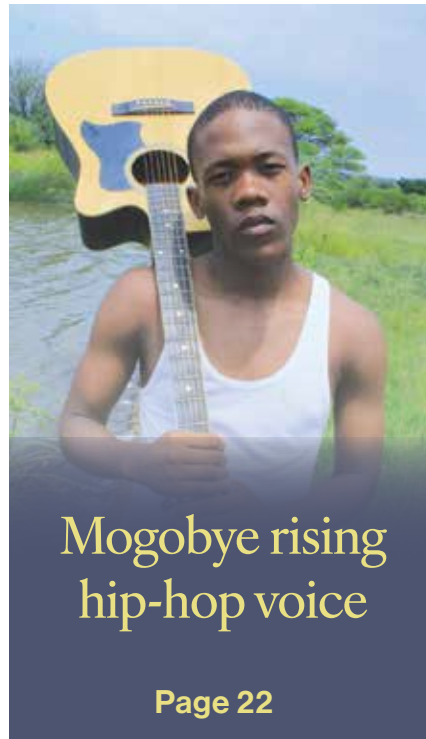


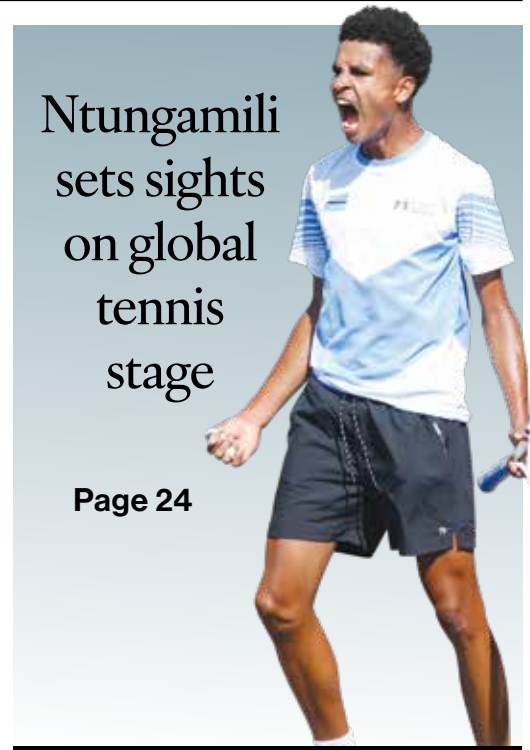
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Govt transforms energy sector



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Oman Investment Authority president, Mr Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi unveiling a plaque at the groundbreaking of the Maun 500MW Solar PV Plant with Battery Storage in Mawana yesterday. President Boko said the project, implemented through a government to government partnership with the Sultanate of Oman, would be Botswana's largest grid-scale solar plant and position the country as a net energy exporter and a leader in the regional energy transition. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Esther Mmolai
MAWANA

The implementation of the 500MW solar photovoltaic plant and a 500MWh Battery Energy Storage System in Maun positions Botswana as a net exporter and a leader in the regional energy transition.

Implemented through government-to-government partnerships with the Sultanate of Oman, the solar plant will be the largest grid-scale solar project in Botswana, and the second-largest energy storage project in Africa to date. Once operational, it will inject 500MW of clean and reliable power into the national grid. The mega project is expected to be commissioned in 2029.

Officiating at the ground-breaking of the project, President Advocate Duma Boko said government was doing everything to elevate Botswana's stature on the global energy landscape, acknowledging that the project placed Botswana firmly among the leading nations in energy storage development on the African continent.

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Ministry receives books worth P6m

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has received a donation of prescription and supplementary books valued at P6m from Macmillan Education Botswana, in a move expected to enhance access to learning materials across the country.

The books were officially handed over during a ceremony held at the ministry's headquarters on Wednesday.

Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, described the donation as a demonstration of shared commitment to education, literacy, and national development.

She emphasised that education remained the foundation upon which futures were built.

"Books are gateways to knowledge, imagination and opportunity. For many of our learners, access to reading materials can be the difference between limitation and possibility," she said.

She further noted that private sector involvement reinforced the principle that education was a

shared responsibility extending beyond government.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka assured that the ministry would ensure equitable distribution of the books to reach learners most in need.

She added that the materials would be distributed nationwide to schools, libraries, community learning centres, and literacy initiatives such as Project Bula Buka.

The minister said the donation aligned with the objectives of the Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP), as well as the aspirations of Vision 2036 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme, all aimed at building a knowledgeable, productive, and innovative nation.

Meanwhile, Macmillan Botswana Managing Director, Kenneth Kopano, said the initiative was inspired by last year's floods, during which many learners lost their books.

"It is imperative that when there is any form of disruption in the country, we ensure that our children's dreams do not end because of it," he said.

He added that the donated books cater for learners from primary through to senior secondary level, and were available in both English and Setswana.

Macmillan also reaffirmed its commitment to advancing education and expressed hope that the materials would reach and benefit affected learners across the country.

BOPA

Boot camp targets learner discipline

Kabo Keaketswe
LETLHAKANE

In an endeavour to promote good behaviour among pupils, Ditsweletse Junior Secondary School in Letlhakane, in collaboration with Botswana Prison Service, is currently conducting a boot camp for its Form 3 learners.

Held under the theme: Discipline A powerful tool for building a future leader, the event is meant for behaviour modification and mindset change.

Speaking at the official opening of the event on Tuesday, which will run until April 20, Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa, encouraged pupils to conduct themselves well both at school and home.

He said discipline enabled effective teaching and efficient learning, hence commended the school for the initiative, adding that the boot camp was ideal.

Mr Hunyepa also pleaded with pupils to stay away from negative influences as well as to use cellular phones wisely for positive things such as research.

Most importantly, the minister said learners should respect parents, teachers and the community at large to become disciplined future leaders of the country.

For his part, Ditsweletse JSS headmaster, Mr Nkarabang Nkarabang, said for a long time, the school had been bedeviled by bad behaviour particularly some Form

3 pupils who were involved in criminal activities such as fights, use of substances as well as early debut in sexual activities.

He therefore, told learners that discipline was key because habits, choices and decisions they made now, would determine who they become in future, adding that academic excellence was important but character was the main element.

"This boot camp is an investment in shaping who you are becoming as learners, it is a journey of self-discovery and growth, therefore you should take it serious," he said.

He highlighted that the aim was instill discipline among learners because good behaviour was the bridge between goals and success.

BOPA



Participants at the Pan-African Congress on Autism in Gaborone on Wednesday. Director of the Foundation for People with Epilepsy in Kenya, Dr Eddie Chengo said Africa carried a high burden of epilepsy, nearly twice that of other regions, attributing it to preventable causes, limited healthcare access and widespread misconceptions about the disorder. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Africa faces Epilepsy crisis as treatment gap and misdiagnosis persist

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Africa is grappling with a disproportionately high burden of Epilepsy, with experts warning that the condition is nearly twice as prevalent on the continent compared to other regions of the world.

Speaking during the Pan-African Congress on Autism held in Gaborone on Wednesday, The Foundation for People with Epilepsy in Kenya director, Dr Eddie Chengo attributed that to a combination of preventable causes, limited healthcare access and widespread misconceptions about the disorder.

Dr Chengo said according to multiple studies, low and middle-income countries, particularly across sub-Saharan Africa, carried the heaviest share of epilepsy cases.

He said factors such as infectious diseases, inadequate maternal and child healthcare and gaps in prevention systems contributed significantly to the problem.

He further pointed out that diseases like malaria and other parasitic infections were major contributors, adding that poor infection control, complications during childbirth and limited access to early treatment often lead to neurological damage that can trigger epilepsy.

Dr Chengo stressed that many of those causes were preventable through simple public health measures.

"Ensuring children sleep under mosquito nets, seeking early treatment for fever and adhering to immunisation schedules can drastically reduce the risk," he explained, also adding that vaccinations in particular, played a critical role in preventing infections that may later result in lifelong

neurological conditions.

Dr Chengo said despite the preventable nature of many cases, Africa faced a staggering epilepsy treatment gap.

He said an estimated 70 per cent of people living with epilepsy on the continent do not receive appropriate care, adding only about three in 10 patients have access to the medication and support they need.

He said limited availability of anti-seizure medication, under-resourced health systems and a lack of trained specialists all played a role.

Furthermore he said social stigma and misinformation further compound the issue, with many communities still viewing epilepsy through a cultural or spiritual lens rather than as a medical condition.

"There are still cases where patients are told to seek help outside the medical system, this delays treatment and increases the risk of complications, including prolonged seizures and cognitive impairment," he said.

Dr Chengo stated that accurate diagnosis also remained a significant challenge, stating that Epilepsy was primarily a clinical diagnosis, requiring careful observation and detailed patient history.

He stressed that clinicians must assess what happens before, during and after a seizure "information that is often incomplete or misunderstood."

He highlighted that misdiagnosis could have serious consequences, saying in some cases, patients were given medications that worsen their condition due to an incorrect classification of seizure type.

"For example, certain drugs used for focal seizures may aggravate generalised epilepsy syndromes, leading to increased seizure frequency," he said.

Dr Chengo highlighted the importance of identifying specific epilepsy syndromes, such as Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy, which typically begins in adolescence and responds well to the correct treatment, adding that without proper diagnosis, patients may endure unnecessary complications despite the availability

of effective therapies.

Encouragingly, he said some forms of epilepsy were self-limiting and may resolve with age, however saying others required lifelong management, making early and accurate diagnosis essential for improving long-term outcomes.

He said treatment decisions must also be tailored to individual patients, taking into account factors such as age, gender and potential side effects, adding that, some medications may not be suitable for women of childbearing age due to risks during pregnancy, while others may affect a child's cognitive development.

Dr Chengo said addressing Africa's epilepsy crisis would require a multifaceted approach, of strengthening health systems, improving access to medication, increasing public awareness and reducing stigma.

"Epilepsy is treatable, with the right diagnosis, the right medication and the right support, many people can live full and healthy lives. The challenge is ensuring that care reaches everyone who needs it," he said.

The Autism Botswana project coordinator, Ms Evelyn Kwapa, said the Pan-African Congress on Autism was an annual conference that gathered African experts on Autism with the aims to improve the lives of individuals with autism in Africa by combating stigma, enhancing access to care and therapy and advancing inclusive education.

Ms Kwapa said the four days conference brought together policymakers, caregivers and experts to build partnerships and implement culturally relevant, evidence-based solutions across the continent.

She said the conference held under the theme: rooted in culture, driven by science: Advancing autism Services in Africa sparked a critical dialogue, strengthened partnership and inspired bold action towards a future where autistic individuals were understood, supported and empowered to thrive.

Among the attendees were experts from USA, UK, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Namibia, Kenya, Egypt, Uganda, DRC and Botswana. **BOPA**

Govt transforms energy sector - Boko

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Government, he said was decisive in transforming the energy sector from fossil-based to a diversified energy mix, comprising both renewable and non-renewable sources. Vision 2036 targets to increase the share of power generation from solar and other renewable sources to 50 per cent by 2030, from a current baseline of approximately eight per cent and to achieve that, President Boko stated that government had adopted a revised and accelerated Integrated Resource Plan, aimed at fast-tracking renewable energy deployment and positioning Botswana as a net exporter of electricity by 2030.

"This is not just a project. It is a clear statement that Botswana is poised to be a regional energy hub. We are advancing steadily to provide affordable and clean energy across all economic sectors, in full alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 7, which aims to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030, focusing on increasing renewable energy and improving energy efficiency".

President Boko further extended sincere gratitude to the Sultanate of Oman and their partners from Oman, saying government valued their collaboration and looked forward to its continued growth as the country moved towards building an economy that was powered by clean energy; an economy that was competitive and one that created opportunities for Botswana.

Furthermore, he noted that government was focusing on accelerating the implementation of an Integrated Resource Plan in order to deliver 1.5 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030, saying that would indeed bring to light the broader ambition of being a regional hub for solar energy generation.

The gathering learnt that Botswana was uniquely positioned to lead in the energy space with over 3 200 hours of sunshine annually and some of the highest solar irradiation levels in the world, which positioned the country as a natural hub for solar energy development. While government was vigorously and expeditiously integrating renewables to enhance the energy mix through projects such as the one in Maun, President Boko reiterated that Botswana remained committed to fighting climate change and global warming.

"As a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and a signatory to the Paris Agreement which seeks to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees, ideally by 1.5 degrees by 2030, we have pledged and resolved to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15 per cent by 2030 relative to 2010 levels."

The reality of climate change he said, was no longer abstract but was rather immediate, visible and at times disruptive. While Botswana contributed a small fraction, approximately 0.02 per cent to global carbon emissions, he appreciated that the country was among the most vulnerable to its consequences.

Persistent droughts, extreme temperatures, and environmental stress, he cited, were no longer distant threats but present realities affecting livelihoods and economic stability.

Kgosi Tawana II hailed government for advancing efforts to plug into solar energy, which he said was extensively adopted globally. He said solar energy was a renewable and abundant resource that once harnessed could provide significant benefits to daily life.

"This project is a welcome development in Ngamiland, the sunlight itself is free and once harvested, the project will provide benefits to our community and the nation at large. The project also has the potential to stimulate the local economy," he added. **BOPA**



Farmers in Good Hope are encouraged to kraal and water their livestock at designated watering points, as well as report any suspected Foot and Mouth Disease symptoms to the Veterinary offices.

Botswana strives to retain EU market

Calviniah Kgauthe
DIGAWANA

In an effort to safeguard the premium European Union (EU) market, government will continue enhancing prevention and control measures in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

Addressing a Kgotla meeting in Digawana on Wednesday, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said following the outbreak of FMD in Zone II, a traditionally green zone for over 50 years, Botswana would continue to put in place control measures to contain the disease.

He said farmers and members of the public must ensure strict adherence to FMD protocols and employ biosecurity measures in their farms.

Thus, he implored them to bring their cattle and other cloven

hooved animals for ongoing FMD surveillance by a team of veterinary officers in Good Hope district.

He said strict compliance to set protocols by farmers, would bring Zone II back to its green status within a period of 3-6 months. Dr Dikoloti said Botswana complied with international World Organisation for Animal Health standards.

He said if the country failed to win the fight against FMD within two years, Zone II would be classified as red zone.

Therefore, the acting minister said it was critical for all to join in the fight to retain the green status of the zone and ultimately preserving the lucrative EU market.

Additionally, Dr Dikoloti noted that Botswana through the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) supplied EU and other markets.

However, he said other markets were not lucrative in comparison with the EU market, therefore it was imperative that FMD was completely eradicated from the green zone. So far, he said, BMC had slaughtered over 12 000 cattle where farmers had been paid P156.6 million adding that 95 per cent of the slaughtered cattle was for the EU market. Currently, Dr Dikoloti said

BMC had in its possession, P200 million worth of stock, expressing fear that due to current market volatility, the stock price might drop to P160 million on account of FMD.

He expressed optimism in winning the fight against FMD adding that Botswana had qualified FMD experts capable of bringing the situation under control.

In addition, he said it was important to trust in faith for solutions. He announced that in the next two weeks prayers would be held against FMD. Kgosi Kefitlhile Kgwakgwe of Digawana said the recent FMD outbreak had raised concerns in country's livestock sector.

He was worried that the disease was spreading at an alarming rate in the district, therefore it was critical for farmers and all stakeholders to act with agility and come together to devise ways of containing the disease to avoid further spread.

Kgosi Kgwakgwe appealed to members of the public to bare in mind that slaughtering livestock for social gatherings and any other events or use was prohibited. He nonetheless expressed optimism that FMD would be defeated only if everyone complied with protocols.

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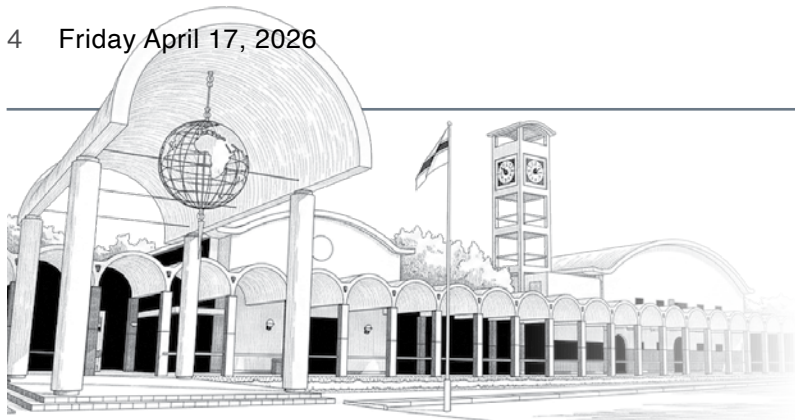
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PARLIAMENT 2026

Revised youth policy gets green light

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Parliament has adopted the National Youth Policy 2026-2036 and its Implementation Plan. This represents a defining step forward for young people and serves as a testament to government's full intent to transform the livelihoods of the youth.

The National Youth Policy 2026-2036 aims to address the shortcomings of past policies. It aligns itself with Vision 2036, National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

The framework is anchored on five strategic pillars, with emphasis on digital transformation and economic inclusion. By integrating STEAM and TVET education with AI and innovation, the policy seeks to prepare Botswana's youth for a technology-driven future while simultaneously fostering entrepreneurial skills and global competitiveness.

The revised framework also focuses on rights-based empowerment, shifting from mere advocacy to actionable, measurable opportunities in digital skills and health, economic participation, education and skills development as well as strengthening youth participation in governance.

During the debates, the majority of legislators advocated for the policy to strive for genuine empowerment to ensure that young people participated meaningfully in national development by bridging the gap between education and employment.

Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe, pleaded with government to enact the establishment of a Children's Parliament to promote children's rights and equip them with the concepts of democracy, civilisation and the parliamentary process.

"The time is epitome for government

to upgrade from the current children consultative forum and supplant it with the children's Parliament to provide the right platform for advocacy of among other things children's rights, health and education as well as children's inclusivity in governance," he said.

He noted that such a platform would allow children to actualise their potential and contribute actively to the country's democratic process. Similarly, Francistown West MP, Mr Ignatius Moswaane supported the policy, stating that it would equip youth with multiple skills and provide a platform for their voices to be heard.

Mr Moswaane also called for the resuscitation of the Youth Development Fund (YDF), saying it was imperative for government to commit to medium-to-long-term interventions to promote youth entrepreneurship.

Lentsweletau/Lephephe legislator, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, emphasised the need for consistent monitoring and mentoring of YDF-funded projects.

He described frequent monitoring as a key catalyst for broad-based transformation and the creation of new wealth prospects. He cautioned that previous policy failures were often due to a lack of implementation and monitoring.

"The country's workforce and policy implementers should be mindful that they are the driving force behind the country's economic growth as low level of productivity is of less importance to the country regardless of good policy formulations," he said.

In his contribution, Kgalagadi North MP, Mr Reason Lekutlane called for regional and tailor-made youth empowerment programmes.

He argued that the 'one-size-fits-all' approach of the YDF was not ideal, as geological and economic conditions differed significantly across various regions. **BOPA**

Ministry monitors indigenous plants and expands oral history drive

GABORONE

Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, has informed Parliament that the ministry is mandated to promote indigenous plants to preserve their germplasm for future generations through planting programmes. Responding to a parliamentary question on Tuesday, Minister Mmolotsi noted that the ministry was committed to continuously monitoring species under threat of over-exploitation.

The minister said Mositsana plant (Elephantarua Elephantina or Elephant's root, sometimes called Eland's Bean) and Leruswa (Fockea Angustifolia) were among those currently under monitoring.

He added that in the short term, community-based cultivation through nurseries and agroforestry would reduce pressure on natural populations, alongside habitat protection through rangeland management and restoration.

He mentioned that public awareness campaigns were regularly undertaken to sensitise communities on responsible use while preserving indigenous species.

Again, he said the ministry also employed seed banking, living collections and potential

tissue culture to conserve genetic diversity and support restoration.

He further noted that, in the long term, it would strengthen research capacity, document traditional knowledge and develop evidence-based propagation, adding that "if over-exploitation was confirmed, species will be referred to the IUCN for Red List inclusion."

Furthermore, he noted that through the Museum Radio Programme, the ministry was collecting oral histories nationwide, including in more than 10 villages in Letlhakeng District.

He highlighted that current focus areas include totemism (direto), harvesting and preparation of the morama bean (Tylosema Esculentum), village origin stories and Bongaka jwa setso (traditional healing and healers).

This was in response to Member of Parliament for Letlhakeng, Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi, who had asked the minister to appraise Parliament on the short and long-term measures for preserving indigenous plants Motshiha, Khyara, Mositsana and Leruswa as well as elaborate on cultural preservation based on the oral history of the Letlhakeng District. **BOPA**

Govt incurs P19.5m in salary overpayment

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Government has incurred P19.5 million in public officers' salary overpayment leakages by the end of March in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Presenting the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Report for the 61st Meeting (2021-2022 accounts) to Parliament on Wednesday, PAC chairperson, Mr Taolo Lucas said salary overpayments within the public service remained a major issue, which prompted audits and urgent calls for improved payroll controls.

Mr Lucas noted that among all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), the payroll lapses were particularly prevalent in the Ministry of Education with P10 million and the Ministry of Health with P6 million in overpayments.

He also indicated that persistent delays in imprest retirement by public servants often resulted in employees retiring from the service without ever repaying the outstanding funds.

The PAC also identified recurring glitches within the Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS).

Mr Lucas regretted that the system's poor performance had impeded productivity and economic growth for years.

The malfunction of GABS was cited as a major contributor to low productivity regarding government's execution of financial transactions, especially payments to suppliers.

"From the many PAC sittings, it surfaced that GABS had overtime experienced many challenges of sub-optimal performance and has, during the period under review, failed to even process payment vouchers of government suppliers, something which could have hindered the growth of the economy," he said.

Mr Lucas expressed concern over lack of compliance by some accounting officers

regarding PAC recommendations, stating that such defiance rendered the committee inefficient.

He pleaded for the committee to be empowered with legislative frameworks to fully execute its oversight mandate.

He highlighted that the committee had been regarded as 'toothless' for years due to its inability to take legal action based on its findings.

As such, Mr Lucas urged Members of Parliament to provide statutory instruments that empowered the committee to scrutinise government spending and highlight waste to ensure sound and transparent public financial management.

He emphasised that accountability in the public sector was about answering for how public money was spent.

"One of the key roles of legislators should be to improve the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of government expenditure and enforce public accountability through effective probing and seeking for accountability from accounting officers," Mr Lucas said.

Commenting on the PAC report, Francistown South Member of Parliament, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi noted that payroll lapses were often administrative failures. "

These failures lead to payments for non-existent employees when records are not updated promptly after a staff member leaves the service," he said.

Mr Mmolotsi, a former PAC chairperson, pointed out that delays in processing terminations resulted in payments for days not worked, particularly among temporary teachers.

He urged ministries to rectify such issues by strengthening operational standards and ensure that contract renewals were processed well before current contracts expired.

He highlighted the need to strengthen the PAC to ensure that authorities entrusted with public resources remained accountable. **BOPA**



Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairperson, Mr Taolo Lucas (right), Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Reuben Kaizer (left) and MP for Kgatleng Central, Mr Mpho Morolong arriving at Parliament on Wednesday. Presenting the PAC report for the 61st Meeting (2021-2022 accounts) to Parliament, Mr Lucas said salary overpayments in the public service remained a major concern, with government incurring P19.5 million in salary overpayment leakages by the end of the 2021/2022 financial year. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

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Karowe Underground Project

UGP Capital Spend (2025)
US\$75.8 million

UGP Total Investment to Date
US\$469.4 million

Production Shaft Depth 776 metres	Ventilation Shaft Depth 729 metres
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Underground Production Target H1 2028	Mine Life Extension To 2038
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Safety Performance

Lost Time Injury Free Days (UGP) 2,159 days	Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (UGP) 0.56
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New life for Chobe as rising river levels flood enclave

Chobe fishermen are beaming with joy as water levels continue to rise triggering overflows down to channels and floodplains in Chobe Enclave.

Portia Keetile
MUCHENJE

The inflows are a result of the Zambezi River overflow pushing water downstream to Chobe River, through Chobe National Park, and down Ngoma, Muchenje, Mabele, Kavimba, Kachikau channel to Satau floodplains.

Muchenje fisherman, Mr Chandapiwa Mokozi, said the rising inflows had renewed local optimism as the water now covered extensive floodplains in Muchenje. This year's water quickly inundated the vast floodplains, a contrast to the previous year when the water moved slowly due to the parched ground caused by lack of inflow in 2024, Mr Mokozi said. He explained that the early arrival of the inflows, accelerated the fishing calendar prompting fishermen to relocate to the river and start their business.

Mr Mokozi who fishes for household consumption while there are those who do it for commercial purposes indicated that they were always mindful to preserve biodiversity hence opted to use fishing hooks and not nets that could kill birds and other species drinking from water sources.

The rising water levels signal new life in the Chobe region, sustaining people, livestock and wildlife who depend on the river as their primary water source.



Muchenje fisherman, Mr Chandapiwa Mokozi, said the rising inflows had renewed local optimism as the water now covered extensive floodplains in Muchenje.

Kachikau fisherman, Mr Gaseitsewe Kgothatso, stated that Chobe River had served as a vital economic engine for the people of Chobe for many years hence rising water levels brought so much joy to them.

He said the river was a driver of the local economy enabling fishing, farming, excursions like boat cruises and picnics.

Mr Kgothatso shared that fishing was his passion which he developed during his youthful days as a tour guide and he maintained it as a means to fulfill his passion and catch fish for his household.

However, he said the river also posed a hazard on people because the river harboured dangerous animals like crocodiles, hippos and snakes. Mr Kgothatso shared

that it was imperative that people maintained vigilance at the river when they go fishing adding that safety should be instilled in children at a young age so that they don't go swimming at the river. Moreover he warned that people should never go to the river alone but with company to ensure help was available against potential river accidents. **BOPA**



Fishermen are beaming with joy over the rising water levels of Chobe River as it drives economic growth for them, farmers and other activities. Kachikau fisherman, Mr Gaseitsewe Kgothatso said the river had served as a vital economic engine for the people of Chobe for many years. Photos: Portia Keetile

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tanzania cancels 40 mining exploration licenses

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania Minister of Minerals, Anthony Mavunde on Wednesday directed the Mining Commission to revoke 40 mineral exploration licenses due to the holders failure to develop them. Mavunde said that the decision followed repeated non-compliance despite prior warnings and grace periods granted to license holders to address identified shortcomings. Noting a growing trend of unauthorised individuals encroaching on licensed areas, he said the cancellations would help improve resource governance and eliminate inactive operators who fail to meet licensing conditions. **Xinhua**

Cote d'Ivoire focuses on animal genetic improvement

ABIDJAN - Cote d'Ivoire intends to rely on animal genetic improvement to ensure its food sovereignty, Minister of Animal and Fisheries Resources Sidi Tiemoko Toure said on Tuesday.

Presenting a draft law on animal genetic improvement before the parliament, Toure stressed that the approach constituted a key lever for transforming the sector.

According to him, the project could significantly increase yields and resilience of the livestock system by promoting more efficient breeds that were better adapted to local conditions.

The reform is part of the National Policy for the Development of Livestock, Fishing, and Aquaculture (PONADEPA 2022-2026), which promotes intensive and sustainable production models. It also aims to foster a new generation of economic actors capable of boosting the animal and fisheries value chains. **Xinhua**

IMF raises Algeria 2026 growth forecast

ALGIERS - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised its economic growth forecast for Algeria upward to 3.8 per cent for 2026, despite a global context weighed down by geopolitical tensions, the official APS news agency reported.

Algeria's economy is expected to maintain its positive momentum, with growth reaching 3.8 per cent in 2026, up from the 2.9 per cent forecast in October 2025, an upward revision of 0.9 percentage points, according to the IMF's World Economic Outlook report released on Tuesday. IMF noted that 'this performance is all the more noteworthy given the complexity of the current global economic environment.' The upward revision for Algeria stands in contrast to the IMF's downgraded global outlook. According to the IMF's report, global growth is now projected to slow to 3.1 percent in 2026, as the Middle East conflict has halted previous momentum. **Xinhua**

NPF continues to cushion consumers

PARLIAMENT

The National Petroleum Fund (NPF) continues to assist in cushioning the customers in the country amidst the ever-escalating crude oil prices due to middle East tensions.

Responding to a question in Parliament on behalf of Minister of Minerals and Energy on Tuesday, Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang said the continued raising crude oil prices were becoming a burden to the ability of the fund to cushion the customers coupled with meeting other pressing obligations in order to security of fuel supply.

Assistant Minister Atamelang told Parliament that for the past year of 2025/26, the only upward fuel price adjusted was effected in September 2025.

He added that for the months of June, July, August and September 2025, the actual cost of importing fuel was higher than the regulated prices and that resulted in the cumulative debt of over P544 million (P544 461 799.04) to oil companies due to non-price adjustments and the price differentials were currently being cushioned by the NDF.

He said the fund had disbursed about P262.1 million (P262 107 517.47) over the past three months and was yet to disburse over P350.6 million (P350 644 185.52) to settle the outstanding claims.

He further indicated that the fund had accumulated over P150.8 million (P150 814 285.90) over the past two months. "I wish to state that the recent upward adjustment of pump prices that were effected on March 28, 2026 will still be cushioned by the fund.

However, the fuel importers are still faced with procuring fuel at high import prices, due to increase in global oil prices for three weeks before prices were adjusted.

Given that, these under recoveries between the full cost-reflective price and the adjusted pump price will be fully absorbed by the NDF, which is estimated to P 714 million for the month of March 2026," he said.

He also indicated that the specified NDF met the engineering, construction and operational costs of the strategic storages facilities for government's strategic oil strategic oil stocks, stabilise prices charged by the oil industry and

met insurance premium in respect of the insurance of government's strategic oil installations and oil stocks. Member of Parliament for Mogoditshane East, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang, had asked the minister to update on the status of the National Petroleum Fund and state if the fund was still assisting in cushioning customers of petroleum in the country.

Mr Barongwang also wanted to know how much had been disbursed to assist customers for the past three months and how much the fund had accumulated in the past two months and for how much the fund had assisted customers for the current fuel price hike. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang (right) and Molepolole South MP, Mr Shima Monageng during Parliament session. Mr Atamelang said the National Petroleum Fund continued to cushion consumers against rising fuel prices, despite mounting pressure from escalating global oil costs and a growing debt to fuel importers. Photo: Pheno Ramatu

Mophane Cargo Airport to transform Selebi Phikwe

PARLIAMENT

The proposed Cargo Airport development project in Selebi Phikwe, referred to as Mophane International Cargo Airport, is being spearheaded by a private citizen-owned company, 123 Dimensions (Pty) Ltd.

This was said by Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, when answering questions in Parliament from Member of Parliament for Selebi Phikwe East, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana, on

Tuesday.

Minister Salakae explained that according to the developer's proposal, the project was envisioned as a modern international airport with both cargo and passenger handling capabilities.

"On the current status, because of the size of the envisaged airport infrastructure including the runway, aprons, terminal buildings and aircraft hangers, Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) has acquired extension to the airport land through the acquisition of

land adjoining the existing airport, to facilitate and accommodate the envisaged infrastructure," the minister said.

He added that to date, the requisite land, as requested by the would-be investors, had since been acquired and CAAB was awaiting detailed development master plans, project plans, commercial proposals and the proposed operating model, as the Authority owned the existing facility.

Mr Salakae further explained that the land on which the proposed airport was to be developed was fully owned by CAAB and the cargo airport was proposed to be developed on the existing and expanded Selebi Phikwe airport land, adding 'it is thus, in essence, an upgrade of the existing airport infrastructure.'

He indicated that the developer, 123 Dimensions, had been advised to ensure continued and uninterrupted operations of the existing airport during the proposed construction period. He also said even though they were yet to receive the proposed development master plans and operating models, the Authority would consider a long-term lease or strategic partnership to leverage the airport land assets. "We are not able to confirm the exact number of jobs to be created by the project, as we have yet to receive the bankable commercials from the investor.

Such projects would typically employ close to a thousand jobs during the construction phase, tapering off a few hundred during the

operations phase, subject to the size of infrastructure development," he said. He said in the long term, employment opportunities typically arose in aviation services, cargo handling logistics, warehousing and industrial operations.

Mr Salakae also shared that the Mmadinare Sub Land board had identified two farmers with developments located within the extended airport land with the total compensation amount calculated for such developments at P522, 434 to ensure that the affected individuals were fairly compensated for their investments and livelihoods, while facilitating the smooth implementation of the project.

He said the disbursement of the funds had been delayed and engagements were continuing with 123 Dimensions to expeditiously avail compensation funds for the farmers.

"The funds will be disbursed through CAAB once logistical engagements with the developer and the concerned farmers are completed," he said.

Member of Parliament for Selebi Phikwe East, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana, had asked about the status of the proposed Cargo airport in Selebi Phikwe.

Mr Nkawana also asked about the correlation between the project and the existing airport, whether the new project absorbed the existing airport through a purchase, and if so, how much and the amount of compensation, if any, to the locals relocated from the area. **BOPA**



Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae.

FMD outbreak threatens SMMEs as beef shortage bites

Relief Lephutshi KANYE

Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises in Kanye are facing possible closure after a recent Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak disrupted beef supply, driving up costs and forcing food vendors to cut staff and seek alternative proteins.

The beef shortage has made the commodity increasingly unaffordable for households and vendors, with many now considering chicken as a substitute. Caterers

say securing adequate beef for daily operations has become one of their biggest challenges.

"I am preparing to lay off a number of workers as business has declined due to insufficient beef supply from butcheries," said Ms Mphoentle Rakgopa of Jos and Josh (Pty) Ltd. She expects a significant drop in customers who prefer beef meals and noted that while chicken is emerging as an option, customers prefer indigenous chicken, which is not always readily available.

Ms Khumame Tlholwe,

a vendor from Dinaledi ward who sells food at Mongala Mall, said securing beef has become increasingly difficult. "

Some butcheries are running out of stock entirely," she said.

Tlholwe cited volatile pricing as another blow to margins. The price per kilogram once rose to P90 and is now around P65, but she said even at that rate, the weight makes it difficult to turn a profit. As a bulk buyer, her supplier cut her price to P60 per kilogram, but she added this has done little to ease the financial

strain.

The pressure extends to butcheries. Mr Boikhutso Kolane of BK Smith Masters Butchery said profits have fallen since he began sourcing from the Botswana Meat Commission, which he described as less viable than local slaughterhouses now closed under FMD restrictions.

"Despite the challenges, I have no intention of closing down. I need to maintain my customer base, pay rent, staff salaries and cover fuel costs," Kolane said. He acknowledged, however, that

he might be forced to reduce his workforce. He has consulted the Department of Labour and indicated some contracts would not be renewed once they expire.

He said the FMD outbreak continued to ripple through the local economy, placing significant pressure on small businesses tied to the beef supply chain.

Some street vendors have started offering processed meat products as a cheaper alternative, aiming to keep meat-based meals on the menu despite rising beef prices. **BOPA**

Texas cattle procurement followed law - Mathoothe

GABORONE

Parliament has been informed that procurement of breeding cattle from Texas, USA was done in accordance with existing laws governing public finance and budget allocations.

This was said by the Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, in response to a parliamentary question on behalf of Minister of Lands and Agriculture on Wednesday.

Mr Mathoothe said an approval was granted through the 81st Tranche of the 30th March 2023 to a total budget of P93,411,680, out of which P22 million was allocated for procurement of 162 replacement breeding animals.

He said the Direct Procurement method was used as per Public Procurement Act No. 24 of 2021, Section 53 of the Act, read together with the Public Procurement Regulations of 2023, Section 20(e) which allowed a procuring entity to conduct procurement by Direct Procurement method where the selection of contractor was made on a sole supplier basis without competition and can be justified in any circumstance.

He also said the procurement method was relevant and suitable since procurement was of biological assets, which required selection of genetically superior animals and scouting of animals was necessary to ensure that they sourced from renowned breeders who would provide animals of superior genetics with proper documentation.

"A scouting team for selection was sent prior to purchasing and it comprised representations from the relevant disciplines, including procurement oversight animal breeder, veterinary, legal officer," he said.

He added that the Financial Instructions and Procedures of 1993, Sectional, Subsection 221 together with the Public Finance Management Act of 2011, part V, section 6 (3) Subsection 4- Annual Estimates to be prepared, required that budget estimates be prepared to show total costs of the proposed projects.

He explained that the specific vote used for procurement of the specified livestock was 0500 (Ministry Code) 4382 Refurbishment of Ramatlabama AI Centre and the Sub Code being 11102 (Livestock Development Account).

Mr Mathoothe told Parliament

that the procurement of bulls and heifers was a component of the bigger project entitled Refurbishment of Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination Centre as presented in the Parliament Committee of supply speech in March 2023.

He explained that the main objective was to transform the facility into international standards to overcome the challenges of lack of readily available livestock seed stock in Botswana.

Parliament was further informed that there was no role played by National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) in the procurement of 162 cattle from Texas, adding however that some officers from the Department of Agricultural Research were involved in the scouting process.

Member of Parliament for Tswapong South, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang had asked the minister whether the use of public funds to purchase bulls and heifers from Texas was consistent with existing laws governing public finance and budget allocations.

Dr Gobotswang also wanted to know the specific vote used for the procurement of the specified livestock and the role played by NARDI in the process. **BOPA**



Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship
Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima

'No company appointed for CEDA forensic audit'

GABORONE

No company was ever appointed to undertake a forensic audit on Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), Parliament has heard.

Responding to a parliamentary question on Wednesday, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima said the original plan was for CEDA to fund the forensic audit, however as part of cost saving it was subsumed into the national forensic audit resulting in no funds being spent by the agency.

Minister Ntsima said the ministry was constrained by provisions of the Data Protection Act to openly share information relating to amounts paid to the suspended Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the caretaker CEO.

He said the suspended CEO had not faced any charges as they all awaited the outcome of the national

forensic audit and the CEDA board was not consulted before the CEO was suspended.

Maun North MP, Mr Dumelang Saleshando had asked the minister to provide an update on the forensic audit on CEDA and indicate the company, which was appointed for the audit and how the company was selected. Mr Saleshando also requested the minister to confirm if at any point he had written to CEDA demanding that the organisation should pay for the audit and the amount that was proposed and how it was determined.

He also wanted to know the amount, which was paid to the CEO and the caretaker CEO from the time that the suspension effected, if the suspended CEO was ever made to face any charges and if not, why.

In addition, the MP also asked the minister to state whether the CEDA board was consulted before the CEO was suspended. **BOPA**

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER SHARES IN A PRIVATE COMPANY OWNING IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Kallakki Holdings (Proprietary) Limited**, a private company duly incorporated according to the laws of Botswana, intends to enter into a sale of shares transaction with **Ker & Downey (Botswana) (Proprietary)** in respect of 100% (one hundred percent) of its shares.

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- CERTAIN** : a certain piece of land being Ranch No. OM 93;
- SITUATE** : at Hainaveld Phase 1 ranches, in the Batawana Tribal Territory;
- MEASURING** : 5,978.0946 Hectares (Five thousand nine hundred seventy-eight point zero nine four six Hectares);
- HELD UNDER** : Tawana Land Board of lease in favour of Kallakki Holdings (Proprietary) Limited dated 23rd August 2021;
- CONSIDERATION** : BWP 6, 800, 000.00 (Six Million eight hundred thousand Pula) excluding any VAT and/or Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction;

AND

- CERTAIN** : a certain piece of land being Ranch No. 128-OM (formerly OM 101);
- SITUATE** : at Hainaveld Phase 1 Ranches in the Batawana Tribal Territory
- MEASURING** : 5,887.7457 Hectares (Five thousand eight hundred eighty-seven point seven four five seven Hectares)
- HELD UNDER** : Tawana Land Board in favour of Kallakki Holdings (Proprietary) Limited dated 16th March 2006
- CONSIDERATION** :BWP 11, 400, 000.00 (Pula Eleven Million four hundred thousand Pula) excluding any VAT and/or Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction;

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

Any person who wish to object to the above transaction is requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the **Tawana Land Board** within **thirty (30) days** of the date of publication of this notice.

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Gaone Mmonatau

I wish Botswana should never lose the values of Botho and unity. Botho and unity brought Botswana together from time immemorial and are principles that ought to be preserved and passed from generation to generation.
Ogone Kemiso

Our culture, we shouldn't lose our culture because it is the one defining who we are as Botswana, and we should be proud of being Botswana.
Gaone Mmonatau

I hope we never lose our spirit of Botho. The deep respect, kindness, and humanity we show one another. The way we greet, the way we care for the community, the way no one is truly alone. That's what makes Botswana special.
Wame Lekoko

What I wouldn't like to lose is my culture. For example, at the kgotla obeying my cultural laws as a woman dressed in leteisi my shoulders covered with mogagolwane greeting dikgosi by bowing and clapping hands showing respect and appreciation.
Masego Peggy Dipholo

Working together and the value for each individual's idea for the development of the country.
Boitshepo Kgosiemang

Our sense of unity and botho. The ability to engage openly, to listen, and to resolve issues together as a people. These are the foundations that have kept us stable and must continue to guide us forward.
Louis Sibanda

Ke dumela gore re le Botswana ga re a tshwanela go latlha mowa wa tirisano mmogo, botho le boikobo. Ga re a tshwanela go latlhegelwa ke ngwao ya rona jaaka fela re itse gore tatutona wa ntlha wa lefatshe leno o rile setshaba se se senang ngwao ke mo nka se suleng.



Masego Peggy Dipholo

Keneilwe Tsabone

Ngwao ya rona morwarra.
Lucky Mmolaatshephe

Nna kare he shegka ha latheshelwa ke gore gko bazari betcho ye bejwa gkayo go ba boyele, ngwao e simololaga gka sheritjyi sha legaya.
Eaton Mathukwane

Botswana should hold dear the spirit of oneness and the involvement of citizens by government when implementing laws.
Kabelo Ramodikeng

Patriotism or the love for our country, Botho, go ipelega, tirisano mmogo and how we value democracy.
Gladys Magala

Peace and stability as well as good working relations with other countries. Setho, botho le tirisano among Botswana.



Mmuso Tsheko

Ogone Sebata

"If there's one thing I wish Botswana never lose, it's our peace! We are blessed with the gift of peace and harmony. In trying times where we wake to the news of war outbreaks, we should jealousy protect our peace.
Daphney Legkowe

I wish as Botswana ga re a tshwanela go latlha ngwao. Chaba e e senang ngwao ke moka e suleng. Ngwao ka boyone e naya lefatshe seriti/serodumo. E tlotlomatsa lefatshe.
Kesetse Mmuso Tsheko

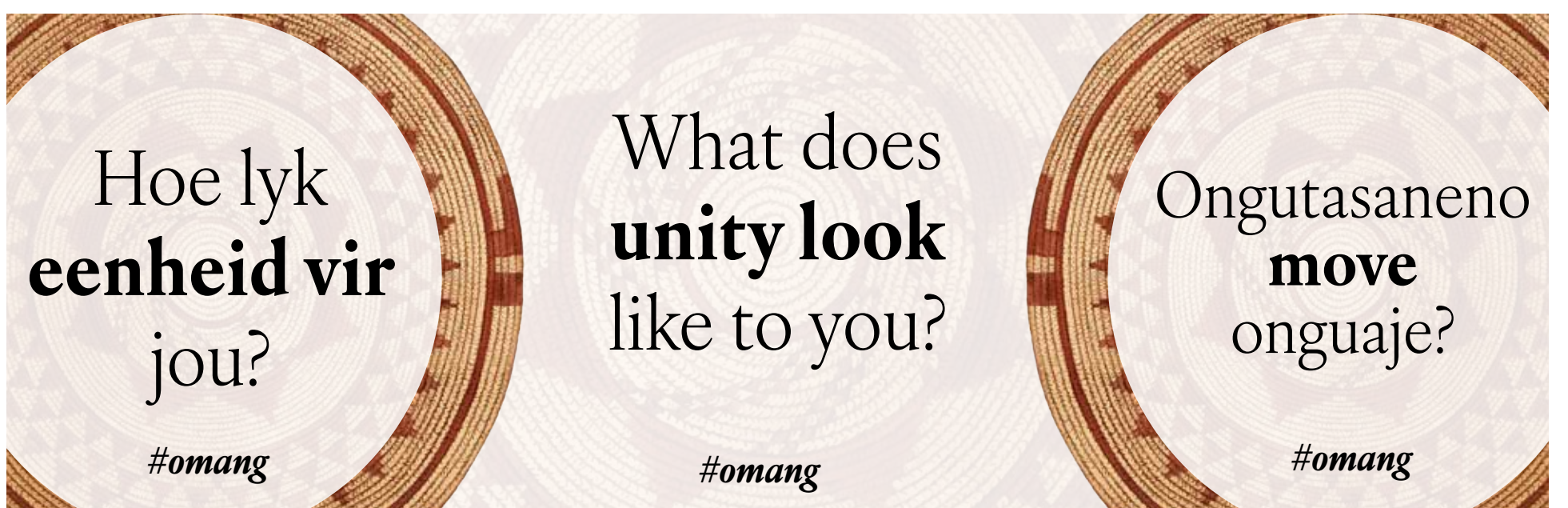
I wish we can go back to our roots and remember our core cultural values as Botswana. By so doing, we can live in harmony. Botho and intergrity di bopa setho sa Motswana. Our tradition is rooted in Botho, which translates to humanity and respect.
Pelonomi Marumo



Wame Lekoko



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Go latlha ngwao ga se tlabologo

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Le mororo Batswana Lbangwe ba ikamantse thata le sesha le tlabologo, bangwe jaaka Mme Opelang Nnanaakoko wa Molepolole ba santse ba ikaegile ka segagabo, se ba leng motlotlo thata ka sone.

Mme Nnanaakoko a re go tshegetsatsa ngwao go mo dira pelotshweu ka e le selo se se sa mo tlabiseng ditlhong.

O dumela gore tlabologo ga se go phuganya ngwao mme ke motshelakgabo wa go ananya dingwao tsa ma-Aforika le tsa batho basweu.

Mme Nnanaakoko, yo o dingwaga tse di masome a supa le bosupa a re fa a gola kwa masimong a Sehatlhane, o thalefile a fitlhela ntatemogoloagwe e le moroki yo mogolo wa disigo, fa nkukuagwe le batsalwale-mmaagwe e ne e ne e le baroki ba diaparotse tsa setso le didirisiwa tsa mo ntlong.

"Remogolo e ne e le moroki wa disigo tse di kgolo, tse di agelwang mapakwana kgotsa serala gore di tlhlongwe mo godimo ga sone. Serala se se ne se tshegetsatsa sesigo fa thobo e boloketswe mo go sone," ga tlhalosa Mme Nnanaakoko.

A re bonkukuagwe bone e ne e le ditswerere tsa go loga ditlatlana mme e bile gape ba rokela basetsanyana makgabe fa basimanyana bone ba ne ba ba direla ditshega.

"E ne e re fa o ile kwa ga mmangwaneago o ile go mmelegela ngwana, o tlaabo a go otlhela makgabe o bo o itumela ka gore ka nako ya rona go ne go sena mokgabo," ga bua jalo Mme Nnanaakoko.

A re makgabe fa a sena go logwa, a ne a tshasiwa mafura a kgomo a bo a anegiwa mme e re maitseboa, mafura a sena go tselelela mo go one go tlaa bo go ribegwa pitsa makgabe a bo a gotlwa mo go yone gore a nne mantsho.

Mme Nnanaakoko a re gompieno fa a dira makgabe o tshasa setlolo sa baselini ka gore mo metlheng eno mafura a kgomo a thata go bonwa. A re o dira gape diphaeyana, mateitshe, ditshega le makgabe a borankana

"Ke roka mateitshe ka seatla fela mme a nna mantle go gaisa le baroki bangwe ba ba dirisang motshini oorokang," a bua a supa jeremane e e neng o kare e segetswe mo ngwana wa ngwaneng wa gagwe.

A re ke mme wa dikitsokitso ka ebile gape o kgona go dira lebatla la setso le le bidwang setlatla mme gape a loga le ditlatlana. O ile a tlhalosa ka gore fa ba loga sika lootlatlana ba dirisa lethokwa la motshikiri le moretlwa.

"Moretlwa o, o kgetla

matswele o bo o a baakanya ka thipana," a bua jalo. A re sebe sa phiri ke gore majang a a maleba a nyeletse kgotsa a le teng mme a bonwa kgakala, ka jalo go se bonolo go ka a bona.

Le fa ntswa a loga dilo tse dintlenyane jaana, mme e bile a ikokeditse kitso ka go loga disigonyana tse gongwe motho a ka di dirisang jaaka mmanki wa diaparotse, a re kgatlhego ya gagwe ga se go oba letsogo fela, maikaelelo a mangwe ke go tsweledisa segagabo ka a se rata bobo.

O ikgantsha ka gore o na le baja-boswa jwa kitso e, ka jalo e tlaare le motlheng a hularang ditlhokwa di tla mo robalela ka a tla itsamaela a setse a segile tema.

A re morwadie e leng Mme Phatsimo Nnanaakoko ga mmogo le ngwana wa ga Phatsimo wa mosetsana e bong Katlego Moseki ba amule dikitso tsa gagwe e bile ba dira bontle fela thata.

Mosadimogolo a re gone le fa go le boutsana mo thekong, wa mariga o a o ora ka bangwe ba a tle ba reke dithoto tse.

O boletse fa dilwana tsa gagwe di lopa madi go tloga ka P250 go ya kwa godimo.

Katlego yo dingwaga tse di masome a mabedi le motso a re o ikaelela go e godisa ka go e bapatsa mo maranyaneng gore e bonwe kwa dikhutlong tse nne tsa lebopo e seng kwa Molepolole fela.

"Ke batla go bula le bentlele la maranyane gore ke bapatsa dinepe le ditshwantsho tsa motshikhinyego tsa dilo tse re di rokang le go supa gore re di thaya jang re bo re wetsa go ntse jang," ga bua Katlego. BOPA



Mme Opelang Nnanaakoko yo o dingwaga di masome a supa le bosupa o rekisa dithoto tsa setso di akaretsa diphaeyana, mateitshe, ditshega le makgabe kwa kgotleng ya Motokwane kwa Molepolole. A re kgwebo e, e mo thusa go itshedisa le go tsweledisa ngwao ya Setswana. Senepe: Keetile Bontsibokae

Bomme ba kopilwe go dira mekgatlho

Kefilwe Selotlegeng
MAHALAPYE

Mothusa tona wa boatlhodi le kago sesha ya magolegwa, Rre Augustine Nyatanga, o kopile bomme go tshwaragana ba bope mekgatlho e e ka ba thusang go buisana ka mathata a bone.

Rre Nyatanga o buile se kwa

pitsong ya bomme le basetsana e e neng e tshwerwe ka Labobedi kwa kgotleng ya Xhosa 1 kwa Mahalapye.

A re ba gwehlilwe ke go bona tshaba e fela ke dikgang tsa kgokgotsho, a tlhalosa fa keletso ya gagwe ele go aga tshaba e e bopaganeng.

Rre Nyatanga o tlhalositse gore go

tswa ngogola go fitlha gompieno, kgaolo ya Mahalapye botlhaba e gatisitse dikgang tsa tsa dipolao di le masome a mabedi.

Go ima ga banana le gone a re go kwa godimo le kgolo ya go anama ga mogare wa HIV.

Moruti Mpho Moruakgomo go tswa BOFABONETHA, o rotloeditse bomme go godisa bana ka lorato le boikarabelo, le go ba godisetsa mo modimong.

A re bomme ba bue le bana ka dikgang tsa tlhakanelo dikobo le boikgapho.

O gakolotse bomme go itsaya motlhala, ba tseye boikarabelo, ba baakanye tse di senyegileng

A re le bone ba ikgaphe mo go direng mogolaganyane wa bakapelo, ba dibele malwapa.

Moeteledipele wa lekgotla la Men and Boys for Gender Equality, Rre Desmond Lunga a re mme ke motho yo o botlhokwa, o tlhoka go tlotlwa le go babalelwa.

O kopile bomme go itshekatsheka gore a mme kgodiso ya bana ba basimane ba e dira sentle, a supa fa borre le bone ba tlhokomologile seabe sa bone mo baneng.

O kopile bomme go godisa ngwana wa mosetsana le wa mosimane ka tsela e e tshwanang.

Go kailwe fa bana ba sa reetse ba re dilo ke tsa bogologolo bone ba dira tsa segompieno.

Bomme ba solofeditse go ipaakanya mo go tse ba ntseng ba sa di dire sentle, le go ruta bana, basimane le basetsana ka dikgang tsa botshelo. BOPA

Marekisetso a nama a tswetswe

Cathrine Simane
TSABONG

Bontsi jwa marekisetso a nama kwa Tsabong a tswetswe morago ga gore ba lephata la matlhoko a leruo ba ntshe dikitsiso tsa go emisiwa ga go tlhaba mo kgaolong eno.

Rre Pako Bimbo, mongwe wa marekisetso a nama a a setseng a tswetswe o ne a tlhalosa fa seemo seo se mo amile thata ka a tswa kgakala a itshidisa ka kgwebo eo.

O ne a supa fa a setse a na le sebaka sa kgwedi kgwebo ya gagwe e sa bereke mme selo se se mo amileng fela thata ka a tshwanetse go duela phiriso ya marekisetso a nama le matlhabelo, le gone

go duela babereki ba ba leng boferabongwe ka palo.

A re matlho a bone e le bagwebi ba nama a lebile fela kwa Modimong kwa thuso ya bone e tlaa tswang teng.

Rre Bimbo o ne a kgothatsa bagwebi ka ene go tlhoka go nna le mowa wa boitlhobogo, mme a re mo nakong eno ba ka fetola ditlhaloganyo go dira tse dingwe tse di ka ba tsenyetsang letseno go na le go phutha diatla fela.

Rre Mompati Kgositlou wa madirelo a Nama Monate mo Tsabong a re ga gona letseno lepe le ba le bonang ka go sena nama fa e sa le kgwedi eno e simolologa.

Rre Kgositlou a re ga sa itse gore o ka leba kae mabapi le

dituelo tsa phiriso ka a hirisitse madirelo le go duela babereki.

Rre Kgositlou o ne a supa fa tsholofelo e le gore seemo sa bolwetsi se tla laolesega gore sengwe le sengwe se kgone go boela mannong, a tlatsa ka go supa fa kgwebo ya thekiso ya nama e le bogadi bogaufi fa o tshwantshwanya le madirelo a mangwe mo kgaolong ya Tsabong.

Rre Stephen Coetzee, monni wa Tsabong o ne a supa fa jaanong Batswana ba tshwanentse go fetola ka fa ba akanyang ka teng mabapi le seemo se ba lebaganeng.

O ne a tlhalosa gore ka nako ya dintsho le manyalo, ba setse ba dumalane gore setshabo e tlaa nna nama ya koko. BOPA

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Ministry permits Chibuku sale under all eight liquor licenses

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Parliament has been informed that sale of Chibuku is permitted under each of the eight liquor licenses being bar, bottle store, liquor depot, night club, distributor, club liquor, temporary liquor and wholesale liquor licenses.

Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe said on Tuesday that Chibuku was classified as traditional beer, which was defined as beer brewed under licence from sorghum meal or mixture of sorghum meal and mealie meal by the fermentation of malt sorghum for commercial purposes.

Mr Mathoothe said traditional Beer Regulations of 2011 permitted sale of five declared traditional beer from residential premises being Khadi, Setopoti, Mokuru, Nkumbi and Ila. "The Beer (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 further permits beer made beer powder to be sold from residential premises.

The sale of Declared Traditional Beer does not require a liquor license, however, brewers are required to register with Dikgosi in respective localities for monitoring purposes," he said.

He added that key requirements for application of liquor licenses included proof of availability of business premises, satisfactory environmental health inspections report for all applications and satisfactory zoning report.

"Certified copies of valid Omang for citizens and passport for non citizens and publication of the application twice in the *Government Gazette*, *DailyNews* or any private newspaper in accordance with Section 13 of the Liquor Act, 2003 are also requirements," he said.

Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow, had wanted to know the various licences under which a trader could sell alcohol as well as key requirements for each type of licence.

Dr Dow also wanted to know the conditions under which a trader could sell Chibuku. **BOPA**



CHIEF FINANCIAL & OPERATIONS OFFICER

JOB PURPOSE

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership to the Finance function of the Group by monitoring, controlling and managing the finances of the Group, guiding the licensed businesses and departments in their operational budgeting and expenditure through availing accurate and timely reporting in accordance with international financial reporting standards. The role holder also oversees the Actuarial functions of the Group.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5 Develops actionable strategies and plans that ensure alignment with the Company's short-term and long-term objectives.
- 5 Plans, directs, coordinates, and oversees finance activities in the organization, ensuring development and implementation of efficient operations and cost-effective systems to meet current and future needs.
- 5 Translates strategy into actionable goals for performance and growth to help implement organization-wide goal setting, performance management, and annual operating planning.
- 5 Oversees Company operations and employee productivity, building a high-performance customer centric culture ensuring team members thrive and organizational outcomes are met.
- 5 Evaluates performance by analysing and interpreting data and metrics geared towards crafting plans to improve relevant key performance indicators.
- 5 Oversees the effective control of the financial management and oversight requirements of the licensed businesses and Group thereby maximizing shareholder return.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- 5 Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or equivalent accounting qualifications plus full membership to a professional accounting institution such as ACCA, CIMA, CA
- 5 Master's in Business Administration would be an added advantage.
- 5 Individual must be in good standing with the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA).

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

- 5 Minimum 10 years' post qualifications experience with at least 7 years' experience in a senior management position.
- 5 Insurance

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- 5 Strategy Management
- 5 Stakeholder Management
- 5 Judgment and Decision Making
- 5 Critical and Analytical Skills
- 5 Negotiation & Advocacy
- 5 Change Management
- 5 Communication Skills
- 5 Leadership
- 5 Teamwork
- 5 Proficiency in basic computer applications (including MS
- 5 Microsoft Suite products Excel, Word and PowerPoint)

Interested candidates are advised to apply in writing with a detailed CV and copies of relevant certificates to the address below:

CONTACTS:

Chief of People
Hollard Botswana
Email: vacancies@hollard.co.bw
Closing Date: 20th April 2026

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FARM WORKS

GENERAL FARM WORKER needed by Treading Lightly Pty Ltd, at lease area 396-KO, Crocodile pools. Experience in vegetables, tree nursery and compost making essential. Basic building and general farm maintenance skills advantageous. Send Cv and reference to fderrick.smit@gmail.com whatsapp 74 748 044 or P/ Bag 115, Gaborone. Closing date: 30 April 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Borolong. Contact Shirley Owageng, Box 11655 Tatitown. Cell 73529198

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Nswazwi. Contact Motlhabani Tema, Box 100 Nswazwi. 74104254

FARM WORKER WANTED Tonota. Pheny Kgosietsile, Box 180 Tonota 74 597 459

FARM WORKER WANTED Senete. Selebogo Moshe, Box 301870 Francistown 76 464 726

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FARMWORKER WANTED (Serowe) Marapo A Thutwa Ranch Box 30299 Serowe 75 903 163

FARM WORKERS WANTED. Farm workers wanted in Ghanzi Kang and Ramotswa. Contact Jonathan John Chansiku, Box 2235 Gaborone, 73 633 280

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Tutume. Box 914 ABG, Gaborone. Call 71 222 064

WANTED FARM WORKER Lebala cattle-post Mmadinare area 71112040.

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LADY FARM WORKER in Tuli-Block. 2 years experience. Duties crop, broiler and layers farming, general farm upkeep. Kindly Contact 72 933 899

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HERDBOY WANTED at Tlokweng. Call: 74199830 Amantle L. Gaseitsiwe Box 246 AAD Gaborone

LADY FARM WORKER WANTED at Mphabatho Farm Lands, South Bobonong. Contact Elizabeth Kadibadiba 75 090 242

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2 FARM WORKERS WANTED by Ruth Kgosietsile Box 315 Lerala. Call: 74 277 912. Closing Date 28/04/26

FARM WORKER WANTED @ Makobo and Dukwi village contact: 71 716 099 Moagi Kokesto Box 900 Francistown

FARM WORKER NEEDED, Malatswane. P O Box 82193 Gaborone. Call 71 787 484

FARM WORKER WANTED at Maun. Contact 75 701 969

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
LOISE KEBIDITSWE	ESHFT-000272-26	27-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST TITLE DEED DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. MA 363/2014 dated the 24th day of April 2014 made in favour of VIVO ENERGY BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of Land being Tribal Lot 1905 Kanye;
SITUATE: at Kanye in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1670m² (One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. MA 363/2014 dated the 24th day of April 2014 made in favour of VIVO ENERGY BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone Email: info@aja.co.bw
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Web: www.aja.co.bw
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LOST MORTGAGE BOND DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Covering Mortgage Bond No. 1693/2014 dated the 24th day of April 2014 passed by CATHERINE NANAKO MANGOLE made in favour of VIVO ENERGY BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of Land being Tribal Lot 1905 Kanye;
SITUATE: at Kanye in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1670m² (One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. MA 363/2014 dated the 24th day of April 2014 made in favour of VIVO ENERGY BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHGB 000175/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late PHONO KGASWANE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone district, Botswana on the 26th day of December 2018.

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 of2026

The Executor, Jonathan Kgaswane, P O Box 601224, GABORONE
CELL: 75962037

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative 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
NKGABISO JOTIA	ESHFT-000186-26	16-06-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Masters Reference ESHFT-000207-26 DRM

IN THE ESTATE of the late CHAA THENJWA who died at Princes Marina Hospital, Gaborone on the 12th July 2008

Notice is hereby given that debtors and creditors in the above are hereby to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 26th FEBRUARY 2026

PHAKAMISA BUTHIYI EXECUTOR DATIVE. P O BOX 10146 LOBATSE AND TO MASTER OF HIGH COURT BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

THE EXECUTOR PHAKAMISA BUTHIYI P O BOX 10146 LOBATSE CELL:71653323

MASTER OF THE HIGHCOURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

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
Gasenone Tefelo	ESHFT-000185-26	01-06-26	09000hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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
OTSILEKAE BOGOPA	ESHFT-000687-24	16-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY Gaborone Electronics (Pty) Ltd

Managerial candidate in the Technical Department.

Experience: Requires a minimum of 10+ years of experience.

Requirements: Experience in service industries will be an added advantage.

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter by hand delivery at Gaborone Electronics (Pty) Ltd Reception or send to:

General Manager | Gaborone Electronics (Pty) Ltd
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Closing Date: 30 April 2026
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NEIGHBOURS ARE INFORMED

That the owner of Plot 4809, Masetlheng, Tlokweng intends to apply for change of land use from Single Residential to Multi-Family Residential and to construct a multi-storey residential building thereon. Any objection should be submitted in writing to the Tlokweng District Council within 14 days of publication of this notice. For enquiries, contact +267 7130 6077.

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: FT MA 182/08 dated 11th day of December 2008 made in favour of Mokibe & Mosinyi Investments Proprietary Limited In respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2273 Serowe
SITUATE : At Serowe in the Bangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING : 1084 m² (One thousand and eighty-four square meters)
HELD UNDER : FT MA 182/2008

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 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

APPLICANT: BOBATENG GODIRWANG MOSINYI

FARM WORKES

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for farm worker in a ploughing field in the Kgatleng area. Pls call 71303330

PAGANGA GROUP is looking for experienced horticulture farm workers. Apply to Box 199 Morwa

EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURAL farm worker needed. Contact Vegetable community at 77 885 222 Phillimon Mompoti.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Bokaa, contact 71 842 088

HERD BOY WANTED Gulushabe, Moathodi Moloi. Box 143 Tonota 71473269

FARM WORKER WANTED, Ditladi. Joshua Lewanika P/Bag F23 Francistown

FARM WORKER WANTED. Tel: 71 858 473

URGENTLY NEEDED ARE 2 farm workers in Boriteng. Call Jael T. Segotlong on 71 781 135

FARM WORKER WANTED Monwane / Mokalalheri lands. Contact 72 290 356, Box 1381 Molepolole

WE ARE LOOKING for a farm worker, experienced in horticulture at Moologe, Mochudi, Gaborone. Contact 73 000 889 / 74 113 455

POULTRY FARM WORKER Boragane farms 71 573 377 / 71388682

FARM WORKER WANTED, Iyaiyane lands near Kgope, P O Box 3630 Gaborone, 72 141 613

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE THAT OWNER of vehicle Toyota GrandHiace Station Wagon, of registration no. B622 BAO cannot be located for transfer of ownership purposes

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000455/25**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Tennant Sebofo Motshwane who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 3rd January 2025.

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

DATED at GABORONE on this 13th day of April 2026.

Executrix Dative
Nthoyapelo Motshwane
P O Box 46519
GABORONE
CELL: 71800245

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that STONIA INC PROPRIETARY LIMITED has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with TAUFEEQ MUGISHA (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of Land being Tribal Lot 26826 Mogoditshane;
SITUATE: in the Kweneng Tribal Area in the Mogoditshane Village/ward;
MEASURING: 22.24 X 36 X 22.24 X 36 m;
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed conditions contained in the aforesaid Lease

Hereafter referred to as (the "Property")

Consideration of the Property amounts to of **P350,000.00** (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula) excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the Transaction. Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Mogoditshane Sub Land Board, P O Box 2, Mogoditshane within **30 (Thirty days)** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS DAY OF MARCH 2026

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Consultant Partner Mark Mckee (Obitoe Bolindi (F1 Att))
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Join B&J GEOCONSULTANTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED (B&J) Mineral Exploration in Botswana

1. Geology Director (1 Position)

Key Requirements:

- Over 10 years of experience managing mineral exploration programs, with proven international exposure.
- Experience in sourcing exploration funding from global investors and partners.
- Qualified in Australian JORC reporting standards (Competent Person status preferred).
- Strong leadership in multidisciplinary teams, with a track record in greenfield exploration.

2. Senior Geologists (2 Positions)

Key Requirements:

- 5+ years in exploration target generation, specifically for magmatic nickel (Cu-Ni-PGE) and sedimentary copper-silver systems.
- Hands-on experience in soil sampling, geological mapping, drilling supervision, and XRF/ geochemical analysis.
- Proficiency in integrating geophysical, geochemical, and structural data for deposit modelling.

3. Junior Geologists (2 Positions)

Key Requirements:

- Recent geology graduates (BSc) with strong academic records in economic geology, petrology, or geochemistry.
- Highly motivated self-starters eager to tackle greenfield targets in rugged terrain.
- Willingness to commit to fieldwork, including soil sampling, mapping, and drilling support.

How to Apply: Send your CV, cover letter outlining your fit for the role, and references to bjcareers1@gmail.com by April 28, 2026. Use the subject line: "Application – [Position Name] – B&J Pty Ltd". Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Contacts: +26771630228.

VACANCIES

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- References from past work experience
- Minimum of 10 years work experience

Interested candidates please submit - 1) covering letter **2)** comprehensive CV **3)** certified copy of BGCSE certificate & Omang **4)** letter of reference from past experience

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IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE GABORONE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT HELD AT VILLAGE

In the matter between:
AFRICA ORIGIN BROKERS PROPRIETARY LIMITED Plaintiff
And
PHINDILE LUKASHE Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO PHINDILE LUKASHE the Defendant, an adult female of full legal capacity, whose particulars are to the Applicant/Plaintiff unknown but otherwise Plot 56554, Mogoditshane. (Hereinafter referred to as Defendant)

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of this Honourable Court, you have been called upon to give notice within twenty-one (21) days after publication hereof to the Clerk of Court and to the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the Plaintiff claims:

- a) Payment of the sum of P15 000.00;
- b) Interest on the aforesaid amount at the rate of 19% per month from 26 February 2023 to date of full and final payment;
- c) Costs of suit on attorney and client scale as per computed from the date of issuing Summons to the finality of the matter;
- d) Further and/or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2026

ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, PLOT 61127, BLOCK 8, GROUND FLOOR, MEDSWANA BUILDING, GABORONE P.O. BOX 27, LOBATSE – TELEPHONE NO. 398 5256 / 73 436 41 (Ref: A74/08/26/MAA/pp1)

VACANCY

A well-established Concrete Roof Tile Manufacturing Company invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of **GENERAL MANAGER** - Business Operations with AI Oversight. Responsible for end-to-end business performance while providing executive oversight of artificial intelligence initiatives to ensure alignment with strategy, operational efficiency, ethical use, and workforce capability development in order to enhance profitability and long-term competitiveness.

Minimum Requirements:

Work Experience

- Minimum of 15 years' progressive professional experience gained within the built environment and/or manufacturing sectors.
- At least 2 years' experience at General Manager level or equivalent senior management role, within the concrete roof tile manufacturing or related industry, with demonstrable responsibility for organisational transformation, strategy execution and operational leadership.
- Proven experience leading, managing, and delivering cross-functional and business-critical projects involving key stakeholders within the built environment sector.
- Ability to provide strategic oversight of Artificial Intelligence initiatives as the organisation transitions to leverage AI for improved operational efficiency and market competitiveness.
- Practical knowledge and application of PRINCE2 project management methodology within a controlled manufacturing environment.

Qualifications

- PRINCE2 Practitioner or equivalent professional project management certification required.
- Minimum Certificate qualification in Artificial Intelligence in Business, Digital Transformation, or a related field required.
- Minimum Certificate qualification in Project Management required.

Key Responsibilities and Competencies

- Translate organisational strategy into structured, measurable programmes, while providing overall leadership of daily operations to ensure the achievement of annual targets and sustained profitability.
- Lead the organisation's AI strategic oversight function, ensuring ethical stewardship, governance, and alignment of AI initiatives with business strategy and objectives to achieve competitive advantage locally and regionally.
- Prepare and present monthly data analytics and performance reports to the Managing Director and Shareholders.
- Ensure full compliance with Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) BOS 24:2009 requirements applicable to concrete roof tile manufacturing.
- Lead and manage BOBS quality audits, ensuring organisational procedures and processes remain compliant at all times.
- Apply in-depth knowledge of PRINCE2 methodologies, tools, techniques and construction materials to ensure that manufacturing and operational processes are effectively controlled.
- Engage effectively with key business stakeholders, formulate and implement strategies and ensure stakeholder expectations are met.
- Demonstrate strong competence in planning, budgeting, productivity improvement, and cost optimisation to drive sustainable profitability.
- Develop, mentor, and build the capacity of management and operational teams.
- Exhibit exceptional leadership, communication, team-building, and client-engagement skills.

Applicants should write, enclosing detailed Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of certificates to:
Human Resources Manager
Radstone (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 50921
Gaborone
Or
Email: ton@tocotex.com
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MISCELLANEOUS

I AM LOOKING FOR LOVEMORE Chihumba of previous address, plot 238 Tsholofelo, concerning a car I bought from him B597BIU, His passport has expired, I want to change ownership. Contact 76344042

VW B946 ADO OWNER wanted exchange ownership. 71 230 190

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OPENING NURSERY BLOCK 3 of excellence. 71 867 795

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAUN ESHMN-000004-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DIANE GAERENE** who died at Kubung ward, Maun, in the Republic of Botswana on the 14th March 2018.

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

Ms. Omatla Precious Gaerene - Executrix
P O BOX 1410, MAUN
74745854

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT-000237-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LINEN VIRGINS MOYO** – ESHFT-000237-24 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana, on the 31st July 2019.

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 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Sikhulile Lindiwe Matikiti Executive Dative
P.O. Box 10361 Palapye | Cell: +267 76562770

Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2026/2018 dated 5th day of November 2018 passed in favour of **THULAGANYO PHAKALANE** in respect of the following:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 9234, Ghanzi;
SITUATE: in Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 1551 m2 (One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty One Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issuance 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 publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

SEROLE & PARTNERS
Plot 462, Extension 4, Montshioa Road, P.O. Box 1679 ABG, Sebele, Gaborone.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ESHGB-000705/24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **RONALD PHOMA** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 2nd March 2017.

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.

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

The Executrix
Gothaloganyamang Phoma
P O Box 396 ABG, Gaborone
+267 76064324

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Requirements

- Fully qualified Chartered Accountant (CA, ACCA, or CPA)
- Minimum 5 years' post-qualification experience in a professional audit/accounting firm
- Strong leadership, communication, and team management skills
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Send applications to:
info@nexia.co.bw
Closing date 14 days from date of publication

PHODISO M. BAITSENG of plot 11429 and 11430 wish to change land use from residential to multiple residential. For any objection contact Gaborone city council physical planning office

KGADIMO SIMON. OWNER of plot 883, Mmopane Block 1, proposes change form single-family to multi-family residential. Objections: Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning Office, 310 5615, within 14 days

VICTONINE BIH TAOLU would like to change land use of residential plot next to Moremogolo depot Gabane to filling station (petrol). For comments call Mogoditshane District Council Tel 313 3345 or write within fourteen days.

I, TEBOGO LINDA KELONEILWE, owner of Plot 41070 at Gaborone, Block 5 would like to change land use from single residential use to multi residential use. For any objections, contact Gaborone Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

BUSINESS PACKAGE CONSULTANTS (Pty) Ltd of Plot No: 2027 notifies the public about the intentions to change land use from family residential to civic and community land use, for any objection contact Selebi -Phikwe Town Council +267 2610570 within (14) days of this publication

KEAMOGETSE MOTLHWE, owner of a ploughing field in Mokata, Otse would like to change land use from agriculture to mixed-use agriculture. For any objection contact Gamalete District Council, Ramotswa, Physical Planning Office on Tel: 538 1200 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OTISITWE THATO OTISITWE of plot 6736 Tlokweng would like to inform neighbors and public of a proposed erection of a boundary wall on his plot. Any enquiries should be directed to Tlokweng district council physical planning on tel 369 5000 within 14 working days.

OWNERS OF PLOT 6476 PITIKWE Lobatse wish to inform neighbours regarding change of use of his plot from residential to commercial guest house. For objection contact 73863092 or Lobatse Town Council.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING
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 relative for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executrix/ Executive 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
SARAH GAOSIWE MANGOPE	ESHMY 000245-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14th APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for the certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 9/2021 dated 05th day of January 2021 made in favour of **DOT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 6835, Lentsweletau
SITUATE: At Lentsweletau (Cadastral 75) in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 966 m2 (Nine Hundred and Sixty Six Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0089, Francistown within 3 (three) weeks of the publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 04TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

NDADI LAW FIRM
P. O. BOX B0130
GABORONE

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000067/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **TLHONGGADI T. NTSIMA** who died at Gaborone North Plot 10129, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 16th December 2023.

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

Executrix Dative Keletso Ntsima P O Box 5181, GABORONE CELL: 73 556 148	Executrix Dative Thothi Tsegogwe Chimombe P O Box 5181, GABORONE CELL: 72 339 757
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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 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 **Executrix/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
GODFREY UNAMI	ESHFT-000292-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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 Executrix/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
JOSEPH P. DINTWA	ESHFT-000282-26	28-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHGB 000771/244

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MOGOBE PHUTHEGELO** and **KENANAO FLORAH PHUTHEGELO** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 13th day of September 2012 and at Dinnokwane Ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe District on the 9th day of May 2024 respectively.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executrix | Debbie Setumo P. O Box 2993 Molepolole | Cell: 71714414

Notice of certified copy of lost deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT of the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy OF Deed No: 2017/99 dated 24th day of November 1999 made in favour of Olivia Mmamonyana Kgotlhang In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land. BEING PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 25194
GABORONE
SITUATE: IN GABORONE WEST EXTENSION 25
MEASURING: 450M² (FOUR HUNDERD AND FIFTY SQUARE METER)
HELD UNDER: CERTIFICATE REGISTERED SATET TITLE NO:942/89 DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1989

JWANENG TOWN COUNCIL Tel : 588 0303
Private Bag 001 JWANENG, Botswana Fax No : 588 2609
Address to : Town Clerk 588 1395

LIQUOR ACT (Cap.43:11) FORM 2 (reg.3(1))

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for a Distribution liquor licence in terms of Section 13 of the Liquor Act (Cap.43:11) in respect of the premises situated at Unit 4 Plot 2422 Goodhope Crescent and the liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Liquor Control Authority on the **21st day of April, 2026**.

Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the licence should within twenty-one (21) days of the last publication of this notice, give notice in writing to the Liquor Control Authority of his intention to oppose the application and state the grounds on which his objection is based.

Company/Business Name: Powertech Botswana T/A Jacaranda Pub Grill and Jacaranda Bottle Store
Address : Plot 2422 Unit 4 Goodhope Crescent | **Submitted by:** Letang Batho Moeketsi
Signature: _____ **Date:** 13th March 2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT NO 4380 Mmathubudukwane, intend to change land use from commercial to single family residential. For any objection call Kgatleng district council physical planning at 5773512 within 14 days from date of publication of this notice. Contact: 71 709 525

SCREENWALL ERECTION at Plot 6917 Mogoditshane Block 7.

OWNER OF LOT 78466 in Gaborone North would like to consult neighbour 78465 and 78471 for the construction of a boundary wall. For any objection neighbours should contact Gaborone Council Physical Planning office within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Topo Lopang Tladi, owner of plot No. 18912 in Mochudi, would like to change use of land from single residential to multi family residential. For any objection contact Kgatleng District council physical planning office on telephone number + 267 577 7411 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Oak acquisitions (Pty) Ltd : owner plot 34951 block 8 would like to inform the public of their intentions to change use from single family to multifamily residential. For any inquiries contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning on telephone line. 365 7400 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 427 DIGAWANA wishes to inform his neighbours regarding change of use of her plot from residential to commercial guest house. For objections contact 71 551 487 or Goodhope District Council

OWNER OF PLOT 33891, Gerald Estate Francistown wishes to change land use from single family to multi-family residential. Contact Francistown City Council 241 2788 or physical planning office within 14 days of publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of portion 9, a portion of portion 211 of portion 3 at Kgale proposes to change land use of the plot to multi-family residential. Objections shall be forwarded to GaMolete District Council, Physical Planning at 538 1200 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT NO 4377 Mmathubudukwane, intend to change land use from commercial to single family residential. For any objection call Kgatleng district council physical planning at 577 3512 within 14 days from date of publication of this notice. Contact: 71 709 525

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6. Welders x 4
7. Safety Health Officer x 1

Qualifications and experience.

- * Class one Journey man certificate or relevant tradesman qualification
 - *Minimum of 8 years post apprenticeship experience in related field.
 - *Be familiar with surface mining equipment, preventative maintenance practices and fault finding abilities on earth moving equipment (Shovels, Drills, Excavators, Dump trucks)
 - *Ability to work with minimum supervision
 - *Clean and valid Driver' licence.
- Project management will be an added advantage
Applicants should submit cvs,trade certificates,and previous appointments to;

The Human Resources Manager
mindvalleyprojects@gmail.com
Closing date 04 May 2026

OWNER OF PLOT 562, MMOPANE Block- 1 would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objections, contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning office on 3105651 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER PLOT 15919, Ramfurwa ward, Tlokweg wishes to change land use from single residential to multi residential. Consent sought from neighbours, owners of plot 15917, 15918 and 15920. To view drawings contact Thabo at 71612915 or Tlokweg District Council Planning Department

OWNER OF PLOT no. 9162 Palapye, Extension 7 intends to change land use from single to multi family residential. Anyone with objections should contact Palapye physical planning office at 493 0889

BACHELOR PAD FOR SALE S/ Phikwe Phase 2- P500K, - Plot with 1 room, Letlhakane Zowa Tawana Extension P200K,-Incomplete Guest house, Ring beam level Kazungula flower town-P 1.1 mil, Contact 75217189 / 72 934 580

NETSCAPE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD Owner of plot 4611, Gabane would like to change land use from Industrial to mixed use (Light industrial and commercial). Neighbours are requested to contact 78 720 212.

PROPERTIES

RESIDENTIAL PLOT for sale at Otse. Land estimated approximately: 31x21x31x36. Contact Dikabelo Kebasupe. Cell: 78 435 941 / 72956681

BACHELOR PAD FOR SALE S/ Phikwe Phase 2- P500K, - Plot with 1 room, Letlhakane Zowa Tawana Extension P200K,-Incomplete Guest house, Ring beam level Kazungula flower town-P1.1 mil, Contact 75217189 / 72 934 580

VACANCIES

POINT-OUT EMPIRE (Pty) Ltd Tailor / Designer. Certificate, 3 years + wedding garmets plot 50449 Gaborone. Closing date April 30th 2026. Tel 78 538 988

SHARPS CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD looking for water treatment specialist qualification. Chef 3/10 years of work experience. Email: bonacn@163.com

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VAN & TRUCK HIRE (PTY) LTD looking for site agent with diploma / degree, 3/5 yeras of work experience. Email: bonacn@163.com

TAILOR FASHION DESIGNER wanted in Kasane. Apply To Mr Kalundu P. O. Box 222 Kasane Closing Date 2/5/2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 001348-25
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late **BEATRICE MATSHAZI ESHFT:001 348-25** who died at JOHANNESBURG REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, on the 06TH JUNE 2026
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.
DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
DERICK KHUMALO EXECUTOR DATIVE +27711909731/ +267 71380226 dkhumz@gmail.com P O BOX 10547,TATITOWN
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
LETLHOGONOLO MAKOMBO	ESHFT-000098-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative 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
KEGANNE MPOMBA	ESHFT-000623-24	09-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: ESHGB 000060/25
IN THE ESTATE of the late **CONSTANCE T. MOMPEI** who died at Sedilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 22nd October 2024.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors of the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication hereof.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY OF APRIL 2026.

THE EXECUTRIX DATIVE	EXECUTOR DATIVE
Refitwe Doris Marathe c/o Chibanda Makgalemele P.O. Box 1401 GABORONE Tel: 3911503/71680514	Seretse Mmusi Mompei c/o Chibanda Makgalemele P.O. Box 1401 GABORONE Tel: 3911503/71680514

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: ESHGB-001674-25
IN THE ESTATE of the late **MMABONTLE KENOSI** who died along AI Road, Dibete, Central- Mahalapye District Republic of Botswana on the 18th November 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 aon this..... Day of.....2026.
The Executor Dative, Lemogang Ricardo Kenosi, P O Box 112, Palapye, Tel: 72786479

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative 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
KEBABONYE NYOKA	ESHFT-000267-26	01.06.26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 939/2012 dated 25th day of April 2012 passed in favour of **GALOITSIWE HADSON KGARI** in respect of the following:

CERTAIN:	piece of land being Lot 2426, Ghanzi;
SITUATE:	in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING:	778 m2 (Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issuance 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 publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.
SEROLE & PARTNERS
Plot 462, Extension 4,
Montshioa Road, P. O. Box
1679 ABG, Sabele, Gaborone.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative 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
TJALIPA MOKOBI	ESHMY-000159-26	15-06-26	0900hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED
NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for the certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. MA 357/2021 dated 19th day of April 2021 made in favour of **DOT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN:	Piece of land being Tribal Lot 7491, Molepolole
SITUATE:	At Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING:	3200 m2 (Three Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0089, Francistown within 3 (three) weeks of the publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 04TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.
NDADI LAW FIRM
P. O. BOX 80130
GABORONE

NOTICE FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed No: 25554/2008 dated 13th day of October 2008 made in favour of **SHAMUKUNI JAMES MUNISOLA** In respect of:

CERTAIN	: Piece of land being LOT 2950, GABORONE
SITUATE	: IN GABORONE EXTENSION 10
MEASURING	: 1099 m2, ONE THOUSAND AND NINETY NINE SQUARE METRES
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All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same 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 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
IRENE NSALA RAMOKATE
APPLICANT

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
SOPHIE MMAKOMA SERETSIS	ESHFT-000091/26	28-05-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KGOSIEMANG RANKAE MOSEKI	ESHMY 000310-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



New Era College representatives taking prospective students through the courses they offer during the Botswana Human Resource Development Skills Fair and Career Clinics in Gaborone on Tuesday. Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele said the country's future prosperity depended on its ability to equip the youth with relevant, industry-driven skills that enhanced innovation and productivity. Photo: Felicity Male

Career fair unlocks youth employability

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

As the world stands on the brink of a technological revolution, marked by uncertainty and rapidly evolving challenges, the ability of people to remain relevant and competitive has become critical. Against this backdrop,

tertiary education aspirants have once again been given an opportunity to access information and resources aimed at empowering them to make informed academic and career choices.

Speaking at the official opening of the 15th annual Botswana Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) Skills Fair and Career Clinics, Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele, said a nation's economic resilience depended on the strength and adaptability of its human capital.

"It is not only about possessing the right academic certificates acquired through conventional literature anymore but employers seek a well-rounded workforce that is fit for purpose, agile, has refined soft-skills, and possesses admirable behavioural competencies," he said.

Mr Maele emphasised that government remained committed to developing future labour capabilities by investing in industry-relevant training that was digitally aligned and capable of fostering entrepreneurship across key sectors of the economy.

"To move in tandem with the world, we will revitalise and modernise Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). When integrated into national development strategies, TVET has the potential to become a transformative tool for economic diversification and social progress," he said.

This year's theme: Creative Futures: Unlocking Skills, Culture and Innovation for Youth Employability, underscores the importance of harnessing arts, culture, and creativity as drivers of economic diversification beyond the country's traditional diamond-led economy.

HRDC Chief Executive Officer, Professor Alinah Segobye, said the theme built on last year's focus on transforming TVET as a catalyst for economic diversification.

"It reflects the growing significance of creativity, innovation, and cultural expression as drivers of inclusive economic growth and sustainable development," she said.

The event has attracted more than 50 exhibitors from government, private sector, educational institutions, and industry, including over eight international universities.

Among them is the Tshwane University of Technology, whose representative, Ms Mmaphuti Mohlala, said Botswana remained a key target market due to the quality of its students. She added that geographic proximity also made Botswana an attractive partner for academic collaboration.

The career fair, which runs from April 14 to 17, is expected to expand to Francistown and Maun in the coming weeks to reach a broader audience. **BOPA**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference : ESHGB 00043024

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.

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 Mochudi on this 14th Day of April 2026

THE EXECUTRIX | Kabo Bonang Molemi
P O Box 201214, MOCHUDI | Cell: 74 662 743

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

ESHFT 000078-21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOGOMOTSI MAROPE- ESHFT 000078-21 who died at Tonota Clinic, Central District on the 06th August 2021.

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

DATED AT FRANCIETOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Gabathale Marope Executive Dative Master of the High Court
P. O. Box 30916 FRANCIETOWN | Cell: +267 76562770 Private Bag F13 FRANCIETOWN

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT PALAPYE

H/W SEBETELA

CASE NO; CCMPY- 000030-22

In the matter between;

TJANDAPIWA THIBE

PLAINTIFF

AND

LAVENDER NDUBO

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following property of the above named Defendant will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff OOKEDITSE MASOLOTATE to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 4th May 2026
TIME : 11:00 a.m.
VENUE : Lot 14364, Extension 11/ Palapye

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : A piece of land being a residential plot being Lot 14364, Extension 11/ Palapye, measuring 36.00 X 22.00 X 36.00 X 22.00M, fenced only made in favour of Lavender Ndubo

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques

DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH 2026

C/O DUBANI & COMPANY (Plaintiff's Attorneys)
P.O. BOX 10469, POTA, PALAPYE
TEL: 74 724 543 / 75 223 621 / 492 0132

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY AT MMADINARE BY ELBOW GREASE INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD

Elbow Grease Investment (Pty) Ltd intends to establish an incineration facilities for medical waste which involves the combustion of organic substances contained in health care waste to promote good medical waste management and disposal. The plot covers an area measuring approximately 1661 m² at Mmadinare Village. The site is envisaged to have incineration plant, site offices, parking lot, cold room, changing rooms with showers and toilets and fly ash storage etc.

The anticipated impacts of the project include:

Positive Impacts:	Negative Impacts:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment opportunities • Improved management of hazardous medical waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential of Unpleasant odors • Risk of Fire Occurrence • Risk of infections from contact with medical waste

The purpose of this notice is to invite the general public, interested and affected parties and relevant stakeholders to attend a consultation meeting to contribute their views and concerns with regards to the proposed developments. The meeting schedule is as shown below:

Venue	Date	Time
Mmadinare Kgotla	5 th May 2026	09:00 hours

Any comments and queries regarding the implementation of the project should be addressed to the following:

Geo Greenscape Consultancy (Pty) Ltd
P.O Box 1896, Molepolole
Cell: +267 74 400530
Email: geogreenscapeconsultancy@gmail.com

KITISO MO SECHABENG

TSHEKATSHEKO YA SEEMO SA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE GO AGA LEFELO LA TSHUBO LESWE LA DIKOKELO KWA MOTSENG WA MMADINARE E E DIRWANG KE BA ELBOW GREASE INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD

Ba kompone ya Elbow Grease Investment (Pty) Ltd ba eletsa go latlha leswe le le tswang kwa di kokelong ka tselo e e siameng, ese diphatsa ka go aga lefelo la tshubo leswe la dikokelo. Lefelo le dikago di a go agiwang mo lone le selekanyo sa 1661 m² kwa motseng wa Mmadinare. Go solofetswe fa lefelo le tlaa nna le dikago tsa maranyane a tshubang leswe, diofisi, lefelo le dikoloi di emang teng, lefelo la setsidifatsi, mantlo a babereki ba ipaakanyetsang teng ga mmogo le mantlo a bothapelo le boitekiso, le lefelo le go beelwang molora wa leswe le le tshubilweng.

Ditlamorago tsa tiro e e ka nna tse di latelang:

Ditlamorago tse di molemo:	Ditlamorago tse di bosula:
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Mosola wa kitsiso e ke go tthagisa baagisanyi le botlhe ba ba amegang ka tiro e e tla dirwang le go tsaya megopolo ya morafe mabapi le ditlhabololo tse. Morafe o lalediwa go tla phuthegong ka letsatsi le ka nako e e beilweng fa tlase:

Lefelo	Letsatsi	Nako
Mmadinare Kgotla	5 th Motsheganong 2026	09:00 mo mosong

Dikakgelo le dipotso mabapi le tiro e, di ka romelwa kwa aterseng e e fa tlase:

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1.VACANCY: COST & MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Location: Lobatse

Job Summary

We are seeking a highly analytical and detail-oriented Cost & Management Accountant to join our dynamic manufacturing team. The successful candidate will be responsible for monitoring, analysing, and optimizing production costs, ensuring accurate financial reporting, and supporting strategic decision-making within the plant.

This role is critical in driving cost efficiency, improving profitability, and supporting operational excellence in a fast-paced manufacturing environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop, implement, and maintain cost accounting systems and procedures
- Analyse production costs, variances, and manufacturing efficiencies
- Prepare and review standard costing models for products
- Conduct monthly stock valuations and reconciliations
- Monitor raw material usage, wastage, and yield performance
- Partner with production teams to identify cost-saving opportunities
- Prepare budget forecasts and track actual vs budget performance
- Ensure compliance with financial policies and reporting standards
- Generate detailed management reports to support decision-making
- Assist with audits and financial controls within the plant

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting / Finance / Cost Accounting
- Professional qualification (e.g., CIMA / ACCA) will be an added advantage
- Minimum 10–15 years' experience in a manufacturing environment
- Strong knowledge of cost accounting principles and inventory management
- Experience with ERP systems (e.g., SAP, Sage, Syspro, or similar)
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel
- Strong analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills

Key Competencies

- Attention to detail and high level of accuracy
- Strong business and commercial acumen
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Excellent stakeholder engagement skills
- Proactive and results-driven mindset

2.VACANCY: SALES & MARKETING MANAGER – CPVC

Job Summary

We are looking for a dynamic and results-driven Sales & Marketing Manager –

CPVC to lead the growth of our CPVC product portfolio within the plumbing and construction sector.

The successful candidate will be responsible for developing and executing sales strategies, expanding market share, building strong client relationships, and positioning the company as a leading supplier of CPVC piping solutions.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement sales and marketing strategies for CPVC products
- Drive revenue growth and achieve sales targets across key markets
- Identify and secure new business opportunities within the construction, plumbing, and infrastructure sectors
- Build and maintain strong relationships with contractors, engineers, distributors, and project managers
- Conduct market research and competitor analysis to identify trends and opportunities
- Manage and grow the distribution network across Botswana and the SADC region
- Lead product positioning, branding, and marketing campaigns
- Provide technical product support and training to clients where required
- Prepare sales forecasts, reports, and budgets
- Collaborate with production and supply chain teams to ensure product availability

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in Sales, Marketing, Business Management, or related field
- Minimum 10–15 years' experience in sales within plastic manufacturing, piping, or construction materials
- Strong knowledge of CPVC / PVC piping systems is highly advantageous
- Proven track record in achieving and exceeding sales targets
- Experience managing key accounts and distribution channels
- Valid driver's license and willingness to travel in SADC Countries

Key Competencies

- Strong leadership and team management skills
- Excellent negotiation and communication abilities
- Commercial and strategic thinking
- Customer-focused with strong relationship-building skills
- Self-motivated and performance-driven

3.VACANCY: ELECTRONIC SECTION MANAGER

Job Summary

We are seeking a highly skilled and experienced Electronic Section Manager to lead and manage all electronic and automation functions within our manufacturing plant. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring

optimal performance of electronic systems, minimizing downtime, and driving continuous improvement in automation and control processes across the facility.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversee maintenance and operation of all electronic, PLC, and automation systems within the plant
- Lead troubleshooting and repair of electrical and electronic faults on machinery and production lines
- Manage and optimize SCADA systems, sensors, drives, and control panels
- Develop and implement preventative maintenance programs to reduce downtime
- Supervise and mentor the electrical/electronics team
- Collaborate with production teams to improve machine efficiency and output
- Ensure compliance with safety standards and electrical regulations
- Support installation and commissioning of new equipment and upgrades
- Maintain documentation of systems, processes, and maintenance records
- Drive innovation in automation and process improvement initiative

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Electrical / Electronic Engineering or related field
- Minimum 10–15 years' experience in a Plastic Manufacturing environment
- Strong experience with PLCs, VFDs, and industrial automation systems
- Experience working with extrusion, injection moulding, or similar plastic processing machinery is advantageous
- Knowledge of SCADA systems and industrial communication protocols
- Proven leadership experience managing technical teams

Key Competencies

- Strong problem-solving and fault-finding skills
- Leadership and team management ability
- High attention to detail and safety awareness
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment
- Strong planning and organizational skills

Interested Candidates may send their application to,

The Group HR Manager,
Radical Investments (Pty) Ltd t/a Flotek Pipes & Irrigation,
P.O Box 10723, Lobatse; Plot 2132, Woodhall Industrial, Lobatse.
Phone: +267 5332180, Fax: + 267 5333146

Or email: recruitment@flotekafrika.com

Closing Date: 05th MAY 2026



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KITSISO

The Military Veterans Office cordially requests the assistance of the public in locating the following individuals, who are former members of the Botswana Defence Force. Members or relatives are kindly requested to contact our office during work hours at 369 8679 / 369 8676 / 369 8673, or visit us at the Ministry of Sport and Arts Building, CBD Gaborone, Floor 2, Office 33. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Rele Ofisi ya Masole a Pele (Military Veterans), re kopa Sechaba gore thusa go batlisiwa batho kana masika a baba latelang ba eneng ele masole asa tlholeng ale mo tirong. Masika kana beng ba maina a baka ikgolaganya le ofisi ya rona mo megaleng e latelang ka dinako tsa pereko 369 8679 / 369 8676 / 369 8673, kana baka etela ofisi ya rona mo Gaborone CBD, Dikago tsa Lephata la Metshameko le Botaki. Re lebogela thuso ya lona.

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1 Abednico Bakani	35 Gontsejang Sempame	69 Lesego Kitso	103 Morapedi Phemelo	137 Pontsho Gabatshwane
2 Albert Molefe	36 Gopolang Mogotsi	70 Letsebe Ramagata	104 Moremedi Tatlhelelo	138 Potako Ben
3 Andrew McIntyre	37 Gosekwang Malebogo	71 Lovemore Patson	105 Moring Ontswete	139 Quinton Harvey
4 Archduke Isaac Diloru	38 Innocent Banda	72 Luka Kenosi Toteng	106 Mosiwa Luke	140 Rabashimane Dithupa
5 Armstrong Amise	39 James Manne	73 Luke Abram	107 Mothowe Tapaphiwa	141 Raymond M Tumelo
6 Atlarelang Rammapudi	40 Joseph Tsiane	74 Macdonald Kgomanyane	108 Mothusi Matlotse	142 Resego Akanyang
7 Bachoni Moabi	41 Justice Makgetho	75 Makaka Frank	109 Motiemang Oarabetswe	143 Robert Banogi
8 Badisa Ambrose	42 Justice Mmereki	76 Marumo Benjamin	110 Motlhalafi Sello	144 Robert Marope
9 Bashi Balebile Sethomola	43 Kabelo Maswe	77 Marumo Michael	111 Motsewetshe John	145 Ronald Dintsi
10 Batlhalefi Gabolwelwe	44 Kabelo Pego	78 Maseru Morerinyana	112 Motshwariemang Balang	146 Royal Mathumo
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12 Bengani Nthara	46 Kago Modongo	80 Matshuba Jacob	114 Mpho Peter Sebonego	148 Samuel Higgs Nkgare
13 Bibo Begane	47 Kaparanga Kadombe	81 Mbakiso Merafhe	115 Naiko King	149 Samuel Sebeso
14 Biggie P. Chidoda	48 Keaiketse Kereng	82 Michael Moshotle	116 Netto Gaonyadiwe	150 Sepelong Mokwena
15 Billy Palai	49 Keatlaetse Setlhabi	83 Michael Motswasejane	117 Nkaelang Tebele	151 Sesupo Utlwanang
16 Billy Ramaselwane	50 Kebaitse Kebaitse	84 Michael Rakgwasi	118 Nkobela Solomon	152 Setlhoko Mokoti
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Death row cell: Where dawn is memory and the grave is roommate

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

A heavily guarded metal door swings open. Entrance is restricted and monitored by guards.

As it shuts, the bang alone tells the story of confinement inside a maximum prison.

Inside, there are no chairs, no beds. Men in maroon uniforms sit on the cold concrete with their backs to the wall. All is utter silence.

The television set is switched off, and the cards they use to beat the wait for eternity or life have been surrendered.

This is Gaborone Central Prison's death row inmate Cell 10. Its neighbour is Cell 11, which houses the overflow of death row inmates.

Above the cells' dayroom, underwear dries on the rebar, layered with razor wire, like wilted flags of surrender.

The inmates, eight in Cell 11 and twelve in Cell 10, sit here, as it is the only place they get a touch of sunlight in a place starved of it.

Here, they see the sun for a moment and feel it from far enough to know it exists, but never enough to bask.

Some have been here for years, others for months. On all of them, remorse is written across their faces, but remorse changes nothing.

For some, appeals have failed,

for others, pardon lingers, and hangman keeps a calendar known only to him.

"We know we have committed offences and we have accepted that. This is a punishment like any other. It is what the law says," said Gobuamang Ntsuape, a man who has been on death row since 2022.

At some point, fear engulfed him, but he was comforted by the realisation that the law has to take its course, adding that the death penalty should be deemed like any other punishment, with no heavy escorts and sirens.

As for Thomas Moeng, convicted of murder in 2021, the waiting is not without questions and hopelessness over a judicial system that failed him, even on the verge of death.

"I did not file for an appeal," he said, and his reason was that the period set for appeal had lapsed owing to a delay by the court in furnishing him with papers for his appeal, thus shutting the door on his appeal intention.

He believes that were it not for the delay in his case law, his sentence could have been overturned, adding that for his August 2021 conviction for a 2006 murder, the court relied on witness statements of deceased persons.

With the window of appeal shut, Moeng stands among the longest-serving inmates awaiting capital punishment, and knows his fate lies in the hands of the



ON GUARD...Gaborone Central Prison, where heavily secured cells 10 and 11 hold about 20 death row inmates, confined under strict surveillance and await their fate. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

President, having been left by the previous President languishing in the dreadful Cell 10.

"Buisanyang le ba molao lo baakanye late filing," he said, explaining that for capital punishment, accused persons should fall by their case merits, not legal technicalities.

Another challenge facing inmates is that some pro deo lawyers desert them after conviction, pointing out

that their services covered only up to the trial.

This leaves inmates on their own, despite lacking the expertise to manoeuvre legal requirements to file an appeal case before court, at times, even if they try, they can still have their appeals not heard because they skipped some processes.

Among all the 20 inmates, not all have managed to have their appeals

heard, but they are well aware that if fate had allowed, the Court of Appeal could have overturned their verdicts or even set them free. But that is water under the bridge. While other inmates have given up, Mooketsi Simba Mampori has opted not to give up.

He is appealing to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR), whose jurisdiction extends to countries that have ratified the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the establishment of the court.

"I am done with the Court of Appeal, and only waiting for what could happen," said the former Botswana Defence Force commando, further accusing prison officials of stalling the filing of his papers to the AfCHPR.

Another convict, Motlatsi Kgotho, has given up the fight and only waits for his day.

"We stay for a very long time here," said the man convicted in 2023, adding he has shifted focus to fighting sugar diabetes amid medication supply challenges.

As for Atholung Mujangi, the cells can be dreadful until one accepts their fate, noting that those outside should think deeply on the issue of capital punishment.

"When you look at suicide cases, one wonders if the death sentence does not set our people's minds to think that some problems can only be resolved by death," he said.

A former police officer also known as Two Meter, Mujangi was convicted for the murder of a Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital nurse in 2014. While his life and those of fellow death row inmates lie in the hands of fate, he believes there is need to offer counselling for the immediate family members of the convicts after a sentence is passed. The death sentence, he said, weighs heavily on immediate family members, noting his child could not afford to write Form Five examinations due to depression.

Casting light on why loved ones should be helped, through counselling, to come to terms with the fate of convicts, he reckons that since in most cases the offences in question are the convict's only brush with the law, and that they usually lead lives free of offending while their trial unfolds, their sentencing brings about a lot of emotional trauma for their families.

In his case, during the period between the commission of the offence and his sentencing, Mujangi operated a public transport taxi for over seven years, a period during which he did not commit any crime, painting him to his loved ones as a family member in good standing, who only erred at some point.

The death row inmate partially blamed the training that recruits in the defence force and police service as contributing to cases of murder, alleging that they were trained to use force and violence, which can then introduce officers to such behaviour.

Although constrained within the prison walls, Mujangi believes those awaiting a date with the hangman can be of use to the fight against gender-based violence and having lived life as a perpetrator of the ill.

Currently, the country has about 20 death row inmates, most of whom are not repeat offenders, waiting for clemency or execution. **BOPA**



KGK JEWELRY BOTSWANA PTY. LTD.

14 April 2026

PRODUCTION MANAGER

KGK JEWELRY BOTSWANA (Pty) Ltd is a jewelry manufacturing company seeking passionate, driven, candidates to fill in the below posts: **Production Manager, Jewelry Repair Technician, Jewellery cad designer, Jewellery artisan-Refining, Jewellery artisan-Filing, Jewellery artisan-casting/waxing, Jewellery artisan-Setting, Jewellery artisan-Polishing**

Responsibilities:

- Managing and running the KGK Jewelry factory.
- Proven leadership skills.
- Implementing lean manufacturing practices in the factory.
- Analysing and reporting about the day to day production in the departments.
- Strategizing & liaising with the management team.
- Planning and organizing production schedules.
- Analysing production process to identify areas for improvement in efficiency and cost savings.
- Conduct workforce training and development.
- Supervise a range of skilled and unskilled workers.
- Ensure quality controls and equipment maintenance programs are enforced.

Qualification & Experience

- BGCSE
- At least 10 years in Jewellery manufacturing.
- Proven leadership skills.
- Experience in negotiation and building relationship with suppliers.
- Computer literacy.
- Ability to manage dynamic and changing workforce as well being able to work extremely well under pressure.

Jewellery artisan-Refining, Jewellery artisan-Filing, Jewellery artisan-casting/waxing/, Jewellery artisan-polishing

Responsibilities

- Inspect and identify jewellery pieces for repair.
- Perform repairs, resizing and adjustments on various types of jewellery.
- Create custom jewellery pieces based on customer's requests and specifications.
- Use specialized tools & equipment's to solder, weld and engrave jewellery pieces.
- Familiarity with Jewellery industry standards and regulations.

MINIMUM SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Professional qualification in jewellery manufacturing.
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And

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Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

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Arts & Culture



Around the Fire With... unites creatives



Poetry enthusiasts during one of the sessions of the new initiative 'Around the Fire With...' a series of fortnightly poetry readings, storytelling and acoustic music sessions held at the Nhabe Museum.

By Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Poetavango has introduced a new initiative, *Around the Fire With...*, a series of fortnightly poetry readings, storytelling and acoustic music sessions held at the Nhabe Museum.

Presented in partnership with Nhabe Museum, the event provides poets, writers and musicians a platform to share and promote their work.

Alongside regular Poetavango artists, the series also will feature guest performers from the local community and beyond.

Set in the traditional Kgotla and fittingly around a fire, the sessions offer an intimate, community-driven cultural experience.

It gives the audience an opportunity a fulfilling evening to just sit there and listen to a team of young and energetic poets display artistic talent.

The first official session was launched last month and attracted a lot of attention from locals and international visitors, all of whom wanted to unwind in a calm atmosphere and enjoy storytelling and poetry under the stars.

Poetavango chairperson, Legodile Seganabeng, told BOPA that initiative benefitted not only artists but the wider community since visual artists were also invited to set up stalls and promote their arts and crafts during the sessions.

Since Maun is a tourism-driven

town, the event he said also sought to provide a regular arts and culture destination where visitors get to experience life beyond wildlife and the Okavango Delta.

Seganabeng said the initiative was necessitated by the overwhelming success of the special well attended event held last year at the Nhabe museum in which the renowned South African storyteller Gcina Mhlophe performed.

The guest artist ignited the audience through unique blend of charismatic performance, deep cultural connection and "that evening revealed a clear demand for regular gatherings of this kind and in response, we launched *Around the Fire With...* as a recurring event taking place twice monthly on Thursday evenings," he added.

Each session features one featured performer (poet, storyteller, or musician) for one hour, followed by a 30-minute open mic segment and sessions run from 6:30pm to 8:00pm designed to give attendees time to unwind after work and still return home at a reasonable hour.

Admission is free, though donations are encouraged, all of which go directly to the featured artist as a gesture of support and appreciation.

Seganabeng further revealed that before the COVID-19 pandemic, Poetavango hosted "Poetic Wordsdays" every other

Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm and such events proved that the community craves a midweek outlet to decompress while weekends are often filled with high-energy activities.

Around the Fire With ... initiative, he said revives that spirit, offering a calm, creative breather in the middle of the week.

He also appreciated that the open mic segment transforms the event from a passive performance into an active, communal experience as they discover new talents.

One of Poetavango artists, Goodwill Tlokwe who recently mesmerized a live audience drawing them into the world of poetic beauty and a raw emotion through a commanding stage presence concurred that the initiative has a lot of benefits as it keeps them ready for the world stage.

Poetavango, he said was an international movement and as such they could be invited to perform at some events beyond the borders any time hence the need to perform regularly to deliver quality product that would inspire and connect communities, leaving a lasting impression on those in attendance.

He also highlighted that the performing regularly was a powerful catalyst as it forces artists to create new content/material as well as an opportunity to test, observe audience reactions

and 'this informs us on what works, what needs editing and what poem is likely to become a hit,' he added hailing the initiative as a welcome development.

Through a variety of initiatives, Poetavango Spoken Word organisation's mission endeavours

to bridge the gap between artistic performance and local life.

Its aim is to promote spoken word poetry, through festivals, workshops, and regular community events, to dispel perceptions that poetry neglected part of the arts.. **BOPA**

Nightclub owners call for level playing field

By Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Nightclub owners are calling for equal compliance standards across Botswana's entertainment sector after government allowed bars to trade 24 hours during the 2025 festive season and recent Easter holidays.

The pilot initiative was meant to stimulate the economy, encourage a 24-hour business culture, and create jobs. But operators say it has skewed competition in favor of bars.

At a media briefing this week, the Night Clubs and Bar Association argued that nightclubs face stricter, costly regulations than bars.

"We pay higher license fees, invest in soundproof equipment

and provide enhanced security.

"These costs push our prices up compared to bars, which were not held to the same standards," said association representative Gilbert Seagile.

Seagile added that round-the-clock bar trading allowed bars to 'operate as nightclubs without meeting the same compliance obligations.'

The result, he said, is patrons choosing bars over clubs, creating unfair competition.

Association representative Hapex Guru said a 24-hour entertainment economy is not new, but it has historically worked within a balanced ecosystem of bars, nightclubs, bottle stores and liquor wholesalers.

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Botswana Night Clubs and Bar Association representatives, Gilbert Seagile (left) and Happy Khumalo during a media briefing in Gaborone on Wednesday. The association argued that allowing bars to operate 24 hours without meeting the same compliance standards as nightclubs created unfair competition. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Nightclub owners call for level playing field

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“We therefore call for a level playing field and compliance of bars which nightclubs adhere to.” Meanwhile, the Botswana Entertainment Promoters Association (BEPA) has rejected the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima’s assertion that the Easter 24-hour economy pilot was a success.

In a statement, BEPA said the claim was made without credible or independently verified data and does not reflect the realities faced by the creative and entertainment sectors.

“The assertion has been made without the presentation of any credible, verifiable, or independently assessed data, and stands in direct contradiction to the realities experienced across the creative and entertainment sectors, as well as indications

emerging from law enforcement and public service systems,” said a media statement from BEPA.

The association said extended bar operating hours have had an immediate negative impact on artists, promoters and event organisers.

According to BEPA, the shift had reduced the viability of organised events, as patrons increasingly opt for bars where entertainment is freely available, rather than attending ticketed shows.

BEPA said the trend undermined structured performances that relied on ticket sales and formal production investment, effectively collapsing the commercial viability of events.

BEPA warned that ‘this can force industry players into informal and unsustainable operations ultimately weakening the creative economy. **BOPA**

Mogobye rising hip-hop voice



Joel Mogobye AKA Trust Found, is carving his path in the hip-hop scene.

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

From Boswelakoko Ward in Molepolole, Joel Mogobye, popularly known in the music circle as Trust Found, is carving his path in Botswana’s hip-hop scene.

His journey began at 14 years-old, performing at local events such as the England Brothers’ Music Celebration and the Mokwena Show, among others.

“My journey in the arts has been a wild ride,” he reflects.

Music to him is more than entertainment, but a way of expressing himself and connecting with others.

Yet, like many local artistes, he has faced challenges, particularly financial constraints; Transport, recording costs, clothing for stage presence, and bouts of self-doubt have tested his resolve.

His vision is clear: to inspire people, recognise talent from a young age and tell stories that bring communities together.

“My music is about telling stories, sharing experiences, and encouraging Batswana to support child talent from an early age,” he explained.

Trust’s role model was the late Dramaboi, whose songs he once performed for friends before writing his own.

Today, he is not only a rapper but also a songwriter. “I do not just wake up and write a song. I observe, reflect on my experiences, and share them with my fans,” he said.

Growing up surrounded by hip-hop enthusiasts, he was naturally drawn into the genre’s rhythm and energy.

Among his singles, his favourite track is Bokamoso, which urges young people to make careful decisions and avoid the destructive path of drugs.

“It is about ensuring the future is not lost to regret,” he advised, and appealed to the Ministry of Sports and Arts to support local artistes. **BOPA**

Molepolole International Book Festival slated for April 25

Booster Mogapi
MOLEPOLOLE

Award winning storyteller and writer, Lebogang Mogotsi is organising the first Molepolole International Book Festival (MIBF). The event is slated for April 25 at the Village Gate mall in Molepolole.

Mogotsi said the unveiling book festival will celebrate writers around the world who are shaping culture and inspiring readers through their works.

She said the debut MIBF will be held under the theme: Galaxies of Stories, Rewriting Tomorrow and aimed at fostering a vibrant culture of reading and writing by connecting readers directly with authors.

Mogotsi said the book festival would also create a platform where literacy diversity was celebrated as well as promoting local storytelling.

She said in an era where the reading and culture had been dwindling over the years, the festival would bring readers and writers together to share their stories and inspire one another.

The award winning author, who is also the director of Dinaletsana Tsa Botswana Children’s Writing Alliance said was dedicated in working with children, conserving

and preserving Botswana’s rich cultural heritage among young people.

Mogotsi said the book festival would therefore bring writers under one roof where they network and sell their work to people.

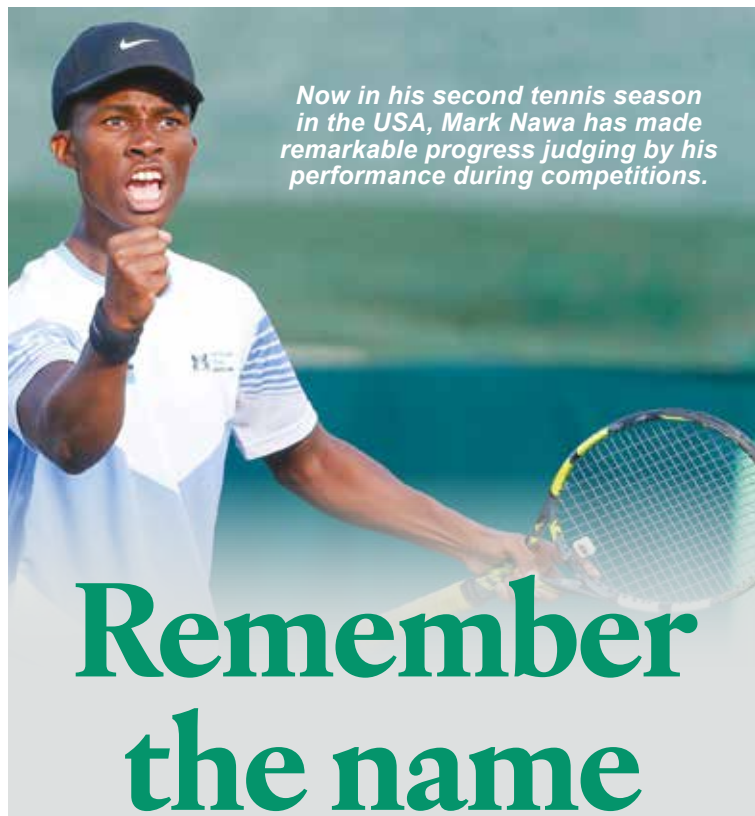
She further said the event would feature a panel discussion on writing, where celebrated writers both locally and internationally would take centre stage.

She added that young writers will get an opportunity to meet heroic writers. Mogotsi has extended the invite to school going children and parents.

“Children get inspiration from seeing younger writers showing their work and that can ignite their passion for writing. Authors are like prophets, they speak that which is communicated to them in their mind, and put it on paper to be read by everyone,” she said.

Mogotsi added that some authors have long died but their work continue to be celebrated and inspire many in a positive way, as a legacy has been left behind and the world will continue to cherish and enjoy great authors.

Mogotsi has appealed to sponsors to render all the necessary support and turn the book festival into a memorable event. **BOPA**



Now in his second tennis season in the USA, Mark Nawa has made remarkable progress judging by his performance during competitions.

Remember the name

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Mark Nawa! The name without doubt rings a bell in the minds of local tennis fans!

Its bearer, a tennis prodigy of note, roared on two years ago, winning the ITF J30 World Tour Juniors tournament on home soil at a time when the sport was not even fashionable.

Before the final, some had perceived him as wet behind the ears and therefore a clear underdog.

Determined to prove his worth and reaffirm his position as Botswana tennis' next best thing, Nawa re-wrote his story, making detractors eat humble pie as he wiped the floor with his nemesis, Siyabonga Jaca of South Africa.

It was a nerve-wrecking final that had Botswana on the edges of their seats; Jaca had denied Nawa the same title before when he edged the local lad out in the finals.

This time around, Nawa held firmly to his quest to avenge the previous loss, and playing with a huge sense of maturity, he brought Jaca down, winning the final by 7-6, 6-2.

The win became a turning point for 'Neiva,' as he is called in tennis circles.

Now wiser, and with a different playing style, Nawa soon found himself walking the corridors of Auburn University of Montgomery, USA where he is playing and studying.

BOPA recently caught up with Nawa to get a sneak peek into how he is doing in the USA in terms of juggling education with sport, something that some athletes usually struggle to do.

Nawa has reported to have adapted well, having struck a balance between academics and sport. Despite the demanding training sessions and the many competitions, his academic record has been nothing but outstanding.

"The professors here are really good, they are flexible with student athletes because they know we have school assignments to submit and competitions to take part in. The school in general is good and they support student athletes," he said.

Auburn University of Montgomery having invested in

the world-class health facilities offering quality care is a plus for Nawa who gets his sporting needs properly tended to after trainings and competitions.

"If I am not feeling well or sustain an injury during matches or training, physio is always available to assist me. There is also an athlete room where we can go for recovery," he said.

Nawa also credited the university for its world-class gym facilities, which he said he uses to maintain acceptable levels of fitness.

He is however, still battling with access to food, which is good for athletes, saying the easily accessible food items were generally the ones not good enough for someone in sports.

Because of his limited food choices, he eats with caution to avoid piling on unnecessary weight, which would be a setback to his blossoming tennis career given that the sport requires a lot of movement in the court. Now in his second tennis season in the USA, Nawa has registered remarkable growth judging by his performance during competitions. "This is my best spring. Transitioning from the first spring that I was here, yes, it was alright, but my record was not so great by this time of the year because I lost more matches than I would have won," he said.

However, despite posting desirable results, the cool and collected Nawa is not pressuring himself as he is still learning the ropes.

This season, Nawa is definitely unstoppable.

Who could forget his recent win when Auburn University of Montgomery placed their faith on him to secure a 4-3 win in a deciding match against Lucas Carvalho of Mississippi College during the universities league!

It is a feat that he will forever be proud to have attained.

The match was not only tight, but it presented a 'Now or Never' moment for his university, which had suffered loss after loss at the hands of Mississippi College before.

"I am happy I managed to turn a corner this spring; the sky is the limit for me and expectations are that I will continue with my good form," he said. **BOPA**

Will Botswana go for world record on home soil?

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

With entries now closed for the World Athletics Relays, anticipation is building ahead of the May 2-3 showdown at the National Stadium, where Botswana will host the world's top relay teams.

Countries have begun unveiling their squads, and Botswana has named a formidable team expected to ignite home support and deliver strong performances across events.

The technical team is currently assessing athletes in camp in Letlhakane, where final decisions on event line-ups will be made after intensive preparations.

The spotlight, however, firmly rests on Botswana's men's 4x400m relay team, widely regarded as one of the most exciting prospects of the competition.

With athletes such as Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori, Collen Kebinatshipi and Justice Oratile all clocking under 45 second this season, pundits believe Botswana has the depth to challenge the long-standing world record.

The current 4x400m world record of 2:54.29 was set by the United States in 1993 in Stuttgart, Germany while Botswana holds the African record of 2:54.53, achieved at the 2024 Olympic Games.

Then the question is will Botswana 4x400m men's relay attempt the World Record on home soil.

Men's team coach Justice Dipeba says breaking the record has not been a primary focus in camp.

The team's coach Justice Dipeba said since they arrived in camp they never had a conversation about breaking the World Record, but quick to say they would take anything as it comes.

He said that looking at the times the athletes are running, it is possible for Botswana to break the record, noting the hunger and competitiveness within the squad as athletes push for selection.

"But again the World Record is from the push that you get from other countries, and we believe that in the absence of America, there are countries that are doing well in the 4x400, metres," he said.

Dipeba further said with the calibre of athletes they have, they believe that they are ready to face any team, any day.

Preparations in Letlhakane are progressing well, with athletes focusing on baton exchanges and team coordination.

"We have started baton synchronisation so that athletes understand each other and the relay concept," said Dipeba. Team morale, he added, is high, with both men's and women's squads motivated to perform strongly across all events.

Botswana has entered teams in the men's and women's 4x400m and 4x100m relays, reflecting confidence not only in the headline event but across the board.

"And we see our chances not only on the 4x400m but in all the events that we will be competing in," he said.

As the countdown to the World Relays begins, the nation will be watching closely, not just for medals, but for a moment of

history that could unfold on home soil.

Team Botswana 4x400m Men: Bayapo Ndori, Boitumelo Masilo, Collen Kebinatshipi, Justice Oratile, Lee Eppie, Kabo Rankgwe, Leungo Scotch, and Seleka Lefatshe. 4x400m ladies: Gaolape Senyama Obakeng Kamberuka, Batisani Kennekae, Naledi Monthe, Galefele Moroko, Karabo Mantswinyane, Lebiso

Mokorofu and Golekanye Chikani. 4x100m Ladies Boitshepiso Kelapile, Loungo Matlhaku, Nancy Budzani, Same Mhutsiwa, Kesego Kgari, Katlego Kaisara, Tshhegofatso Bojosi and Lame Kewamodimo. 4x100m Men Prince Selepe, Kevin Lobatlamang, Letsile Tebogo, Jayson Mandoze, Thuto Masasa, Thapelo Monaiwa, Calvin Bogosi Omphile and Xholani Talane. **BOPA**



Same Mhutsiwa




Obakeng Kamberuka



Lee Eppie (left), Collen Kebinatshipi (second left), Bayapo Ndori (second right) and Letsile Tebogo

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The Botswana Bowling Association has called to camp 10 players for an intensive training camp as the association finalises preparations ahead of the 2026 Commonwealth Games pencilled for Glasgow, Scotland in July.

Bowling team in camp ahead of Commonwealth Games

Baleseng Batlotleng
GABORONE

The Botswana Bowling Association has called to camp 10 players for an intensive training camp as the association finalises preparations ahead of the 2026 Commonwealth Games pencilled for Glasgow, Scotland in July.

Speaking ahead of the training camp slated for Francistown on Monday, Botswana bowls spokesperson and also assistant coach of the national team, Edwin Nyoka said the squad comprised of five men's players and five women's players who were yet to be finalised owing to eligibility criteria for participation.

Viewed as the most prestigious event in the global bowls calendar, the Commonwealth Games sees players from across the Commonwealth come together to compete against the world's best bowlers.

Botswana will face tough opposition from some of the

global bowling powerhouses such as England, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia and Canada among others.

Team Botswana participated in the last Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022 and advanced as far as the quarterfinals in what was seen as the best performance in the history of the local bowls team.

Botswana had sent a strong contingent of four women namely Marea Modutlwa, Tshenolo Moshokgo, Lesego Motladiile and Boikhutso Mooketsi, who had qualified for the closely contested tournament at the African States tournament.

Botswana scooped position two at the past two African States tournament hosted in Namibia in 2023 and the last one hosted by Botswana in Orapa. About eight players are returning to the national team set up with only two from the youth team included.

Reigning national masters champion, Peo Ramodise will join Mooketsi, Gaoromelwe Pelema, Sebathu Sinombe,

Kefilwe Moleleki in the women's category while another enterprising youngster, Edwin Junior Nyoka will join Charles Diteko, Kaizer Geche, Khumo Kebaletsetse and Modisaotsile Mphotho in the men's category.

Nyoka from the youth team has had a bumper year and is the current national singles champion.

The team will also take part in the African States tournament pencilled for September in Lusaka, Zambia.

Meanwhile, the Orapa bowling club will host the 2026 national championship on the first weekend of May to the 16th.

The tournament rotates among all the five Botswana bowls affiliates annually.

Last year the national championships were hosted by the Gaborone club and Jwaneng emerged winners of the overall Rhodes Trophy followed by Francistown, Gaborone, Orapa and Selibe Phikwe. **BOPA**

Ntungamili sets sights on global tennis stage

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana's rising tennis star, Ntungamili Raguin, is set for a demanding international season as he continues his rapid ascent on the global junior tennis circuit.

The 17-year-old is scheduled to compete in a series of high-level tournaments across Europe and beyond, further cementing his growing reputation in world tennis. His calendar includes J500 tournaments in Italy and Belgium, followed by appearances at the junior events of the French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open.

Locally, Ntungamili is expected to participate in Botswana Futures tournaments in May, the Davis Cup in June. In September, he is set to compete in Futures events in Angola and Mozambique.

According to Botswana Tennis Association vice president, Nonfo Othusitse, all these competitions require resources.

Ntungamili recently reached a historic milestone by becoming the first Botswana to break into the Top 50 of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Junior Rankings, climbing to World No. 50.

Most recently, he competed in a J500 tournament, finishing as a quarter-finalist in doubles.

Currently based in the south of France, Ntungamili trains under an experienced coaching team that includes Killian Sinclair and former ATP World No. 4 Thomas Enqvist.

Ntungamili's continued rise marks not only a personal success story but also a significant moment for Botswana. **BOPA**



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