.

More recently, he submitted a proposal to the Falling Walls Science Summit in Germany, a premier global gathering of scientists focused on providing breakthrough solutions to worldwide challenges. **BOPA**

Aquaculture training opens doors for Mmadinare youth

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

The integration of fish farming training into Ikageng programme in Mmadinare is poised to create opportunities for the youth and surrounding local communities.

The Fish Farming Training programme, a three-month course offered by Mmadinare Fishery is designed to equip local villagers with the essential skills and knowledge required for successful fish farming.

Participants learn various aspects of aquaculture, including pond construction, water quality management, fish feeding, disease prevention, and

sustainable farming practices.

The Headman of Arbitration for Mazolanyane Ward in Mmadinare, Kgosi Moagi Mogotsi, explained that fish farming represented a significant yet underutilised economic opportunity in the area, especially given that the village was home to one of the largest dams.

He said that fish farming could change the perception of the dam as merely a water source, highlighting its potential to create and enhance livelihoods through aquaculture. Kgosi Mogotsi stated that participants who completed their three-month training would not only acquire valuable knowledge

but also the opportunity to start their own businesses. This initiative aims to promote community development, foster collaboration among locals, and encourage entrepreneurship, ultimately leading to diverse and increased economic activities in the village, he added.

He said so far, a total of 14 youths have successfully undergone training, while the other 25 were due to complete their three-month training.

By the end of the programme, individuals will have the tools and confidence to cultivate fish effectively, ultimately promoting self-empowerment and economic development within the community.

The initiative aims to provide a viable source of income for families, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and sustainability in the region.

"The training programme mainly targets unemployed youth but does not close out any other interested individuals. This is to encourage them to venture into fish farming as efforts towards sustainable business entities and leverage resources available in their surroundings," Kgosi Mogotsi said.

One of the trainees, Ms Kaone Kwafela, expressed her gratitude for the learning opportunity. She said that gaining an in-depth understanding of the complexities involved in fish farming, such as

the processes of breeding various fish species, optimising their feeding practices, and effectively managing the health of aquatic ecosystems, provided her with invaluable skills.

Ms Kwafela said that acquiring the knowledge went beyond merely improving her technical skills, but it also created substantial business opportunities within her community. She is optimistic about the prospect of entering the market, especially since the concept is relatively new in the village, and this could potentially lead to a favourable response from the local populace, paving the way for growth and innovation in the area. **BOPA**

Botswana to regulate platform economy

Keetile Bontsibokae
TLOKWENG

Botswana is intensifying efforts to regulate the rapidly expanding platform economy amid growing concerns over online trading, remote work and digital labour



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practices. Speaking during a briefing on the outcomes of the recently concluded International Labour Conference (ILC), Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, retired Major General Pius Mokgware, said the country must move swiftly to establish mechanisms that will protect workers and businesses operating in the digital space.

He said attending the conference provided an opportunity to showcase the country's democratic values and labour relations on the international stage. Among key issues discussed at the conference were social dialogue, gender equality in employment and decent work within the platform economy.

On social dialogue, Mr Mokgware said Botswana shared its experiences on how government, employers and workers cooperated in addressing labour-related issues.

Regarding gender equality, he said

discussions focused on how countries were advancing inclusion of women and persons with disabilities in the workplace.

"Despite existing policies and legislation, Botswana, like many other countries, still faces challenges in creating adequate employment opportunities for women and persons with disabilities," he said.

He encouraged employers in both the public and private sectors to deliberately promote inclusive hiring practices and ensure greater participation of underrepresented groups in the workforce.

Mr Mokgware said the conference discussed the future of work in the platform economy, which prompted calls for an international convention dedicated to regulating digital labour platforms.

He said that the growth of online business activities, remote work arrangements and digital trading platforms had created new challenges that required clear regulatory frameworks.

"The question of what constitutes a workplace is becoming increasingly complex. There is now a fine line between working from home, operating an online business and traditional employment," he said.

Mr Mokgware noted that Botswana was still developing systems to effectively monitor digital platforms and ensure that workers and consumers were protected from exploitation and fraud.

He said some countries had

already established dedicated ministries and institutions responsible for regulating online platforms and investigating digital-related offences. Botswana, he added, was in the process of establishing an inter-ministerial committee to address similar challenges.

The proposed committee will include representatives from government departments, Business Botswana and labour unions to formulate policies that align with international standards and prepare the country for future global conventions on platform work.

Mr Mokgware said the initiative was particularly important as more Botswana continued to engage in online entrepreneurship, digital services and financial market trading.

"There is an urgent need to protect citizens participating in the digital economy. We are aware of cases where people have lost money through online trading schemes, and action must be taken to safeguard them," he said.

He added that the recently enacted Data Protection and Cybercrime legislation would play a critical role in strengthening consumer protection and digital security.

Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) director, Ms Gaone Macholo said regulation of the platform economy was equally important for the public sector, especially as flexible and remote working arrangements became more common.

"The need to regulate the platform economy affects not only businesses, but also public service institutions, as the future of work increasingly includes remote and technology-driven employment models," she said.

Ms Macholo said DPSM would collaborate closely with the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs to develop regulations clarifying how platform work operates, how platform operators would be regulated and how workers' rights and occupational safety will be protected.

She stressed the importance of expediting the development of regulatory frameworks to ensure that jobs created through digital platforms were sustainable, secure and aligned with international labour standards.

Ms Macholo added that the tripartite partners would continue to engage on labour and platform economy legislation to ensure Botswana remains responsive to emerging global trends in the world of work.

Deputy Permanent Secretary for Employment and Productivity, Ms Tshepo Nkwadi said the International Labour Conference served as the principal decision-making body of the International Labour Organization (ILO), making Botswana's participation critical in shaping global labour policies.

She noted that Botswana attended the conference under a tripartite arrangement involving government, labour unions and Business Botswana. **BOPA**



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Tumisang Moilwa

GABORONE

For Kamogelo Molatlhwa, every step is more than a physical movement; it is a statement of courage, hope and resistance.

The 41-year-old founder of the Historic Walk initiative is preparing to embark on an ambitious journey from Cape Town, South Africa, to Cairo, Egypt, to raise continental awareness about gender-based violence (GBV), a crisis he says affects communities across Africa regardless of borders, culture or status.

Born on October 1, 1984, in Gabane's Goo-Moeng Ward, Molatlhwa is no stranger to the realities of GBV. A survivor himself, he says his personal experiences inspired him to transform pain into purpose.

"I was inspired by the urgent need to address gender-based violence, which continues to affect many people and communities across Africa. I wanted to create a movement that goes beyond borders and remind everyone that fighting GBV is a shared responsibility," he says

Branded under the slogan, "One Step, One Africa, One Voice against GBV," the initiative aims to unite governments, communities, non-governmental organisations and ordinary citizens in confronting violence and promoting safety, equality and inclusion.

Molatlhwa hopes to complete the journey in approximately two years and five months; although he acknowledges that weather conditions, climate changes, fatigue and security concerns could affect the timeline.

The walk is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2026, and will cover an estimated 11,149 kilometres from Cape Town, South Africa, to Cairo Egypt. He plans to walk 25-30 kilometers each day on a route that is expected to take him from Cape Town, South Africa through Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and finally Egypt.

Along the way, Molatlhwa and his photographer, Reginald Tshetlhoyagae, the only two members of the expedition team, plan to document the journey through social media updates and a documentary project.

Their goal is not only to raise awareness but also to foster conversations in villages, towns and cities across the continent.

The team plans to organise a 10-kilometer welcome marches in communities along the route, encouraging local residents to join the campaign and amplify its message.

For Molatlhwa, the historic Cape to Cairo route symbolises connection.

"By walking this route, I hope to unite Africa and ensure that people understand that GBV is not the problem of one country, it is a challenge facing the entire continent," he says.

His vision is straightforward but ambitious: an Africa that is safe, inclusive and free from gender-based violence.

To prepare for the demanding expedition, Molatlhwa and his team trains by walking 20 kilometers every day while engaging government officials,

From Cape to Cairo: Molatlhwa walks against GBV

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schools and local communities to build support for the campaign.

At the moment funding remains one of the initiative's biggest hurdles. While some sponsors have offered accommodation and meals, Molatlhwa continues to seek financial backing from businesses, parliamentarians, embassies and other stakeholders.

He says proposals have been submitted to various embassies, including requests for volunteer translators to assist throughout the multilingual journey.

Funds raised will cover logistics, accommodation, branded merchandise and other operational costs.

Still, he remains undeterred.

"Even without funds, the journey continues," he says. "I believe I will find sponsors along the way."

Beyond completing the walk, Molatlhwa envisions a lasting impact. He hopes the campaign will inspire unity, give hope to survivors and spark meaningful action against GBV long after the final step is taken.

"If the walk is successful, we will continue spreading the message through workshops and sharing the results of what we have learned," he says.

For now, Molatlhwa is focused on putting one foot in front of the other, carrying with him a message he hopes will echo across Africa. **BOPA**



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Mookamela koporase ya metsi kwa Kanye, Rre Monametsi Ramosu kwa segopotsong sa letsatsi la Ngwana wa Afrika le le neng le ipelwa ka Labobedi. Rre Ramosu o thalositse fa mafatshe a Afrika a dira maiteko a go siela batho metsi a a phepa ga mmogo le go thabolola kgopho ya metsi a a leswe. Senepe: Relief Lephutshi

Afrika o gwetlhiwa go nosa bana metsi a a phepa

Relief Lephutshi
KANYE

Bana ba tshwanetse ba bona tlhokomelo ka go thusiwa ka metsi le tikologo e e phepa gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng, jaaka kwa dikoleng gore ba kgone go ithuta sentle.

Se se boletse ke Mookamela Koporase ya metsi ya Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) mo Kanye, Rre Monametsi Ramosu kwa segopotsong sa letsatsi la Ngwana wa Afrika le le neng le tshwaretse kwa sekoleng sa Ngwaketse Junior Secondary kwa Kanye ka Labobedi.

Letsatsi le le ne le tshwerwe ka moono o o reng: Go netefatsa gore botlhe ba bona metsi a a phepa le tikologo e e phepa.

Rre Ramosu o thalositse fa mafatshe a Afrika a dira maiteko a go tokafatsa seemo sa metsi a a phepa ga mmogo le kgopho ya metsi a a leswe.

O supile fa lefatshe la Botswana le le mo seemong se se botoka ka jaana thothi ya metsi e fitlhelwa ke ba le bantsi mo go tsamaiseng matshelo a bone a tsatsi le letsatsi.

Go ya ka mookamedi wa WUC, se se kgonagala ka ntlha ya go dira ka natla ga lefatshe leno mo dingwageng tse di fetileng mo go tlamelelang setshaba ka metsi a a phepa le go ba baya mo tikologong e e phepa.

A re le fa puso e dirile maiteko a, dinako dingwe go na le pateleso

ya gore e felele e nosa setshaba ka didiba, mme e ntse e netefatsa gore metsi ao a phepa e bile a babalesegile.

Rre Ramosu a re lefatshe leno le segofaditswe ka metswedi ya metsi ka kwa bokone jaaka matamo a akaretsa la Ntimbale le Dikgathong, a a thusang go nosa borwa jwa lefatshe leno ka lenaneo la go tisa metsi go tswa bokone go ya borwa (North-South carrier).

O ne a amanya kgonagalo e ya phatlalatsa ya metsi le ledula la kagiso mo Batswaneng gore ba kgone go arogana meamuso ya lefatshe kwa ntle ga dikgotlhang tsa merafe.

O thalositse fa mo Kanye, metswedi ya metsi e tswa mo di dibeng tsa Kgwakgwe le Selokolela, a tlatsa ka gore mangwe a metsi a tswa kwa madirelong a phepatso metsi a Mmamashia kwa a phatlaladiwang go ya Thamaga, Moshupa le Kanye.

A re le fa go le jalo metsi a, ga a lekane setshaba ke ka moo go dirisiwang dikoloi tsa metsi go thusa setshaba go tokafatsa tlhalelo.

Rre Ramosu a re e re ka jaana metsi a le bothokwa mo go botlhe, se se akaretsa le bana gore ba kgone go a dirisa go tlhapa, go nwa, go apaya le kgopho ya leswe kwa matlwane a boitiketso a dikole ga mmogo le kwa ba tlhapelang teng mo go ba ba nngang kwa dikoleng.

Go ya ka Rre Pego Seboko, moemela komiti ya kgaolo ya ditherisano tsa bana mo Kanye, e bile ele moithuti kwa sekoleng Ngwaketse JSS, o boletse fa letsatsi la Ngwana wa mo Afrika,

e le letsatsi la bana ba ba senang lentse mo setshabeng.

A re batho mo Afrika ka bontsi ba tsogela mo matshwenyegong a gore; a metsi a ba a a nwang a babalesegile go ka se ba tsenye bokoa. A re se ke bothata jo le lefatshe la Botswana le lebagang le jone, e leng lethoko la metsi a a phepa mo mafelong mangwe.

Rre Seboko a re go ralala Afrika ka bophara ngwana a le mongwe mo borarong ga ana phitlhelelo ya metsi a a babalesegile mme se se tsisa dikgwetho jaaka dikole tse di tswalwang ka ntlha ya lethoko la matlwana a boitiketso, le basetsana ba ba siiwang ke dithuto ka go bo seriti se sa rekegelwa mo dikagong tsa thuto.

A re e re le ntswa Botswana a tswelsetse pele, dipatlisiso di kaya fa a santse a amiwa ke dikgwetho tse di amang metsi a a phepa le tikologo.

A re kwa mafelong a a kwa tengnyana teng le metse selegae, bana ba santse ba tsamaya sekgele go batla metsi, fa dingwe dikole di santse di senadikago tse di nang le kgopho ya metsi a a leswe.

Moithuti yo a re phitlhelelo ya botlhe e raya gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse go bona tshiamelo ya metsi a a phepa.

Rre Seboko a re go bothokwa go tlhokomela se ka gore lethoko la metsi a a phepa le ka raya gore Ngwana a ka se kgone go tswelela le go ithuta, le gore ditlholobolo di ka ema mo metseng. **BOPA**

Bagwebi ba nama ba leka methale e mengwe

Cathrine Simane
TSABONG

E re le fa tlhako le molomo e apesitse banni ga mmogo le bagwebi kobo ka letshoba, bangwe bagwebi ba nama ba kaile fa seemo seo se sa ba kgoba marapo le ntswa se amile dikgwebo tsa bone.

Ba kaile fa ba iketeile sehuba go lepalepana le kgwetho eo go na le go rwala mabogo mo tlhogong le go suapana ka menwana.

Mo potsolosong, Mme Kerapetse Mosimanyane (48) yo o nang le marekisetso a nama kwa Tsabong o thalositse fa e rile puso e tsaya tshwetso ya go emisa theko le thekiso ya nama a ne a seka a tlelwa ke boitlhubogo mme a tswelela a tataisa kgwebo ya gagwe.

“Bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo re amile thata rona ba kgwebo ya nama mme le fa go ntse jalo, ga ke a tsala madirelo ame ka jaana e le one a ntshedisang” a tlatsa jalo.

Mme Mosimanyane yo o simolotseng kgwebo ya nama ka ngwaga wa 2013 o boletse fa mo nakong e e thata jaana a tlamega go tsholetsa dikakanyo ka go tla ka megopolo e e ka tsweledisang kgwebo ya gagwe go ya pele ka jaana a na le badiri ba a ba thapileng.

A re seemo ga se letle ope go phutha mabogo mme se pateletsa banni ka kakaretso gammogo le ba dikgwebo tsa nama go batla methale e ba ka dirang letseno ka yone.

O boletse fa a thapile babereki ba le bane mme e rile seemo se ketefala, a nna fatshe le bone mme ba dumalana ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore go na le gore ba tswale marekisetso, ba simolole go rekisa

nama ya koko.

Mme Mosimanyane a re fa ba ntse ba tswelsetse a tlelwa ke mogopolo wa go reka nama kwa matlhabelong a Botswana Meat Commission kwa Lobatse.

E re le ntswa kgwebo e tswelsetse sentle, o supile fa dingwe tsa dikgwetho tse a kopanang natsa e le sekgala sa go latela nama kwa Lobatse a re o tlamega go dirisa madi a mantsi mo leokwaneng. A re ditlhwatlhwa tsa theko ya nama le tsone di a mmabalela mme a ikuela mo pusong go sekaseka ditlhwatlhwa tsa theko ya nama kwa matlhabelong a Lobatse.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Mme Mosimanyane o boletse fa a reka nama gape kwa madirelong mangwe kwa Gaborone ka jaana ba reka nama kwa dikgaolong dingwe tse di sa amiwang ke bolwetse a tlatsa ka gore ditlhwatlhwa tsa bone di botoka fa a di tshwantshanya le tsa matlhabelo a Lobatse.

A re kgwetho e nngwe e tona, ke theko ya bareki ba gagwe ka jaana ba lela ka ditlhwatlhwa mme seo se dira gore kgwebo e dire dipelo ka bonya a tlatsa ka gore e re kgwebo e le bonya, se se itumedisang thata ke gore o kgona go duela babereki ka nako.

O gakolotse bagwebi ba bangwe mo kgaolong go ikemela ka dinao a re ba tshwanetse ba tshwaragana le puso go batla ditharabololo tsa go lwantsha bolwetse le gone go tla ka meakanya ya go tataisa dikgwebo tsa bone mo dinakong tse dithata jaana.

A re ba tshwanetse ba nna le tumelo le tshupo mo Modimong gore seemo se tla bepa mme tsothle di boele mo taolong jaaka pele. **BOPA**

Ba sesole ba rurafatsa dintsho

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Mogolwane wa tsa kanamiso mafoko kwa sesolong sa Botswana (Head of Protocol and Public affairs) Lieutenant Colonel Fana Maswabi o latofaditse dipuo tse di anameng mo maranyaneng di supa fa dintsho tse di diragetseng bosheng kwa kampeng ya Donga mo Francistown di bakilwe ke sengwe se go belaetsang e le bothole.

O boletse jalo mo potsolosong morago ga go tlhomamisa fa go ntle le dintsho tse di amang badiri ba sesole ba le bane kwa kampeng eo tse di diragetseng ka malatsi a a farologaneng beke e e fetileng.

O papamaditse fa dintsho tseo e le tsa tshoganyetso mme go belaetsa di ka tswa di bakilwe ke makoa a a diregetseng mo nakong e khutshwane. Le fa go ntse

jalo, Lieutenant Colonel Maswabi o boletse fa ba kgonne go dira ditlhatlhabo tsa bongaka mme madio a neetswe ba malwapa a a phirimeletsweng.

A re ba le babedi ba setswe ba fitlhilwe ko magaeng a bone, mme ba ba setseng diphitlo tsa bone di rulaganyeditse mo bekgeng e latelang. O ikuetse mo sechabeng go emisa mokgwa wa go anamisa dikgang tse ba senang bosupi ka tsone ka jaana dingwe di ka gogomosa baba amegang maikutlo.

E re dikgang di eme jalo mogolwane wa sepodise Senior Supritendent Christopher Tlhapi-David o boletse fa ditlholomiso di tswelsetse go batlisisa se se ka tswang se bakile dintsho tseo.

Le ene fela jalo, o kopile setshaba ka kakaretso go emisa mokgwa wa go bega mo maranyaneng dikgang tse di sa tlhomamisiwang a tlatsa ka gore ba itemogetse fa bangwe ba oketsa marago ka matlapa. **BOPA**



Lesotho Prime Minister official visit



Delegates of the Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission during a session.

Lesotho Prime Minister, Mr Samuel Matekane was in Botswana on an official visit at the invitation of President Advocate Duma Boko. During the visit, the Prime Minister co-chaired the inaugural session of the Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission, held official talks with President Boko, toured the Diamond Trading Company Botswana and addressed the media before his departure. The inaugural Bi-National Commission marked a significant milestone in elevating bilateral cooperation to a more strategic, structured and results-oriented partnership. Botswana and Lesotho established diplomatic relations in 1966 and continue to enjoy cordial ties founded on shared history, mutual respect, friendship and collaboration for the benefit of the two nations and their peoples. **Photos: Pheny Moalosi, Thompson Keobaletswe**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and Prime Minister Matekane appreciating traditional dance during the latter's welcome ceremony at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport.



Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyo Butale (right) and his Lesotho counterpart, Mr Limpho Tau during a ministerial session.



President Boko (right) welcoming Prime Minister Matekane (left) for a tete-a-tete at the Office of the President. With them is Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi.



Former president, Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama (second left), Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (second right) and other dignitaries at a state banquet hosted in honour of the Prime Minister.



Prime Minister Matekane proposing a toast at the banquet.



Mr Matekane appreciating a diamond during his tour of the Diamond Trading Company Botswana.



A Botswana Defence Force officer entertaining guests at the banquet.

BONELA emphasises collective care for children

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

From pre-schoolers to secondary school learners, the Jwaneng school community gathered at the Debswana Club on June 16 to join the rest of the African continent in commemorating the Day of the African Child.

This year, the day was commemorated under the theme: Ensuring Universal Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Every Child in Africa.

Speaking at the event, Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA) Chief Executive Officer, Ms Cindy Kelemi, said the commemoration provided an opportunity to reflect on society's collective responsibility to improve the lives of children.

She emphasised that access to clean water and adequate sanitation services was essential for children's growth and development, noting that it directly impacts their health, education and

dignity.

"Lack of reliable water, safe toilets and proper hygiene facilities can affect health, school attendance, learning outcomes and personal dignity," she said.

She therefore called on all stakeholders to play their part in ensuring that children's rights to clean water and sanitation were upheld. She also emphasised the need for sustained investment in infrastructure maintenance to provide children with a safe, clean and conducive environment in which to thrive. While acknowledging that urban centres such as Jwaneng were fortunate to have access to these essential services, she noted with concern that many communities in Botswana and across Africa still lacked reliable access to clean water and sanitation.

"Without clean water, children cannot thrive, without adequate sanitation, children cannot remain healthy, without proper hygiene, children become vulnerable to diseases that are entirely preventable, yet for many children across Africa, and indeed within our own communities, access to safe water and sanitation remains a daily struggle," she noted.

Ms Kelemi noted that limited access to clean water and sanitation not only undermined children's rights but also had far-reaching implications for health, education and overall development, thereby hindering efforts to achieve equality. She said it was regrettable that some children continued to be denied access to these basic services due to their family circumstances and socio-economic

status.

She said while various segments of society had a responsibility and role to play towards improving the status quo, the children also had a right to advocate for their rights.

"To the children gathered here today, your voices matter, you have the right to speak about the issues affecting your lives, you have the right to demand environments that are safe, healthy and supportive. You have the power to promote good hygiene practices among your friends, families and communities. Never underestimate the impact of your voice," she said.

Jwaneng District Children's Consultative Forum (DCCF) Chairperson, Mr Abednico Moatlhodi, said the theme was in line with the principles of the Children's Act of 2009, which placed strong emphasis

on the welfare and development of children. He therefore called on all sectors of society to take responsibility for promoting and investing in safe, clean and supportive environments in which children can thrive. He added that the children's forum remained committed to encouraging children to also play an active role in safeguarding their environment and wellbeing.

"As the DCCF, we believe that every child deserves a safe and healthy environment. We call upon parents, teachers, leaders and community members to continue investing in clean water, sanitation facilities and hygiene. We also encourage fellow children to play their part by practicing good hygiene, keeping our schools and communities clean and most importantly, we should save water," he said. **BOPA**



Learners from Jwaneng schools gathered to join the rest of African continent in commemoration of June 16. Speaking at the event, Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS Chief Executive Officer, Ms Cindy Kelemi, said the commemoration provided an opportunity to reflect on society's collective responsibility to improve the lives of children. Photo: Khumile Moekejo



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KE BATLA MODISA ko mabele mogala 71421277 Maxwell Shamuka

HERD BOY / GIRL WANTED: In Mabele Apply to Mr Amos Ndambo, P / Bag K17, Kasane. Closing Date 02/07/2026

TWO FARM LABOURERS NEEDED, Pandamatenga. Contact 71285116

HERDMAN WANTED at kavimba, Chobe District call Moeti Pipison Masiye at 72188355, 76699471

FARM WORKER WANTED at Lalapanzi plot 121 Mathangwane Box 2186 Francistown Stephanus M. Grobler 73557802

FARM WORKER WANTED at A&N Enterprises send application to Box 199 Tsetsebjiwe 72110756

HERDBOY WANTED DZOROGA Extension Area Mmoloki Mangwala 74796911 P O Box 384 Francistown

FARM WORKER URGENTLY wanted at Serowe Khubulabopedi P O Box 1374 Serowe Mbaki Petso 76644283

HERDBOY WANTED at Morale cattle post contact Tassman Jackson Cebane on 71634402/74818171.

FARM WORKER WANTED (Kgopo farms) with Horticulture. Experience, traceable track record. Call 72231733/75868072 and House maid urgently.

FARM WORKER NEEDED to start work in Dikabeya, Palapye. Apply to Box 113531, Palapye. Age: 30 years and above. Call 77904697 or 74551130

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sekoma, Lesepele farms. Contact: 72519251

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Diphiring, Aupa Seoke. P.O. Box 409 Mochudi

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Kang. Apply: Keamogetse Glorious Kgolo. Box 280 Kang. Closing date: 02.07.2026

WANTED: FARM WORKERS at Lentsweletau. Apply: Naledi Moipone Mlaudzi, Box 46203 Gaborone. Closing date: 02.07.2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Dintorong farm. Queen Njoroge, P O Box 21271 Gaborone Bontleng. 71209400

ONE HERDBOY WANTED at Letlhakeng, Tshupo Mokgoro Box 60 Tonota. 77766699

3 FARM WORKERS wanted in Kanye at Tsopeing lands. Contacts Dimpho Modibele 75494421 or 77635315

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Oris farm, P O Box 9 Tutume. Call 75232313/74263320

FARM WORKER/SUPERVISOR needed. Experience in integrated farming and bee-keeping. Apply - Mmamorashia Kgashane, Box 518, Molepolole

3 SEASONAL FARM workers at Machokoto holdings Pty Ltd. Please contact Kgotso 72696291 Box 20098 Gaborone

3 FARM WORKERS wanted at Lentsweletau, Machokoto Holdings Pty Ltd. Box 20098 Gaborone. Contact Kgotso Fidzani 72696291 Closing date 30/01/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mookane fields apply to Box 51 Mookane.

KE BATLA MODISA ko Mmalore. Call 74729901Tsholofelo

HERDBOY WANTED AT Pitseeyost cattlepost- Kodibeleng Extension Area, Shoshong. Contact Mr Moeng 77182353 / 72914555. Closing date : 3 July 2026

FARM WORK WANTED at The place of plenty farm in Sefoke Tlokweng. Apply Mr Rass call 71804680 Closing date : 31/07/26

FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted in Moshaweng. Contact Maungo 74496371 for horticultural Project, temporary post.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000046-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GALESENYEGE LESENYAMOTSE** who died at Sefhare Primary Hospital, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 3rd November 2021. **NOTICE IS HEREBY** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

Dated at Mahalapye on this 27th Day of May 2026

The Executrix
Moses Modiri Lesenyamotse
P O Box 14, Machaneng | Cell: 71366259

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000056-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **DITHAPELO MOTSWANTWENG** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the 10th April 2024.

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

DATED AT.....ON THISDAY OF..... 2026.

The Executrix, Onneile Motswantweng, P O Box 124, Palapye
Cell: 76765032

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITOR

Ref: ESHGB-001191-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **COLIN DOUGLAS DOREY** who died at **GABORONE PRIVATE HOSPITAL, GABORONE, GABORONE DISTRICT, BOTSWANA**, in the Republic of Botswana on the **29th day of JULY 2025**.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 08th DAY OF JUNE 2026

JENE ANTONETTE MEYER & MARC ANTIONNE DOREY
(CO-EXECUTORS) c/o OSEI-OFEI LEGAL | Attorneys for the Co-Executors
First Floor, Unit 18, Kgale Mews, Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 26546, GABORONE | Tel: 390 8293 / 71 31 91 04

DEALER PRINCIPAL

BAMANGWATO MOTORS (Pty) Ltd, a franchised dealership of Toyota South Africa Motors which is based in Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana, has an opportunity for a candidate with proven leadership ability to lead the dealership as the Dealer Principal of the Company. This position is regarded as a Key Senior Management role reporting directly to the Group Managing Director. The successful candidate is responsible for the overall business performance as required from a Professional Automotive Business and in so doing maximizing profitability and sustainability.

KEY DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. Establish and maintain adequate and skilled staff efficiencies to meet given sales requirements in all departments, in order to create maximum profitability for the company whilst providing total customer satisfaction.
2. Ensure all departments achieve their monthly sales and costs objectives in line with determined budgetary requirements thus ensuring the continued viability of the Company.
3. Continually monitor the financial status on a daily/weekly basis to achieve financial objectives via sales, service, customer satisfaction and retention.
4. Personally, examine on a monthly basis all financials, operating controls and composite reports for accuracy and to initiate improvement or corrective action promptly where required.
5. Ensure that the franchiser's standards and requirements are met at all times.
6. Ensure all statutory and franchised based green charter requirements are adhered to.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum 15 years' experience within a Franchised Motor Dealership of which 5 years should be in a managerial position ideally of a Dealer Principal.
2. Extensive knowledge of the operational requirements of a Motor Dealership, Dealer Management Systems (DMS) and disciplines of the operation.
3. Forward thinking and energetic individual with great understanding of current market challenges not limited to the Automotive industry.
4. Ability to work under pressure with integrity, positive attitude and strong leadership skills.
5. A Tertiary Qualification is an added advantage.

Applications in confidence to:

The Director
Private Bag 39
Selebi-Phikwe

Closing date – 14 days from the date of issue of this advert.

INDIAN HEAD CHEF

Urgently looking for Indian head chef 10 years experience & knowledge in different Indian cuisine & spices.

Apply to
Honey Holding PTY Ltd (Big valley Gamelodge, Crowsley park no 27 jo portion 2.

P.O.Box 668 Lobatse

Tel 5350103

Email: operationsmanager@bigvalleygamelodge.com

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BIGBOY AMOS	ESHFT-000447-26	18/08/26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: ESHGB-000246/22

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **DAVID MODIKWAGAE APHIRI** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District on the 7th February 2024.

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication hereof. Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

Dated at.....on the.....day of.....2026

The Executrix
Mamello Tlaleng Motswagosele
P O Box 285
MOCHUDI
Tel: 72892330

The Executrix
Refiloe Aphiri
P O Box 285
MOCHUDI
Tel: 71672910

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

ESHMY 000142- 26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **BAITATHI MAKGETLA-ESHMY 000142-26** who died at Serorome ward, Palapye District, Botswana on the 1st November 2021.

Dated at Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026.

The Executrix
P O Box 31432,
Palapye

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

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6,
MAHALAPYE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000098-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MALEBOGO BOTIPENG** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central Serowe District, Botswana on the 27th February 2024.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 26th Day of May 2026.

Botshelo Botipeng
P O Box 3803, Serowe
Cell: 72947558

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
[Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
HARRY KUGWANE	ESHFT-000502-26	01-09-26	0900HRS	SARM I

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FARM WORKER

2 FARM WORKERS wanted. Apply to Unopa I. Nyathi P O Box 41310 Gaborone
2 FARM WORKERS wanted. Apply to Thapelo Selebaleng Motsewabagale P O Box 21086 Gaborone

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Radipotsanyane. Apply to Phetolo Malau- Modiega P O Box 2834 Gaborone
FARM WORKER URGENTLY looking for one farm worker to work in an integrated farm situated in Mmankgodi, Kweneng district. Send application to P. O Box 451, Gaborone, Botswana. Application deadline is on or before 30/06/26

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR a farm worker, Mosetlha Farms (Pty) Ltd, Diphuduhudu lands, P.O Box 47306, Gaborone. Mobile 72888866, Kennedy Mosetlhanyane

HERDBOY WANTED AT Kgope. Contact Peter Motoane 75547222

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ga-Mokgweleo lands. Apply to Kebabfilwe Prince Kebofhe. Box M1182 Kanye

5 SEASONAL FARM workers wanted at Bakgatla lands. Apply to Nicridge Holdings (Pty) Ltd Box 5200 Gaborone

TWO FARM WORKERS - Malolwane Extension. Contact Molebatsi Ray : 73000737

LOOKING FOR A farm worker (male) at Phitshane-Molopo (Majaneng area). Qualification: Cambridge certificate or equivalent. Email : theprince26@gmail.com by 25-6-2026

APPLY TO MICHAEL KAOTE ; Farm workers wanted. Gakuto Farms. Contacts 75515253 / 75253872

FARM WORKER WANTED: Mature man 40years and above to work in Bobonong area. Experience on gardening and can work without supervision. Drivers licence an added advantage. Apply to P.O. Box 314 Bobonong

LOOKING FOR A farm worker P O Box 120, Bobonong. Cell; 71615306.

FARMWORKERS WANTED FOR horticulture production at Oak Gate Holdings, based at Malotwana, Rasesa. Call 71774254.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use: owner of plot 2545 old Matebeleng. Intends to change land use from single residential to multi family residential. For any objection contact Kgatleng district council physical planning on telephone 5773512 within 14 days of publication notice

OWNER OF PLOT 485 at Nzinda Ward Changate is proposing to change land use form commercial to residential. Any objections contact Tutume District Council Physical Planning Office on 2987232

OWNERS OF PLOT 9623 and 9625 wishes to consult plot 9627, 9626, 9624 and 9621 on their intension to construct a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Mahalapye Physical Planning office at 4713196 within 14 days of publication

OWNER OF PLOT 2177, Metlhabeng, Tlokweng intends to erect boundary wall. Objections call 3695018 within fourteen days of this publication.

OWNER OF LOT 10655, Molepolole/Lekgwapheng wishes to change land use form single residential to multi-residential. For any objection please contact Kweneng District Council physical planning office on telephone no +267 5922100 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNERS OF PLOTS 11233 & 11235 Kazungula. Please consult owner of plot 11234 regarding multi residential and screen wall developments at 71606457
THE OWNER OF PLOT: 255 Leeh P. Mabu would like to change land use from Agriculture (poultry) to Agriculture mixed use (Commercial & Agriculture) any objections should be forwarded to Tonota District Council - Physical Planning Office on 2484248 within 14 days from date of publication
OWNER OF BOTTLE store plot 7538, Kopong, Rakhudunyane ward proposes to change land use to commercial. Objections shall be forwarded to Kweneng District Council Physical Planning at 5920244 within 14 days of this publication

PROPERTIES

TONOTA WEST UNDEVELOPED plot measuring 887.5m2 Price: P60 000.00 Negotiable. Call 72164154 / 74646823

RESIDENTIAL PLOT KANYE, Mafhikana ward 1358m2. Contact: 73662552

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000864/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Peter Thatayotlhe Moseki** who died at Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone in Gaborone District, Botswana on the **11th May 2002.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

THE EXECUTOR
 Seele Pride Moseki
 P.O Box 230, Shakawe

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000091-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **DIKELEKO MOKABAEYANE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe District, Botswana on the **17th April 2025.**

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

DATED AT _____ MAHALAPYE ON THIS _____ 27 _____ DAY OF _____ MAY _____ 2026.

THE EXECUTRIX
 Gaolapelwe Mogae
 P O Box 1830 Mogoditshane
 CELL: 71 224 478

IKEA BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

Re advertising for the post of **"Senior Commercial Manager"**

Job Duties

- Identify opportunities to expand the business, through partnerships, mergers and new markets
- Analyze sales, marketing, finance and other reports to gain insights into how to improve performance and maximize growth
- Maintain sustainable and productive relationships with existing clients
- Manage daily operations, including employee training and development, contract negotiations and production planning
- Assess risks involved with new initiatives, ensure deadlines are met

Qualification

- Basic Degree in business, Commerce or Finance, a Master's Degree in relates field would be an advantage

Experience

- 5 to 7 years as a Commercial or Finance Manager

Send your application to daleep@ikea.co.bw

Deadline for application: 29th June 2026

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

ESHMY 000112-26

days after the publication hereof.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

DATED at Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **MOLATEDI SEEMO-ESHMY 000112-26** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 19th February 2026.

Goitsepelo Seemo
 EXECUTOR DATIVE
 P O BOX 194,
 SEROWE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30)**

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
 PRIVATE BAG 6
 PALAPYE

VACANCY: FARM WORK

A farm worker is required to work on a small holding / farm under Ol-Globe Holdings (Pty)Ltd situated in Kgalapitse, Kgatleng District. Accommodation and food is to be provided.

Applicants must have atleast 3 years work experience in integrated farming activities including keeping of chickens, goats, cattle and horticulture. Must read and write in English for good record keeping.

ALL APPLICATIONS IN WRITING MUST BE ADRESSED TO;

The Manager
Ol-Globe Holdings (Pty)Ltd
P.O.Box 345
Gaborone

Or email to: info@olglobe.co.bw
Enquiries to : +267 75840 769

Closing Date: 25th June 2026

RIOTRADE ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD

VACANCY

WAREHOUSE STOCK PROCUREMENT MANAGER

Riotrade Enterprises (Pty) Ltd, a cigarette manufacturing company based in Botswana, seeks an experienced Warehouse Stock Procurement Manager with strong tobacco industry experience.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee cigarette manufacturing operations
- Manage tobacco stock, storage, and factory compliance
- Supervise production, quality control, and distribution processes
- Train staff and support factory efficiency
- Ensure operational readiness for SACU export market expansion

Requirements:

- Certificate/Diploma/Degree in Manufacturing, Warehouse Management, or related field
- Minimum 8 years' experience in tobacco or cigarette manufacturing
- Strong knowledge of tobacco stock control, cigarette production, and factory operations
- Experience with cigarette manufacturing machinery and compliance procedures
- Leadership and reporting skills required

Applications to: info@riotrade.co.bw | **Closing Date:** July 02 2026

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000002-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **GOTHATAMANG LENYEBE** who died at Sir Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown- District, Republic of Botswana on **27th November 2025.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2026

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 Executor Dative
 John Lenyeye

P O Box 10990 PALAPYE CELL: 77155007

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000057/23 (B)

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEAMOGETSE PATRICIA MAKULUBA** who died at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks Hospital, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on **30th December 2022.**

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE this _____ day _____ 2026

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 Executor Dative
 Makuluba Makuluba

P O Box 30384 SEROWE CELL: 71722049

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

ESHFT00559-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ELIZABETH GABA MALETE ESHFT: 000559-24** who died at **PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, GABORONE, GABORONE DISTRICT** on the **17th AUGUST 2024.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Executor Dative
 Stella Banyana Malete
 P O Box 606
TONOTA

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act

[Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
EMILY ITUMELENG	ESHFT-000501-26	25-08-26	0900HRS	SARM I
MOSUTLHELO				

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026
 MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

MASTER'S REFERENCE: ESHGB000368/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LESEGO AUDREY CHINHOYI** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **18th December 2023.**

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

DATED at _____ on the _____ Day of _____ 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE | Farai Guy Wellington Chinhoi
 PO BOX 82122, Gaborone | **CELL: 74 139 199**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000185-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GAENONE TEFELO** who died at Mahalapye West, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **16th April 2022.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

THE EXECUTOR | Oageletse Tefelo
 P O Box 50349, Gaborone | **Cell: 71 702 688**

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REFERENCE: ESHGB-000881/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LEMMY ISAAC MORE** who died at Gaborone Phase 2, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on **14th October 2021.**

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 16 DAY OF JUNE 2026.

EXECUTOR DATIVE | Meshack More
 PO Box 201227, Gaborone | **CELL: 71 685 009**

PROPERTIES

COMMERCIAL PLOT KANYE, Gakebuang ward approximately 901m2. Contact: 73662552

PLOT FOR SALE Mogoditshane, Nkoyaphiri. Residential plot for sale at Nkoyaphiri measuring 118m2 comprising a single room and perimeter fence. Price : P530 000.00 Negotiable. Call : 72164154 / 74646823

VACANCIES

FASHION DESIGN AND Pattern cutting worker wanted, apply to Ocean Sewing Project, P. O. Box 15, Dukwi closing date 02/07/2026

DRILLING TECHNICAL ADVISOR- wanted with more than 10 years working experience. The applicant should have worked as a Supervisor for more than 5 years in Mining Industry. Apply to Comadev Botswana Pty Ltd P O Box 448 Maun, Botswana

ASIFIWE MEDICAL CENTRE has a vacancy for a Medical Officer. Candidate must have MBBS or MBChB qualification or equivalent with 7 years experience or more. Apply: The Director P O Box 401446 Gaborone. Closing date: 02.07.2026

URGENTLY IN NEED of a Research Coordinator for CIET Research Programme in Botswana. Minimum qualification: First Degree in Health or Social Sciences and five to ten years experience in Population Health Research in Southern Africa. Apply to CIET Trust, P O Box 1240 Gaborone. cietbotswana@gmail.com. Closing date 30/06/26

DATA ANALYST NEEDED. Relevant Degree, 10 years experience, knowledge in cyber-security. Apply Snowshed (Pty), Box 4163, Gaborone.

PHILLJET PROPRIETARY LIMITED is looking for 3 extra-heavy duty drivers. Experience : 10 years. Requirement: Form 5 able to read and write with knowledge of cross border. Apply to : HR Manager P.O Box 10768 Palapye Plot 17391 Light Industrial Palapye 76535628 email : info.phillijetptyltd.com closing date : 7 July 2026

TAU CREATIONS SEEKS to deploy a fashion designer with 5 years experience to join our team. Candidate should be creative and skilled in Garment construction. Apply to P O Box 307763, Tlokweng in 14 days or call 74282942

DATE : 01/06/2026 Swy Botswana Engineering Limited is looking for the following : 1. Civil Engineer (1) 2. Project Manager (1) 3. Site Manager (1) 4. Cultural Resources Manager 1. How to apply: Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV and certified copies of qualifications to : hrbotswana@swyengineering.co.bw Closing date : 30/06/2026

DATE : 25/05/2026 EGR Geological Drilling Pty Ltd is looking for the following : 1. Drilling Technician (2) 2. English / Chinese Translator (2). How to apply : Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV and certified copies of qualifications to : EGRGeologicalDrilling@ac.bw closing date : 24/06/2026

BLOOMSDALE PROPERTIES A construction requires security analyst and drive test technician with 10-20 years experience in telecommunication - Degree in network security and fibre optic. P.O Box 404175 Gaborone. Closing date 24 June 2026

DATE : 01/06/2026 HUAKAN International Botswana (Pty) Ltd is looking for the following : 1. Geologist (1) 2. Project Manager (1) How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV and certified copies of qualifications to : HUAKANINTERNATIONALBOTSWANA@ac.bw Closing date : 30/06/2026

DATE: 28/05/2026 The 23rd Metallurgical Construction Group Co.Ltd is looking for the following : 1. Commercial Manager (2) 2. Project Manager (2) 3. Business Manager (1) How to apply : Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV and certified copies of qualifications to : The23rdMetallurgicalConstructionGroupCo @ac.bw Closing date : 27/06/2026

VACANCY: BEAUTY THERAPIST/Hair stylist wanted . Should be a specialist in caucasian hair for men and women, threading, waxng & beauty therapy. Apply to : Fusion Hair Saloon. P.O. Box 862 Selebi Phikwe . 71406698

JOB VACANCY:

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

Responsibilities:

- Help with laundry
- Help to prepare Nigerian meals and snacks for the family
- Household Management
- Cleaning
- Other domestic responsibilities as assigned

- Ability to perform assigned duties and work with a minimum supervision
- Willing to live in with the employer

Applications should be submitted to the below contact:

Mrs. Inyene Emma Udokang (Diplomat)
Plot 1086/92, Queens Road, Main Mall
P. O. Box 274, Gaborone, Botswana +267 3913561

Closing date is **Tuesday 26th June, 2026**

Qualifications for Domestic Assistant:

- Experience in housekeeping or laundry
- Requires to prepare Nigerian cuisine and delicacy
- Requires the ability to fluently communicate and follow oral and written instruction in Ibibio language

NOTICE TO CHANGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of the Married Persons Property Act Cap 29:03)

- 1. MOGOMOTSI WANKIE and BOIPELO LINDIE MOGOMOTSI-WANKIE**, married in Community of Property on the 26th March 2020 at Kanye, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after three (3) consecutive issues of this notification having been published in the Government gazette and one edition on a local circulation newspaper.
- Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and/ or liabilities of the parties` matrimonial estate who has not been notified by letter, or who has a legal basis for objecting to the change of marital property regime, can do so by informing the attorneys whose address appears hereunder before the expiration of 3 weeks of the notice or make representation at the High Court once the contemplated application has been lodged.

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MODISAOTSILE BATHUSI	ESHMY 000024-26	13.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 2ND JUNE 2026

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
SEGWATI KOLO	ESHMY 000197-26	24.08 .26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 15TH June 2026

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Closing Date: Friday 30th June 2026

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Administration of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NANA BUPELO MOROKA	ESHFT – 0000500-26	25-08-26	0900 HRS	SARM I

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

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
KEBOTSANG MOSEKI	ESHFT -000503-26	25-08-2026	0900 HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JABULANE ELIJAH JIKJELA	ESHFT-000394-26	05/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCIES

VACANCY : REGISTERED PHYSIOTHERAPIST needed at About physiotherapy clinic Applicant should have a Degree in Physiotherapy, at least 5 years experience. Email applications to aboutphysiotherapyclinic@gmail.com Closing date 30/06/2026

PRINCIPAL HUMPTY DUMPTY Requirements : ECE Diploma, solid record and experience in : Special needs teaching, applying of positive behaviour methods, management and mentoring of all staff; management of school brightwheel system, curriculum development, child protection, assisting with compliance of regulations, maintaining accounts. All records and stock. Deadline : 2 /7/2026 Email : jenniferhumptydumpty@gmail.com

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Closing date: 29/ 06 / 2026

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- Requirements:**
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- Company name:Prestige Elements PTY Ltd, P.O. Box 365 Metsimotlhaba

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000430-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PHILLIP MOLEMI** who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 30th Day of **May 2024**.

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day 2026

Executer Dative
Kabo Bonang Molemi
P O Box 201214 Mochudi
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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

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Name of Deceased Person: OSEGOFETSE BASEMANG
Estate Number: ESHMY 000265-26
Date of Meeting: 13 July 2026
Time: 0900 HRS

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 1st JUNE 2026.
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No. TL394/2020** dated 19th day of **March 2020** made in favour of Mmatseo Dikolane in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 14267
SITUATE: Tlokweng
MEASURING: 19.9200 (Nineteen Point Nine Two Zero Zero)
HELD UNDER: Mmatseo Dikolane

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, **PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE** within **three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 8th DAY OF June, 2026

M. Dikolane
APPLICANT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SINA BADUBI	ESHFT-000467-26	18/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08th DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000165-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DONALD LAURENCE MOORE-ESHFT 000165-24** who died at East London District on the 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE 2026

Susan Foya **AND TO:** Master of the High Court
Executer Dative Private Bag F13
P O Box 30656 FRANCISTOWN
SEROWE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000034/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RONALD KESIILWE LEJOWA** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District Botswana on the 03rd June 2018.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026.

The Executrix | Stella Dilebanye
P. O. Box 45993, Gaborone | **Tel: 71334590**

NOTICE OF LOST SURETY COVERING MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned intends applying for certified copy of **Surety Covering Mortgage Bond No: 2753/2017** dated **03rd day of November 2017** in favour of Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 3204 Mochudi;
SITUATE : At Mochudi in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2237m2 (Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Square Metres);

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE 2026

S.G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS (Attorneys Notaries & Conveyancers)
Plot 7906, Maruapula: P.O. Box 793 AAH, Gaborone; Contacts: 391 0606 / 71 487 747

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SINA BADUBI	ESHFT-000467-26	18/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08th DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-004391-24

In the matter between:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED
And
LESEGO GOREWANG

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court on **30th June 2025**, the following property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff **GAOLATLHE W. RAMOKGWANA** as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 07 August 2026

VENUE : Tribal Lot 1264 Bokaa

TIME : 14:00 PM

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : The Defendant's rights, title and interest in a certain piece of land being Tribal Lot 1264, Bokaa, situate at Bokaa in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory, measuring 1042m2 held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 280/2018 dated 12th day of April 2018, made in favour of Lesego Gorewang with developments thereon being a 2 bedroomed house with communal bathroom and a screen wall.

TERMS OF SALE : All payments will be made through an electronic fund transfer

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 06th DAY OF JUNE 2026.



DEPUTY SHERIFF GAOLATLHE RAMOKGWANA
C/O PEO LEGAL | Plot 2536, Thutlwa Close,
Extension 9, Gaborone | **Tel: 397 5779**

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About the Candidate

We are looking for a senior leader with strong experience in consulting, executive education, or economic development.

Qualifications and Experience

- 15 years of Executive experience
- Degree: IT, Finance, Project Management or Cybersecurity
- Professional certifications will be an added advantage

Interested candidates should submit a CV, qualifications and cover letter to:

Ntsebo Mothelesi
The Director
P.O Box 401328, Botswana
Or
Email: director@mothesi.net / mothesintsebo@gmail.com
Application deadline: 23 June 2026



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1. Egg tray Machine Operator: Vacancy 3 no's

Qualification and Experience

- Form 3 Pass or Equivalent with at Least 5 years' experience in eggtray making from a reputable Egg tray manufacturing company,
- In depth knowledge in different pulping equipments, pulp quality and pulp consistency
- Egg tray machine Operation Knowledge,
- Egg tray control Panel and drying system knowledge.

Roles and responsibilities

- Eggtray Operation and Setup,
- Quality Control of Finished Products,
- Maintenance and Troubleshooting of Egg tray Machine and Pulping Equipment,
- Managing and Handling Raw Materials,
- Safety and Housekeeping,
- Leading and Coordinating Eggtray Team.

2. Front end Loader Driver: Vacancy 02 no's

Qualification and Experience

- Candidates must have a valid Class H driving licence from Botswana
- Should have at least 5 years' experience in operating and regular maintenance of heavy equipment's.
- Form 3 Pass or Equivalent.
- Should have good communication skills and basic English knowledge.

3. Electrician: Vacancy 03 no's

Qualifications and Experiences

- ITI/Diploma in Electrical or equivalent qualification.
- A minimum of 3 years working experience in any process Industry.
- Experience in electrical systems like, DB's, Breakers, Motors, Relays, control panels, Transformers, VFD's, and other electrical drives etc.
- In depth expertise in diagnose and sort out the electrical and instrumentation faults in process plant.
- In depth knowledge in HV & LV electrical systems, Transformers, Motors, DB's, Transmitters, VFD's, and other electrical drives & plant synchronization.
- Must be self-motivated and well disciplined.
- Must be prepared to work in shift duties, and extra hours if required

3. Junior Mechanical Engineer: Vacancy 01 no's

Both fresher's and experienced can apply

- Candidates must possess bachelor's degree in Mechanical engineering.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Basic computer software skills.
- Ability to work under pressure.
- Strong time management skills.

Successful candidates will have a competitive remuneration package. Applicants should attach current CV, copies of educational certificates, copies of identification and two traceable references.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE 06-07-2026

Applications should be addressed to:

The Operations Manager
Plot number 33184 Nkoyaphiri, Mogoditshane
Private Bag 00278, Gaborone
mechanical@pulpnpaper.co.bw, admin@pulpnpaper.co.bw
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MANAGING PARTNER – AUDIT & ASSURANCE

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HLB Botswana, a growing firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, is establishing an Audit & Assurance Division and invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced professionals for the position of **Managing Partner – Audit & Assurance** based in Gaborone.

The successful candidate will lead the establishment and growth of the audit division, oversee audit quality and regulatory compliance, drive business development initiatives, and provide strategic leadership within the firm.

Key Responsibilities

- Establish and lead the Audit & Assurance Division
- Develop audit methodologies and quality management systems
- Lead and review audit engagements
- Drive business development and client relationship management
- Ensure compliance with ISAs, IFRS and regulatory requirements
- Recruit, mentor and develop audit staff
- Participate in strategic leadership and growth initiatives

Minimum Requirements

- Chartered Accountant qualification (ACCA, BICA, CA, CPA or equivalent)
- Registered member of Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA)
- Holder of a valid Audit Practicing Certificate issued by Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority (BAOA)
- Minimum 15 years' audit experience, including at least 5 years at senior management, director or partner level
- Strong knowledge of IFRS, IFRS for SMEs and ISAs
- Strong business development and leadership skills
- Experience with audit quality management and regulatory inspections will be an added advantage

Remuneration

- An attractive executive remuneration package, including performance-based incentives, will be offered to the successful candidate

Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV, certified copies of qualifications and professional memberships, and contact details of three referees to: felixn@hlb.co.bw

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Rwanda remains vigilant as Ebola spreads

KIGALI

One month since the latest Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda remains vigilant to prevent the spread of the disease into the country, health authorities said Tuesday.

In a statement, the Rwandan Ministry of Health said public health authorities continue to closely monitor the situation while maintaining the country's preparedness measures.

The ministry noted that there were currently no cases in Rwanda and no active cases in areas bordering Rwanda.

"While the risk of transmission to Rwanda is low, we remain vigilant and continue strengthening surveillance and preparedness for early detection and rapid response," it said.

In May, Rwanda announced mandatory quarantine measures for residents arriving from the DRC and barred entry to foreign travelers who had recently visited or transited through the neighboring country, as authorities stepped up efforts to prevent the spread of Ebola virus disease.

The quarantine requirement applies to Rwandan nationals and

foreign residents with valid proof of residency in Rwanda who have traveled to or transited through the DRC within the past 30 days, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Health.

The number of confirmed Ebola cases in the DRC has risen to 837, including 196 deaths, according to the latest figures released by the DRC health ministry. *Xinhua*



KIGALI - A view of the downtown area in Goma, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Rwanda remains vigilant to prevent the spread of the disease into the country, health authorities said Tuesday. Photo: Xinhua

Desertification threatens livelihoods in Egypt

CAIRO

As Wednesday marked the annual World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, Egyptian farmers and fishermen are grappling with the effects of soil degradation, rising salinity and shifting weather patterns that threaten livelihoods in one of Egypt's most productive agricultural regions.

Recent studies showed that 30-35 per cent of Egypt's irrigated agricultural land, spanning over 1.8 million hectares, was affected by varying degrees of soil salinity, with the Nile Delta among the most vulnerable areas.

Environmental pressures

significantly affect national agricultural productivity, reducing crop yields by 10-40 percent.

Around Lake Burullus, one of Egypt's largest northern lakes, fishermen report declining catches and changes in fish species linked to ecosystem shifts.

"There are shifts in weather patterns which impact soil quality and water availability," said farmer Ashraf Mossad, 63, from El-Shihabiya village in Kafr el-Sheikh province.

Mossad said farmers had increasingly adopted more efficient irrigation techniques and shifted toward salt-tolerant crops, including sugar beet and certain

wheat varieties, to maintain productivity amid worsening soil conditions.

"We are trying to stop the decline of agricultural land through integrated bio-saline farming systems," he said.

Fisherman Nabawy Aly, 68, said his daily catch has fallen significantly compared with a decade ago.

"Fishing is still our main source of income, but conditions are not the same as before."

In response, Egypt has rehabilitated thousands of kilometers of irrigation canals, expanded modern irrigation systems, and promoted the reuse of treated wastewater.

Major projects such as the New Delta and Future of Egypt initiatives aim to expand cultivated land, while coastal protection and lake restoration programs are also underway.

"Desertification today does not simply mean sand advancing into cultivated land," said Abbas Sharaky, professor of natural resources at Cairo University. "It also includes soil degradation, salinity, declining land productivity and the pressures created by climate change."

Continued adaptation and environmental protection measures are essential for safeguarding the Nile Delta, Sharaky added. *Xinhua*



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EXTERNAL ADVERT : VACANCY CIRCULAR NUMBER 4 OF 2026

Applications are invited from suitably and self-motivated, energetic, dynamic, confident, results driven and innovative qualified persons for the below post tenable at Makoro Brick & Tile Plant in Palapye.

PLC PROGRAMMER – Automated Clay Brick Manufacturing Plant

Purpose: To maintain, optimize, and improve the plant's automated control systems, ensuring reliable operation of PLCs, SCADA systems, robotics, kilns, packaging lines, and other production equipment to maximize productivity, efficiency, and safety.

Responsibilities:

- Program, maintain, and optimize PLC systems across the brick manufacturing process.
- Troubleshoot automation, instrumentation, and control system faults.
- Integrate PLCs with SCADA/HMI systems.
- Support robotics, palletizing, packaging, kiln, drying, and material handling systems.
- Implement automation improvements to enhance efficiency and reliability.

Requirements:

- Extensive PLC programming experience in manufacturing or heavy industry.
- Proficiency in Siemens, Allen-Bradley, Schneider, or similar PLC platforms.
- Experience with SCADA/HMI systems and industrial communication networks.
- Strong troubleshooting and problem-solving skills.
- Experience with robotics and automated production systems is an advantage.

TURNER MACHINIST * 2

Purpose : To manufacture, repair, and maintain precision machine components required for the operation of the brick manufacturing plant, minimizing equipment downtime and ensuring the continuous availability of critical spare parts.

Responsibilities:

- Manufacture and repair machine components and replacement parts.
- Operate and maintain lathes, milling machines, and drilling equipment.
- Modify tooling and machine parts according to engineering drawings.
- Perform quality checks using precision measuring instruments.
- Assist with equipment maintenance, fabrication, and welding tasks.
- Requirements:
- Proven experience as a Turner Machinist.
- Ability to read technical drawings and use precision measuring instruments.
- Strong attention to detail and problem-solving skills.
- Trade Certificate or relevant machining qualification will be an added advantage.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Purpose : To oversee and manage all production activities within the clay brick manufacturing plant, ensuring production targets, quality standards, operational efficiency, safety compliance, and continuous improvement objectives are achieved.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the entire brick manufacturing process, from raw material preparation to dispatch.
- Ensure production targets, quality standards, and operational efficiencies are achieved.
- Manage kiln operations, production teams, and shift supervisors.
- Coordinate preventative maintenance activities with engineering teams.
- Drive continuous improvement in safety, productivity, and cost control.

Requirements:

- Diploma or Degree in Engineering, Manufacturing, Industrial Production, or related field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in a manufacturing environment.
- Experience with automated process plants and kiln-fired operations is an advantage.
- Strong leadership, planning, and analytical skills.
- Knowledge of lean manufacturing and continuous improvement practices.

All applications should be addressed to:

The Human Resources Officer
Makoro Brick & Tile (Pty) Ltd
Private Bag 62, Palapye
Email: careers@makoro.co.bw

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Dikeletso Nkgaswa (left) has grown his portfolio as a spoken word artiste to include releasing an album titled *Pitsa ya Lekgotla*. He has joined forces with Tsintsirwana, an ululator of repute to captivate the audience. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Nkgaswa giant of spoken word

Keith Ketl
SEROWE

Dikeletso Nkgaswa, better known by his stage name, Motitinti, a setswana slang term for doing something brilliantly or hitting the mark, is a giant of spoken word and poetry.

Through vivid imagery, rhythmic flow, and elevated language, the poet evokes deep emotions, utilising personification and alliteration to paint powerful pictures with words.

His connection to poetry transcends the physical realm. When on stage, he establishes a solid connection with his audience,

leaning into his poetic license to captivate listeners.

While performing arts rarely guarantee 100 per cent approval from every audience due to varying tastes, Nkgaswa's narrations consistently defies this norm.

He commands respect and keeps the crowd engaged from start to finish.

By getting the audience to enunciate rhymes and clap along, he masterfully turns passive listeners into active participants.

Being eloquent in Setswana, his poems are a major asset to the nation.

They play a pivotal role in preserving robust oral traditions, fostering national unity, and safeguarding rich proverbs.

In an interview with BOPA on Tuesday, Nkgaswa reminisced that his poetry journey began during his early primary school days at Tshakedi Primary School in Standard Three, back in 1994.

His talent was unearthed and

nurtured by a schoolteacher, who tasked him with performing a famous Setswana recitation known *Leboko la Nkwe* during the school's prize-giving ceremony.

His well-crafted, spoken-word piece left the audience spellbound, transforming the room with its rhythmic cadence, emotional weight, and goosebump-inducing delivery.

The school headmaster gave him a modest tip of P5 as a symbolic gesture and a token of encouragement.

Now 41, Nkgaswa has become a household name in Serowe and the undisputed king of poetry. However, his journey was not without challenges.

After transferring to Tebogo Primary School in Selebi Phikwe, stage fright and performance anxiety nearly destroyed his passion.

He halted his poetry and concentrated on Borankana, a popular traditional dance, which

he performed up until his time at Moepong Junior Secondary School.

Eventually, a teacher, the late Sejomo Gaseitsiwe rediscovered his talent. Upon transferring back to Serowe to complete his Form Three at Boipelego Junior Secondary School, he met the late Mmerekhi Marakagoro, a Moral Education teacher.

Within two months, Nkgaswa was selected to recite a poem and write a script for some school event and it exceeded all expectations.

Nkgaswa continued his artistry through Form Five and continues to recite Setswana poems at high-profile events today.

His rich portfolio includes performing at the thanksgiving and appreciation ceremony for Kgosi Sediegeng Kgamane who served as Regent of the Bangwato from 1988–2022.

He has also performed at the Ministry of Health's drug, alcohol, and behavioural awareness campaigns in Mahalapye, as well as

weddings.

Nkgaswa is not walking this journey alone and has joined forces with Tsintsirwana, an ululator of repute whose real name is Queen.

The duo met at the Serowe District's Heritage, Poetry, and Ululating Competition a few years ago and their artistic prowess continue to blend perfectly well today.

Having traversed the ups and downs of his profession, Nkgaswa emphasised that perseverance and passion were the key for success. He believes there was need for more poetry awareness, as the art form was often undervalued.

He also advocates for infusing poetry into the school syllabus to promote and preserve cultural traditions. Nkgaswa also has an album titled *Pitsa ya Lekgotla*, which seeks to preserve heritage and culture through traditional folk music and is currently working on his second offering, *Mmabanyana*.

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Kgotla Origins Farm hosts networking session

Booster Mogapi
MOLEPOLOLE

Kgotla Origins Farm, located at Gamodubu, along the Molepolole-Gaborone road will on Saturday host the Kgotla Campers Lunch and Business Expo.

The event came at a time when networking and collaborations in the business world is a prerequisite for a successful enterprise.

Event coordinator, Kesaobaka Kgalaeng said the annual event, now offering its third edition was living up to expectations in bridging gaps in the business sector.

Kgalaeng said initially, the event was solely focused on camping as the intention was to encourage tourism business ventures. However, he said the event has now grown to allow businesses to exhibit and sell their products and services.

He said Kgotla Campers Lunch was among the biggest camping events in Botswana, thereby encouraging people to come in large numbers and learn on what it takes to have a well-equipped camp.

He said the event was designed to have a series of activities among them market day, off-road 4x4 challenge, quad bikes, horse riding, target shooting and beach volleyball.

Furthermore, evening activities will include bonfire, camping, entertainment and star gazing.

He said Kgotla Origins Farm boost of a variety of services among them bed and breakfast, camping as well as farming activities. **BOPA**

Kgotla Campers Lunch and Business Expo event coordinator, Kesaobaka Kgalaeng said they were hosting the event at a time when networking and collaborations in the business world was a prerequisite for a successful enterprise.



The **Ministry for State President, Defence and Security** in collaboration with the **African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)** will host the APRM Sensitisation, capacity-building, and Experience-Sharing Workshop on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026** at the Bank of Botswana Auditorium.

The engagement brings together policy makers, experts, scholars, civil society and other stakeholders.

Beijing International Book Fair brings together 1 700 exhibitors

BEIJIN

The 32nd Beijing International Book Fair opened Wednesday at the China National Convention Center, bringing together more than 1 700 exhibitors from 82 countries and regions and showcasing around 220,000 book titles.

A member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, Li Shulei, visited the fair on the opening day to conduct research on the event.

The five-day event covers an exhibition area of 60 000 square meters and features

sections dedicated to domestic publishing, overseas publishing and online publishing, among others.

The United Arab Emirates serves as this year's guest country of honor.

More than 20 countries, including Russia, Germany and Italy, have established national pavilions at the event. Thirty major international publishing houses, including Springer Nature, Penguin Random House, and Cengage, are also exhibiting their publications.

In the online publishing section, companies including Tencent, Douyin and NetEase are showcasing online literature, online games and animation works. **Xinhua**



BEIJIN - Sorting robots at a logistics centre in Deqing County of Huzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province yesterday. China's mid-year shopping spree, known as the "618" shopping festival, triggered a peak in e-commerce logistics nationwide. Logistics companies operated at full capacity to ensure the smooth collection and delivery of parcels. Photo: Xinhua



Over 300 chess players to grace African championship

Kehumile Moekejo
JWANENG

A total of 312 players from 17 African countries have confirmed participation in the 2026 African Individual Chess Championship, where they will compete in the open and women's sections.

The tournament held in Jwaneng started yesterday and will run until June 27, with the official opening ceremony by President of the International Chess Federation, Arkady Dvorkovich scheduled for today.

According to Botswana Chess Federation president, Kutlwano Tatolo, Botswana will be represented by a 12-member team including International Master Providence Oathlote and

Women International Master Onkemetshe Francis. Rising stars, Thuto Mpene and Sebetlela Gaasite, who have attained Candidate Master status, are also expected to attract attention during the competition.

Tatolo said they were delighted to host the largest number of players and officials in the history of the championship, noting that the event would also provide an opportunity to market Jwaneng as a sports tourism destination.

"This is the biggest number for this tournament because even last year's championship held in Egypt attracted 121 players. We are therefore honoured to host this championship for the very first time, as this does not only show that the continent trusts our capability of delivering world-class sporting events, but

will also give us the opportunity to showcase Jwaneng as a sport tourism hub," she said.

Tatolo also expressed optimism that the presence of both titled players and emerging talents would contribute to the growth of chess in Botswana and across the continent.

She noted that participants would also be competing for qualification to the Chess World Cup.

The championship, being hosted by Botswana for the first time, will also coincide with silver jubilee celebrations of the Africa Chess Confederation.

As part of the celebrations, chess legends who have made significant contributions to the sport on the continent will be honoured. **BOPA**

Nine countries confirm participation at CUCSA Games

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Preparations for the 2026 Confederation of Universities and Colleges Sports Associations (CUCSA) Games are progressing smoothly and have reached an advanced stage, organisers have said.

The regional tournament will be held from June 28 to July 5, with nine countries having officially confirmed their participation.

Botswana will host sports delegations from Angola, Lesotho, eSwatini, South Africa, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Games will feature competition in eight sporting codes: athletics, basketball, chess, football, volleyball, netball, tennis and table tennis.

Local Organising Committee chairperson, Keorapetse Setlhare, said key operational areas had entered their final implementation phase ahead of the tournament.

He said major logistical challenges had already been addressed, with arrangements for athlete accommodation and catering nearing completion.

According to Setlhare, the main athletes' village will be located at the University of Botswana, while various sporting venues across Gaborone were fully prepared to host the competitions.

"As you know, we have good sports facilities in our country. We will be utilising the exceptional

Royal Aria complex, which has the unique infrastructure to host more than four sporting codes simultaneously," he said.

Setlhare said the tournament would make use of some of Gaborone's premier sporting hubs.

He said athletics events would be held at the University of Botswana Stadium, while plans were being finalised to stage the opening ceremony at the UB Arena.

To ensure smooth movement between venues, Setlhare said comprehensive transport arrangements had been put in place.

He said the strategy would provide dedicated transport services for athletes, match officials and heads of delegation throughout the tournament.

Setlhare further said organisers were prioritising safety and contingency planning as the arrival of large sports delegations draws closer.

"We are completely ready. Every aspect of safety, emergency medical response and event security is being tightly coordinated with relevant national authorities and professional service providers," he said.

He also said 100 volunteers from the Sport Volunteers Movement had already undergone training and would assist during the games. **BOPA**

Coaches to hone young stars skills

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

Yun Jenius Academie will host its first sports development clinic camp at Shashe River School in Tonota tomorrow.

The camp will bring together young athletes from Tonota and surrounding areas.

The man behind the idea of

a sports camp, Sensei Otsile Motsamai said the clinic camp would bring together young athletes and coaches from different sports codes.

Close to 150 boys and girls are expected to take part.

He said the sport camp aims at reaching out to athletes who lacked resources to showcase their talent by giving them a platform

to train, learn and be seen by coaches and scouts.

Sensei Motsamai said the programme would cover talent identification and grooming across multiple sporting codes through basic coaching techniques, fitness and game understanding.

He said the sports clinic would also introduce the young athletes to attributes of discipline,

team work and life skills that support both sport and school performance.

"It will also create networking opportunities between athletes, coaches, and local stakeholders to address resource gaps, and raise awareness of sport as a tool for youth development and community engagement," he said.

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Four lock horns in football spectacular

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Some football clashes do not need introduction.

They arrive with historic memories as long-standing iconic rivalries full of joy and heartbreak, as they produce unpredicted scorelines and memorable performance from some individual players.

Such fixtures involve historic clashes between local clubs; Mochudi Centre Chiefs and Township Rollers as well as the one between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates in neighbouring South Africa.

From days gone by, the thrill of Centre Chiefs versus Rollers clash or the Soweto blockbuster derby of Pirates and Chiefs always captured the imagination of every football fanatic across the country and the buzz of

excitement that permeated the air.

The rivalry between Chiefs and Rollers is renowned for sparking a legacy of intense competition over the years while the Chiefs and Pirates enmity is the biggest and most fiercely contested fixture in South African football, collectively known as the Soweto Derby.

Originating from Johannesburg's historic Soweto Township, this iconic clash divides families and unites millions of fans across the region.

Come this Saturday, this historic football feuds will be reignited at the National Stadium, where former players of the four clubs will once again wear their jerseys to relive a historic rivalry.

The much-anticipated clashes between the quartet of old-time foes is expected to ignite the

yesteryear spark, though this nostalgic exhibition is this time around designed for charity and bragging rights.

Dubbed Clash of Legends and in its fourth-year offing, this year's event is poised to be a memorable showdown having pitted iconic legends from Centre Chiefs and Rollers in the first semifinal fixture, while the visitors, Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs legends will battle it out in the second semifinal.

On offer, will be a star-studded exhibition of football that has brought back iconic retired players to reignite the fame of the clubs and rivalry for a good cause.

The event will allow spectators to once again see their beloved icons among others Pontsho Moloi, Reneiloe Letsholonyane, Mogogi Gabonamong and Lucky Lekgwati lace up their boots and don their team colours again for a

humanitarian course.

The Clash of Legends has evolved into a platform focused on preserving football heritage and restoring dignity of retired players, who once carried the hopes of supporters across the country and the region.

One of the tournament organisers, Sekhana Koko has during the launch of the tournament indicated that the Clash of Legends was more than a reunion match for retired footballers as its proceeds provided direct assistance to former players in need.

"Funds generated through ticket sales, sponsorships and other tournament activities are to be contributed toward cushioning retired footballers from the daily economic hardships."

This year's edition is sponsored by online betting company, Betway Botswana to the tune of P1.5 million.

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