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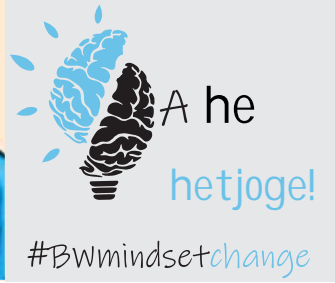
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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (second left) with First Lady Neo (second right) as she was being recognised as the Ambassador of Merck Foundation More Than a Mother by foundation chairperson, Prof. Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp (right) and CEO, Dr Rasha Kelej during the launch of Merck Foundation in Gaborone yesterday. President Masisi underscored the importance of tackling gender-based violence, which he said had escalated, condemning the tragic rise in senseless series of murders, targeting innocent and vulnerable women and children. The First Lady also applauded 46 doctors who were sponsored by the foundation to further their studies in their different areas of speciality. Photo: Phenyoy Moalosi

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Development manager model to benefit citizens

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE -The introduction of the development manager model in project implementation is due to benefit citizens through improved delivery of projects as well as the employment of citizens, and the mentoring of local companies, Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale has said.

Addressing a press conference in Gaborone on Tuesday, Mr Molale said 149 projects countrywide were being executed through the development manager model, an approach where private developers join forces with government to efficiently manage projects in order to mitigate financial risks and exchange expertise to improve project delivery.

He said the benefits that would accrue to the government and nation included compliance to legal instruments, value chain development and employment opportunities, with 700 citizens either directly employed or kept in employment by the nine development managers as they engage local firms.

“During construction we expect employment to reach a level of 150 employees at peak per project. Cumulative we estimate at peak almost 30 000 locals to be employed during the life of the projects,” Mr Molale said.

He said there would be an opportunity for skills transfer and for extensive value chain development through the supply



Minister Molale (centre), Catalyst Project team coordinator, Mr Jacob Raphalane (left) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, Mr Kgakgamatso Ketshajwang during a press briefing in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Molale said 149 projects countrywide were being executed through the development manager model. Photo: Felicity Male

of aggregates and quarry sand being reserved for citizens and citizen contractors.

“There is an opportunity for the resuscitation of the Lobatse Clay Works factory to complement Makoro Bricks to supply the required bricks for the various health facilities, primary schools and similar infrastructure projects across the country, and increase local production of

Kalahari Sand Blocks for uptake through the various projects,” he pointed out.

Mr Molale said among these projects, construction or reconstruction of four road projects - the Tshesebe-Masunga, Mmandunyane-Mathangwane, Molepolole-Thamaga and Machaneng-Ramokgonami, as well as Mabeleapudi access road - were already completed.

He indicated that the Centre for Children with Multiple Disabilities in Maun, a Ministry of Education project as well as 224 Self Help Housing Agency (SHAA) housing units, were also completed using the development manager mode.

Mr Molale stated that his ministry acknowledged various challenges that impede timely delivery of projects.

“However, through the adoption of other strategies such as Development Managers, our ministry is starting to mitigate and address some of the implementation challenges. Currently some of our newly established district offices do not have resources such vehicles, office and staff accommodation.

This creates an opportunity for individual Batswana and citizen contractors to avail such resources for rental by my Ministry,” Mr Molale said.

He said the projects ready for construction included the Nata-Gweta, Nata-Ngwasha, Francistown-Nata, Modipane-Mabalane, and the Mogoditshane-Gabane-Mmankodi roads; and schools including the Goldmine, Chamabona, Nkange and Shanganani junior secondary schools as well as some primary schools countrywide.

Mr Molale disclosed that following the decision by government to rationalise portfolio responsibilities and mandates of ministries and state owned enterprises in 2021, the ministry between June 2022 and August 2023 developed its organisational structure.

This resulted in the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, which is mandated to operate infrastructure development, housing and transport functions, evolving three key sections; public works services, road transport services and Corporate Services.

“Following approval of the functional and operational structures for the ministry, including the district-based structure, the ministry managed to rationalise existing vacancies to facilitate deployment and redeployment of staff to the 31 districts; and the promotions and transfer of officers as district coordinators,” Mr Molale revealed. **BOPA**

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TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES

RE: DIS DIRECTOR GENERAL PETER F. MAGOSI NOT ON LEAVE

The Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) has noted a misleading and alarming story titled “**Peter Magosi in forced casual leave**” published in the 23rd-30th July 2024 edition of the *Tuesday Grill*, a new social media publication of unclear origins.

The story which falsely purports that the Director General has been forced to take casual leave is premised on several claims by nameless sources alleging to be privy to conversations between His Excellency the President, Permanent Secretary to the President and the Director General.

The fact of the matter is that allegations and claims contained in the story are not only conjecture but are false and clearly calculated to circulate alarming misinformation which places the DIS in yet another controversy. This story lands itself to a genre of similar stories that have, from time to time, contained similar claims that eventually proved to be false.

The Directorate therefore takes this opportunity to assure the public that Director General Brig. (Rtd) Peter F. Magosi is currently in office, executing his duties as provided in the Intelligence and Security Service Act (2008). The public is therefore urged to be vigilant against mushrooming social media publications that appear to have been deliberately created to sow unnecessary public discord and unrest.

The Directorate continues to fulfil its mandate as directed by its establishing Act and to guard against threats to the country’s national security and interests. The Director General continues to play an important role in this function.

Edward ROBERT*

Director Public Relations and Protocol

First Lady applauds Merck Foundation

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - First Lady, Ms Neo Masisi, has applauded the Merck Foundation for offering doctor scholarships, which she said had resulted in improved health outcomes.

These programmes, among others, were unveiled yesterday.

Ms Masisi, who is also the Ambassador of the Merck Foundation's 'More Than a Mother' campaign, highlighted that the foundation's initiatives extend beyond infertility programmes to include health, education, women empowerment, gender-based violence prevention, and health media training programmes.

"Today, I stand here as the Ambassador of the Merck Foundation's 'More Than a Mother' campaign, an initiative that aims to empower infertile women through access to information and education, while calling for compassion from all of us," she said.

She expressed hope that the relationship between Merck Foundation and Botswana would continue to grow, appreciating the Foundation's contributions from the ground up.

"You will hear from some of those who benefited from the Merck scholarships, the alumni in particular, and from our beneficiaries," she said.

She added that through the foundation, Botswana had achieved

a lot and was poised to achieve even more, thanking the foundation for being a consistent and reliable partner, even during the pandemic.

The Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng, thanked the First Lady and the foundation for empowering Botswana communities, especially women, adolescents, the youth, and the disadvantaged.

He also expressed gratitude to the Merck Foundation for helping Botswana communities achieve quality healthcare, education, and life skills for sustainable living.

Dr Rasha Kelej from the Merck Foundation thanked the First Lady for her passion and dedication to providing the best for Botswana.

She noted that even before COVID-19, they had discussions on how to best support women and combat GBV in Botswana.

Dr Kelej noted that the foundation has provided 46 scholarships for Botswana doctors in specialities such as diabetes and sexual reproductive care.

She pointed out that the foundation would support the girl education.

Chairman of Merck Foundation board of Trustees, Prof. Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp commended the First Lady's dedication to helping communities, stating that their investment in Botswana was driven by her commitment to improving lives.

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First Lady Masisi (left) and Dr Kelej at Merck Foundation pre-launch cocktail in Gaborone on Tuesday. Ms Masisi commended the foundation for its programmes that improved Botswana's lives in areas such as health, education and women empowerment. Photo: Felicity Male

Mosimanegape deputy police commissioner

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi has announced the appointment of Mr Katlholo Mosimanegape as Botswana Police Service Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

Mr Mosimanegape will

oversee BPS operations and joins other Deputy Commissioners in Mr Busang Lesola, Deputy Commissioner for Crime Investigations and Mr Solomon Mantswe, Deputy Commissioner for Support Services.

Speaking during the pin-on ceremony yesterday, Minister Mmusi commended Mr

Mosimanegape on his new appointment and urged the entire police service to offer him support in executing his new role.

"I would like to formally extend my congratulatory message and well wishes to Mr Mosimanegape on his new appointment by the President, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi," Minister Mmusi said.

Mr Mmusi said such an appointment carried with it a great sense of respect and responsibility, thus expectations were high for the new deputy commissioner to play a meaningful role in the police service.

Mr Mosimanegape vowed to help the BPS live up to its mandate of ensuring the safety and security of the people of Botswana and support the Commissioner on her road map to turn BPS into a law enforcement agency of repute.

"As the Deputy Commissioner, one has to work within the BPS Commissioner's roadmap, and she already has a roadmap. Therefore, we all as her deputies have to coordinate various units towards the accomplishment of the BPS mandate and commissioner's roadmap," he said.

Mr Mosimanegape joined the BPS in 1983 as a police sergeant and worked his way up and held various leadership positions within the police service. **BOPA**

First Lady foundation ambassador

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The Merck Foundation has been praised for transforming patient care and giving Botswana long, productive and healthy lives.

Speaking at the foundation's programmes launch in Gaborone yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi lauded the Merck Foundation for its pivotal role in promoting healthy lives, which are critical to the country's development.

He also praised Merck Foundation for developing capacity, particularly for the girl-child, whom he said faced more disadvantages than her male counterpart.

"This initiative fosters education for the girl-child, helping dispel stereotypes and empowering young girls and women to achieve leadership positions," he said.

The President also expressed gratitude towards the Merck Foundation for its focus on capacity building, as evidenced by the 46 scholarships granted to Botswana's medical personnel.

"These scholarships, covering specialised disciplines like endocrinology, embryology, and fertility, are poised to revolutionise the healthcare sector and support women facing infertility challenges."

At the same event, First Lady Neo Masisi was unveiled as the Merck Foundation More than a Mother Ambassador, underscoring her commitment to improving women's health and reproductive care.

She commended the foundation for sponsoring 46 doctors to pursue advanced studies in various specialties, thereby enhancing access to equitable and quality healthcare in developing countries.

She said 10 scholarships were awarded to doctors, to study fertility programmes as well as one year diplomas and two year master's degrees in sexual and reproductive care.

This, Ms Masisi said would significantly improve women's health and reproductive care as well as contribute effectively to objectives of empowering infertile women.

Additionally, six scholarships were provided for acute medicine and respiratory care, a critical area for post-COVID-19 care.

Another six scholarships had been awarded for postgraduate diplomas and master's degrees in dermatology, gastroenterology and internal medicine, Ms Masisi said.

"I am impressed because more often we have this general statement that gone are the days when professionals valued their work," Ms

Masisi said and noted that the 46 had demonstrated a desire to perform.

In a bid to combat gender-based violence (GBV), Ms Masisi reiterated the foundation's commitment to the cause and highlighted initiatives such as the donation of sewing machines to women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These efforts, she said aligned with the foundation's broader goal of promoting gender equality and supporting women's rights.

She said statistics from the Family Planning Association indicated that over 2 000 women in Botswana had experienced some form of gender-based violence.

Merck Foundation CEO, Senator Dr Rasha Kelej, emphasised the transformative impact of the scholarships in training fertility specialists and addressing infertility issues affecting both men and women. Dr Kelej commended the dedication of the First Lady to girls' education, recognising it as a cornerstone of women empowerment.

"We empower women who live with infertility stigma. It's not wrong to be infertile, but as you know, infertility affects women and men equally, 50 per cent, scientifically. But men, most of the time, don't want to admit they are infertile," she said.

Merck Foundation continues to champion healthcare capacity building and community empowerment, the Board of Trustees chairperson, Professor Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp, reaffirmed their dedication to improving overall health and wellbeing across Africa and beyond.

The foundation's commitment to empowering people underscores its vision for a brighter and healthier future for all.

Minister of Health Dr Edwin Dikoloti emphasised the critical need for well-trained healthcare professionals to address the nation's health challenges effectively.

The minister commended the foundation's endeavours in providing scholarships that equip health professionals with specialised knowledge and skills in critical medical fields such as diabetes, oncology and respiratory care.

Merck Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Merck KGaA Germany that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people and advance their lives through science and technology.

It works closely with partners that are Africa's First Ladies, ministries of health and education among others in developing countries in Africa and Asia. **BOPA**

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Digitilisation to improve dispute resolution process

GABORONE - The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs is inundated with registered trade disputes, especially from Gaborone and surroundings.

This was revealed by the portfolio minister, Ms Annah Mokgethi when responding to a question in Parliament on Tuesday.

Ms Mokgethi said that she was also aware of the impending delays in resolving the disputes, and that the ministry had since embarked on digitalising the trade disputes resolution process through the case management process, which she said was currently being piloted.

"This system is envisaged to improve the effectiveness of the disputes resolution process through managing disputes case load and mediation of cases with statutory time limits of 30 days," she said.

Ms Mokgethi said to mitigate the backlog status of the pending cases, her ministry has resorted to temporarily deploy staff to districts or offices that were most affected.

She also said this financial year, her ministry had an approved budget to establish an

Independent Dispute Resolution Structure, an autonomous quasi-judicial structure which she said would replace the current process where mediators and arbitrators were under the office of the Commissioner of Labour.

"The approved budget will among others be utilised for the development of a new organisational structure, consensus building workshops and national dialogue sessions to solicit buy in and input from society," she said.

Ms Mokgethi also indicated that the establishment of the independent dispute resolution structure had already been provided for under the new Employment and Labour Relations Bill of 2024.

She was responding to Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse who had if the minister was aware of the discontent of workers regarding ineffectiveness of the Commissioner of Labour in resolving trade disputes and whether it was the intention of government to improve trade disputes resolution mechanisms by setting up a Labour Appeals Court or a division of the same at Court of Appeal. **BOPA**

Three Bills set for committee stage

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - In its first day of business on Tuesday, the National Assembly supported three Bills, which are now ripe for committee stage.

One of the Bills that the legislators backed was a proposal to amend the Standing Committee on Remuneration of Members of the National Assembly, councillors, Ntlo ya Dikgosi and specified offices.

Presenting the Bill, the Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng said the bill desired to remove the wording 'Specified Offices' from the Act, indicating that the move was necessitated by Section 122, sub section 1 of the constitution.

"The said section provides that holders of specified offices appointed by the President shall be paid such salaries and allowances as may be prescribed by Parliament," he said.

Mr Morwaeng said salaries of the said public officers were therefore determined in accordance with the set public office practices and needed not to form part of those catered for by the committees.

Supporting the bill, deputy speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Pono Moatlhodi said the specified officers have long been tagged under the remuneration of politicians, which he said denied them cost of living adjustments when the need arose.

"These officers are civil servants, and just like others, they also deserve to be cushioned against the cost of living, so detaching them from politicians and Dikgosi will be beneficial to them," said Mr Moatlhodi who is also the MP for Tonota.

Leader of Opposition also MP for Selebi Phikwe West, Mr Dithapelo

Keorapetse also supported the proposal, but advised that there was a need for a former politician to sit in the committee so that they could guide it from experience.

"The committee needs a former politician who better understands the life of a politicians to guide and advice other members. As far as am concerned the only member who is a former MP is Mr Charles Tibone, but he spent most of his time in the executive and might not know first hand the hardships of being an ordinary politician," he said.

Meanwhile legislators also supported two other Bills, being the Specified Offices (Salaries and Allowances) Amendment Bill as well as the Judicial Services Amendment Bill.

Presenting the former, Mr Morwaeng indicated that its objective was to amend the

Specified Offices Salaries and allowances Act in order to give effect to Directive No 4 of 2024, which adjusted public service salaries by 5 per cent across the board with effect from April 1 this year. For his part, the Minister of Justice, Mr Machana Shamukuni who presented the latter bill said that it was intertwined with Minister Morwaeng's two Bills, especially the last one.

After support from legislators, Mr Shamukuni, who is an MP for Chobe, said his ministry would speed up the process to ensure that arrears owed to deserving public officers were paid.

Supporting the proposal, Ngami legislator, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama cautioned against paying officers late, saying it led to them being taxed in a lump sum, which he said might affect personal financial planning. **BOPA**

Ministry unaware of unfair labour practices

GABORONE - The Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Ms Annah Mokgethi says her ministry conducts regular labour and occupational health and safety inspections to ensure compliance with labour laws.

As such, Ms Mokgethi said her ministry was not aware that farm workers were subjected to poor labour practices such as being paid below statutory minimum wages, long working hours without overtime payment, unfair dismissals, living in squalor

conditions, no sick leave and verbal abuse. "The inspections conducted in farms in Tuli block have revealed that a majority of farmers in the area comply with labour laws. My ministry has not registered any disputes pertaining to contravention of the minimum wage, sick leave and verbal abuse from workers employed in the farms in Tuli Block," said Ms Mokgethi in Parliament on Tuesday.

She said it must be noted that in the current legislation, hours of work were not applicable in the agricultural sector. As such, Ms Mokgethi said the issue of working overtime did not apply in the sector.

She said from 2019 to date, 29 labour inspections were conducted in farms in Tuli Block area, of which the last was carried out in January 2024.

Currently, Ms Mokgethi said, her ministry has no plans to establish a labour office in Sefhare/Ramokgonami due to financial constraints. She said the area was serviced by the Selebi Phikwe and Bobonong labour offices.

Ms Mokgethi was answering a question from MP for Sefhare/Ramokgonami, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, who had asked the minister to update the house on whether she was aware that farm workers in the Tuli Block farms were subjected to poor labour practices such as pay below statutory minimum wage, long working hours without overtime payment, unfair dismissals, living in squalor conditions, no sick leave and verbal abuse.

Dr Gobotswang also wanted the minister to state the number of labour inspections conducted since November 2019, indicate the last time such inspections were undertaken and whether she will consider opening labour offices in Sefhare/Ramokgonami constituency in consistent with the decentralisation policy. **BOPA**



Acting Director of Broadcasting Services, Mr Buyani Zongwani (right) sharing election's coverage plan with political party representatives during departments of Information, Broadcasting and Government Printing Services consultation meeting on elections coverage in Gaborone yesterday. Ministry for State President deputy permanent secretary for the departments' Mr Oshinka Tsiang (second right) said government media would do its best to cover all political parties equitably pre and post elections. He also said they had opened up discussions with political parties to share and discuss election coverage and invite feedback in order to improve it. Information Services director, Ms Maria Leshongwane (third right) also assured political party representatives that her department would continue to cover all political party activities equally and fairly. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

Healthy Families Foundation roots out social ills

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - Healthy Families Foundation (HFF) is committed to eliminate social ills in its drive to build strong family ties and responsible communities, the foundation's donor and community relations executive, Ms Ashley Thaba has explained.

Speaking during HFF stakeholder engagement in Gaborone Tuesday, Ms Thaba said it was in the best interest of the foundation to root out any societal moral decay and shape responsible families.

"Many social ills originate from family issues and we have an evidence based research driven, character building programme to strengthen and transform families to address the root causes of social ills," she said. It was on that background that, Ms Thaba said the foundation established nationwide campaigns that resumed last year.

The campaigns, which she said were themed 'fix the root, fix the fruit' were aimed at building healthy families setups and uprooting social ills which impacted family setups.

"If we can fix the root, we can fix the fruit as we have realised

that fixing the fruit first will not in any way eliminate the problem, so we start with family building because the biggest responsibility comes from home," she said.

Ms Thaba said it was through such campaigns that many social ills such as Gender Based Violence, unhealthy marriages and suicide rates were reduced.

Ms Thaba said the foundation had forged ties with key stakeholders to address issues pertaining to family building with the view that solid families were the centre piece of a healthy community and the nation at large.

Additionally, she stated that the television show dubbed 'Talking with the Thabas' was the right platform to build stronger families and address some of the social ills such as GBV and addressing the rising cases of divorce bedevilling the country.

Ms Thaba said over 20 000 lives in 45 villages nationwide had been touched through the campaigns, covering topical issues as unmet expectations in relationships, communication, preparing for marriage in the right way, his/her needs, GBV and how to relate with one's children. **BOPA**



Ms Thaba (second right) engaging with stakeholders during a Healthy Families Foundation meeting in Gaborone on Tuesday. She said the foundation had forged ties with key stakeholders to address issues pertaining to family building with the view that solid families were the centre piece of a healthy community and the nation at large. Photo: Felicity Male

BR partners with Worldwide Rail, Mining Solutions

By **Lesedi Thatayamodimo**

PARLIAMENT - Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale, says Botswana Railways has engaged in business with both Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions (Pty) Ltd, a long-standing company based in South Africa with over 35 years of operational experience. Moreover, the establishment of

their local branch in Botswana, Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions Botswana (Pty) Ltd in 2021, has further solidified their presence in the region.

Responding to a question in Parliament on Tuesday, Minister Molale explained that Botswana Railways spent over P34.5 million (R46 695 064.29) procuring some locomotive spares and permanent way spares and services from Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions (Pty) Ltd in South Africa on competitive bidding.

He said P5.8 million was spent procuring some locomotive and permanent way spares and services from Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions Botswana (Pty) Ltd and on competitive bidding.

He indicated that the procurement agreements were for both companies, as they were legally two separate entities

Meanwhile Mr Molale pointed out that the shareholder and

sole director of Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions (Pty) Ltd South Africa was Mr Jason Visagie. He said regarding the Botswana company, information on its shareholding is in the public domain and that could be sourced from the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) online portal.

MP for Maun West, Mr Dumelang Saleshando had asked the minister if Botswana Railways had ever procured goods from Worldwide Rail and Mining Solutions company.

Mr Saleshando wanted to know if the procurement agreement was between Botswana Railways and the company as registered in Botswana or outside Botswana.

Furthermore he wanted to know the total monetary value of goods and services procured from the company and whether the procurement was subjected to competitive bidding as well as directors and shareholders of the company. **BOPA**

Ministry prioritises maintenance of infrastructure

By **Lesedi Thatayamodimo**

PARLIAMENT - In an effort to prioritise maintenance for the longevity and functionality of government infrastructure, the Ministry of Transport and Public Works has introduced various interventions and strategies to enhance public facilities.

Responding to a parliamentary question on Tuesday, the Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale, emphasised the importance of maintaining key infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, and police stations.

Mr Molale disclosed that some time ago, a decision was made for each ministry or department to take charge of their own maintenance duties, leading to the establishment of ministerial technical units.

However, he acknowledged that these units were understaffed, hindering their effectiveness in carrying out maintenance tasks.

Acknowledging a disparity between public and private sector maintenance schedules, Mr Molale noted that government ministries often prioritise their primary functions, occasionally neglecting maintenance needs.

He cited instances where funds were redirected to urgent matters within ministries, causing delays in infrastructure upkeep.

Mr Molale highlighted challenges such as delayed emergency maintenance, issues with procurement methods, and limited capacity to address maintenance promptly, exacerbated by insufficient collaboration between agencies.

Nonetheless, he assured that the ministry was committed to continual enhancements in addressing maintenance issues.

He mentioned ongoing efforts in conducting condition surveys to identify maintenance requirements and the development of comprehensive facilities management frameworks, including maintenance management guidelines and facilities classification guidelines.

"These guidelines aim to improve the functionality, safety, and efficiency of maintaining government buildings," Mr Molale explained.

Furthermore, Mr Molale welcomed private sector participation, stating that involving private companies

aligns with the government's strategy of engaging external expertise for tasks suited to the private sector.

Member of Parliament for Gaborone North, Mr Mpho Balopi had asked the minister whether he was aware that public infrastructure had generally dilapidated and not well maintained, citing classrooms, hospitals and police stations as examples.

MP Balopi wanted the minister to state the reasons maintenance of the government infrastructure, especially buildings were often delayed, compared to private sector infrastructure.

He further wanted to know if there were any plans to streamline processes, especially the procurement process, with a view to reducing the length of time taken before damages or worn-out infrastructure was attended to.

Furthermore, Mr Balopi wanted to know if there was room for private sector players to come on board and assist in infrastructure development maintenance as necessary without being subjected to bureaucratic red tape. **BOPA**





BOCRA launches 2024-2029 strategy

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Government has introduced various initiatives to transform the economy through the use of digital technology, says Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Mr Thulagano Segokgo.

Launching BOCRA's 2024-2029 strategy in Gaborone on Tuesday, Minister Segokgo said the initiatives included the Smart Botswana strategy, Digital Transformation strategy, Reset Agenda and the national broadband strategy.

He said the initiatives were beginning to bear fruit as the 2024 World Competitiveness report placed Botswana at 38 out of 67 on government efficiency.

He also said the country had moved from position 61 in 2021 to 55 in 2024 among those striving for technological advancement. "What can be measured can be improved," he said.

Minister Segokgo also said he was pleased that BOCRA had plans which were measurable over the next five year period.

The minister said as a sector led by BOCRA, they were better placed to understand their individual and collective contributions to the nation, region and the global economy, adding that how much the country would benefit from the Fourth Industrial Revolution depended on how they performed as a sector.

He said the strategy presented would be critical in measuring their performance over the next five years, and that it was comforting that the strategy considered the Digital Transformation Agenda as espoused by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi.

The minister said they had seen

how digital transformation made inclusivity possible.

"We have seen our rural schools that have access to ICTs manage to continue with the learning process, and we see daily how mobile banking solutions have brought the unbanked into the mainstream economy," he said, adding that online meetings have also reduced distances and saved time and money in the process.

Furthermore, he said the above examples should encourage them to do more and emphasised the need for affordable and universal connectivity in the country.

The minister said government

was steadfast in its resolve to place digital transformation at the centre of the national development agenda.

He noted that during the State-of-the-Nation Address in November, President Masisi emphasised that the digitisation of the public sector was critical for service delivery in a knowledge based economy, and urged the nation to embrace the Reset Agenda and Mindset Change as they focused on achieving the ideals of Vision 2036.

He said by signing an agreement with BOCRA and other boards, BOCRA had announced what was to be measured.

He also said BOCRA had made a social contract and would be held accountable, as he looked forward to the implementation of the strategy.

For his part, BOCRA chief executive officer, Mr Martin Mokgware said they focused on four sectors being the telecommunications sector, the broadcasting sector, postal services and Internet and ICT sector.

He said they had not done well on cybersecurity and pleaded for a cyber security law.

He also said they aimed for a 75

per cent radio coverage and that they managed to get 80 per cent.

He noted that they had 2.9 million broadband subscribers and the highest Internet penetration in the region.

He said challenges included the high costs of construction, lengthy processes of acquisition of land, limited access to government buildings for the installation of signal enhancing equipment, theft and vandalism of communication equipment.

He also said cyber security threats were a challenge. **BOPA**



Minister Segokgo (right) and BOCRA board chairperson, Mr Tefo Setlhare at the BOCRA 2024-2029 strategy launch in Gaborone on Tuesday. Minister Segokgo commended BOCRA for the recent successful implementation of simcard registration.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Expo presents opportunities to reflect on prospects

By Lefika Maruping

FRANCISTOWN - Mining has transformed the country from among the poorest and least developed states at independence in 1966 to an upper-middle income nation within 50 years.

Addressing delegates at the Trade Up North: Mining, manufacturing and construction two-day expo on Tuesday, the mayor of Francistown, Mr Godisang Radisigo said mining was the backbone of Botswana's economic success.

He noted that the Trade Up North expo had become an annual feature in the city of Francistown and commended Soapbox Communications for their relentless efforts in mobilising

stakeholders to take stock of the mining and manufacturing industries in order to foster industrialisation.

Furthermore, he said the expo presented opportunities to reflect on prospects that presented avenues for economic exploitation and the development of value chains and support industries.

"I welcome you to this city of all things precious and I urge you to be alive to the fact that the future of our nation is in our hands.

We need to individually and as a collective ensure that we fully explore and exploit all possible avenues presented by expos such as Trade Up North to devise strategic interventions capable of delivering the aspirations of Vision 2036," he said.

Trade Up North managing director, Ms Vuyiswa Mojela said the expo provided a platform for exposure for the mining, manufacturing and construction sectors.

She also expressed satisfaction about the 45 local and international exhibitors. "We managed to attract international companies from Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa," she said.

Ms Mojela noted that they started to host the Trade Up North expo in 2017, and that it was their fifth edition.

Principal engineer at the Ministry of Minerals, Mr Barulaganye Ace said mining underpinned every aspect of modern life from the construction of buildings and infrastructure to the creation of electronics and renewable energy.

He noted that mines supplied raw materials for the production and manufacturing of products such as vehicles, construction, electronics, and energy.

He also said many of the mined minerals were used for energy production and as raw material for chemical industries. **BOPA**

Solar energy offers sustainable solutions

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Solar energy is a promising renewable energy source offering a clean and sustainable solution to growing energy needs of all, especially rural communities.

Giving a keynote address at the inaugural US-Botswana workshop on research technologies in water and energy needs for remote austere communities in Maun recently, director of the Department of Energy, Mr Midas Sekgabo said the need for mindset change with regard to renewable energy was necessary.

Besides reducing greenhouse gas emissions, he said solar energy provided a reliable and affordable source of electricity particularly in remote and off-grid areas.

He said the country had been relying on neighbouring countries for electricity, but acknowledged that government had prioritised both water and energy sectors.

He noted that remarkable strides in addressing water and energy challenges had been made, adding that several initiatives had been made to improve water supply infrastructure, promote water conservation and to invest in renewable energy sources.

Furthermore, Mr Sekgabo said solar energy projects had been particularly successful in harnessing the abundant sunlight to provide clean and sustainable power to remote areas, but that there was still much work to be done.

He noted that government initiated a comprehensive effort in April 2008 to upgrade and extend water and wastewater services throughout the country, highlighting the rural electrification programme which was expanded on an annual basis. He said government had a target of 100 per cent electricity access by 2030 and that 30 per cent would be renewable energy.

He noted that a zero connection fee was introduced to facilitate ease of access to electricity and that an integrated plan was approved to guide the transition to 30 per cent renewable energy contribution.

Mr Sekgabo said some solar projects were being implemented whilst others were under procurement.

"The intent is for government to invest heavily in the renewable energy sector and position Botswana as a global player in the drive towards clean energy," he said, adding that government was committed to developing a coherent and integrated approach to water and energy management.

The workshop was informed that the country's National Development Plan emphasised sustainable practices, investment in innovative technologies and fostering collaborations with international partners.

By working together, Mr Sekgabo

said they could develop strategies that balanced energy demand and supply with environmental goals to ensure a sustainable future for all.

He said the outcomes of the workshop would have a direct impact on Maun and enhance its resilience as well as ensuring a brighter future for its residents.

Botswana, he said was a water scarce country and that it was exacerbated by climate change and increased demand while the energy sector relied on fossil fuels which posed environmental and sustainability challenges.

He said the theme of the workshop resonated with their mission of ensuring a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy for all Botswana, which was simply called 'security of energy supply'.

By focusing on research and innovation, he said they aimed to develop solutions that addressed local challenges and contributed to global progress. **BOPA**

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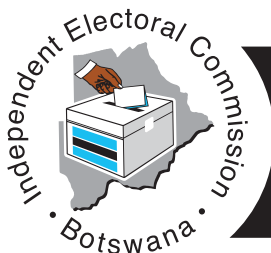
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VACANCY NOTICE: RECRUITMENT OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION, JULY 2024

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) was established in 1997 under Section 65A of the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana.

The Commission consists of seven members being -

- (a) a Chairman who is a Judge of the High Court appointed by the Judicial Service Commission;
- (b) a legal practitioner appointed by the Judicial Service Commission; and
- (c) five other persons who are fit, proper and impartial, appointed by the Judicial Service Commission from a list of persons recommended by the All Party Conference.

The Commission is responsible for -

- a) the conduct and supervision of elections of the Elected Members of Parliament and members of a local authority, and conduct of a referendum;
- b) giving instructions and directions to the Secretary of the Commission appointed under Section 66 of the constitution, in regard to the exercise of his or her functions under the electoral law prescribed by an Act of Parliament;
- c) ensuring that elections are conducted efficiently, properly, freely and fairly; and
- d) performing such other functions as may be prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

In the performance of its responsibilities, the Commission is guided by the legal framework provided by the Constitution of Botswana, the Electoral Act, the Local Government Act, the Presidential Elections (Supplementary Provisions) Act and the Referendum Act. The Commission also undertakes its work in line with international best electoral practices, as long as such best practices are not inconsistent with Botswana's electoral laws.

Eligible persons are invited to apply for appointment as members of the Independent Electoral Commission.

The recruitment targets individuals, visionary leaders, strategic thinkers and/or professionals of high integrity with good communication and decision making skills, and sound knowledge of electoral democracy to vacancies that have arisen as a result of end of the 10 year term (2 successive lives of Parliament) for the current five members of the Commission.

Applications must be submitted in writing accompanied by:

- a comprehensive curriculum vitae
- a certified copy of the applicant's national identity and
- the relevant academic qualifications

The applicant

- Must be in possession of a Degree or equivalent qualification preferably in the field of Law, Political Science, Social Science, International Studies, Public Administration or Information Technology.
- Must be 18 years and above.
- Must have thorough knowledge and understanding of Botswana politics, culture, issues and trends relating to democracy and elections in Botswana and in the SADC region.
- Must have a firm sense of integrity and commitment to the principles of fairness, political neutrality and equality.
- Should neither be a political activist nor hold a political office.
- Must declare whether they have been office bearers of a political party or have a high party-political profile.
- Must have proven relevant knowledge and experience in at least some of the following: Election Administration

and Management, Finance, Governance, Public Administration, Law, Information Technology, Conflict Resolution and Mediation.

- Must have a proven track record of performance, delivery and good governance.

A person shall not be qualified to be considered for appointment as a Member of the Independent Electoral Commission if -

- a) He or She has been declared insolvent or adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in any part of the Commonwealth and has not been discharged, or has made a composition with his or her creditors and has not paid his or her debts in full; or
- b) He or She has been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty in any country.

A person appointed a member of the Commission shall assume the duties of the office of Commissioner only after he or she has taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance and such oath for the due execution of his or her office as may be prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

Applications must be submitted by registered mail on or before the close of business on the 29th July, 2024 and addressed to:

**The Secretary | Independent Electoral Commission
Private Bag 00284, Gaborone**

Or **physically delivered** at the office of **the Secretary to the Independent Electoral Commission, Office No. 402, Plot 75739, Setlhoa, Block 10, Gaborone.**

All enquiries must be directed to the Secretary to the Independent Electoral Commission at Telephone No. 3612401.

Kindly note that only shortlisted applicants will be responded to.

Epic opportunity for photographers

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - The proverbial "birds of a feather flock together" was recently redefined by five young men who were brought together by their shared passion for photography.

To capitalise on the craze for pictures that has become a penchant for many Batswana, the quintet, Mr Jackson Pinayame, 23, from Molepolole; Mr Joseph Balatotse, 22, from Molepolole; Mr Dickson Maringa, 19, from Molepolole; Mr Mathews Masuku, 24, from Kasane; and Mr Phomolo Khumodira, 23 from Mmopane travelled an exhausting 581 kilometers from Gaborone to reach the expanse Makgadikgadi pans in Sowa.

They set out on a daring yet exciting voyage in a Japanese-derived Corolla Saloon, which they also use to sleep in, to reach the expanse of Makgadikgadi pans in Sowa.

Mr Pinayame stated that the trip to Makgadikgadi was akin to killing two birds with one stone; they wanted to explore the area as well as profit from their self-taught photography.

As much as the Makgadikgadi Epic has become a craze for many revellers, the quintet has never set foot in Sowa as they have other annual events such as the Ghanzi District Agricultural Show, where business is always brisk.

Mr Balatotse waxed lyrical about the support they five got from Batswana.

To market their photography skill, the quintet posts some of their best pictures on social media once they are given the greenlight to do so by customers.

Women, especially young and middle-aged ones, are the major customers of the upbeat street photographers.

His appeal to the men-folk is to take it easy whenever the photographers solicit business, as their intention is never to upset anyone.

The five young men hope to someday take their association further and register a company.

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'birds of a feather flock together'



BOPA reporter, Mooketsi Mojalemotho (right) interviewing street photographers, Messrs Pinaeng (left), Masuku (second left), Khumodira (centre) and Balatotse at Makgadikgadi Epic. They said the trip to Sowa was an adventure, more so, it was their first time to grace the Makgadikgadi airshow with their presence. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Regional body accredits BVI

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - In a major development that will enhance its standing as a vaccine manufacturer, Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) laboratories got accredited by the regional regulatory body Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS).

This step, together with the new blending and filling laboratory which is fully automated, will boost BVI's productive capacity and adherence to quality standards in vaccine production.

Speaking during the accreditation ceremony in Gaborone Tuesday, Minister of Agriculture, Mr Fidelis Molao said the accreditation of BVI quality control laboratory against ISO/IEC 17025 standard came at the right time when government through this institution was in negotiation with technical partners.

Mr Molao said the accreditation should add impetus to what BVI does and dovetail with government commitment and desire to set Botswana as a centre of excellence in vaccine manufacturing.

He said the accreditation was a monumental duty for BVI to rise to the occasion and meet regional and international quality standards.

In 2023, BVI supplied over 25 million doses of vaccines to countries in Southern African region, East and West African markets which were subjected to laboratory testing for quality assurance, he said, adding that this provided confidence to customers and further opened doors to more markets.

Mr Molao said it was for this reason that the accreditation was a big step in the right direction of assuring the market of the quality produced at BVI, citing that by obtaining this certification the

institute was demonstrating its adherence to rigorous quality standards that ensured reliable and accurate laboratory testing.

SADCAS Chief Executive Officer, Ms Eve Gadzikwa said the accreditation landscape in Botswana was growing rapidly and commended government for its dedication and commitment to strengthening the quality infrastructure through the National Quality Policy (NQP) of 2022.

Ms Gadzikwa said the NQP was an integral part of the broader industrial diversification and export strategies that seek the development of quality products and services. She said the policy seeks to enhance trade and economic development, whilst simultaneously ensuring that the safety and health of human, fauna and flora as well as the environment is not compromised.

As at May 31, there were 32

accredited facilities in Botswana, which now included BVI; a testimony that government had embraced the benefits of accreditation, she said.

She said two-thirds of vaccines produced by BVI were exported annually to 15 countries in Africa and the Middle East, highlighting the importance of accreditation in facilitating global trade.

This accreditation illustrated that BVI contributed to sustainable animal health solution, consumer protection and wider goals of global health security, Ms Gadzikwa added. She said BVI had been granted the unique accreditation number PHAR005. Ms Gadzikwa said the facility was accredited in accordance with the recognised international standard ISO/IEC 17025 of 2017. She said the accreditation certificate was issued on the May 9 and would be valid for five years. **BOPA**

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Ministry drills, equips boreholes along Molopo River

By Aobakwe Molefhi

TSHIDILAMOLOMO - Coordinator of Foot and Mouth Disease in the Southern District Dr Jaone Sebina says after installing the disease control fence along Molopo River, the Ministry of Agriculture has started drilling and equipping boreholes in affected villages where residents will be able to water their livestock.

Speaking in an interview, Dr Sebina said after the scare of the Foot and Mouth Disease reported from neighbouring South Africa last year, government took decision to construct the cordon fence to control livestock movement as residents were getting water from the Molopo River.

However, some residents especially farmers had reservations about the cordon fence, saying watering their



Loporung residents constructing a water reservoir and drinking trough for livestock. The project is part of the 14 projects to be undertaken in villages along the Molopo River following government's decision to construct a cordon fence from Tlhareselele to Mabule.

Photo: Aobakwe Molefhi

animals would become difficult as they had all along been using the

water bodies in the river.

Dr Sebina said government

decided to construct boreholes in each of the affected villages

where farmers would have a sustainable source of water and be able to water their livestock and not temper with the cordon fence.

"We have so far drilled nine boreholes and rehabilitated three others, all solar equipped together with reservoirs at the tune of around P9 million," he said.

He said that even though Tlhareselele and Rakhuna villages were not affected by the construction of the cordon fence, they would each get a borehole as an appreciation for their efforts of working with government in ensuring that livestock did not cross through their villages to South Africa.

For his part the farmers' committee chairperson Mr Jackson Sechele said they appreciated the developments because the cordon fence would help stop livestock movement to South Africa.

"The cordon fence and the boreholes will also help a lot because in the past our livestock strayed to South Africa after drinking from the river, thereby exposing them to theft".

Loporung community borehole chairperson Mr Edison Sesike said they were very happy for being gifted a borehole after government constructed a cordon fence along the river where they used to water their animals.

He concurred that amongst benefits they will get from the borehole, farmers would be able to control the movement of their livestock while at the same time getting affordable water for their livestock.

Mr Sesike said they intended to take care of their borehole by hiring people who will amongst other things guard the solar panels.

Dr Sebina said the ministry intended to handover the boreholes to the concerned communities before the end of September. **BOPA**

Innovator calls for research funding, collaboration

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - An electronic engineer and innovator from Ked-LiphiBw Company, Mr Kedumetse Liphi, has called for financial support and collaboration with researchers and innovators to undertake research that will have an impact on the community.

Research and innovation, he said, were an expensive undertaking and funding was hard to secure hence

institutions and other local and international potential financiers should come on board to help researchers and innovators to develop new products and services that would better the livelihoods of people particularly those residing in remote areas.

He made the remarks when presenting on the transformative power of energy, innovation and technology in addressing the unique challenges of remote

locations at a workshop in Maun.

Collaborative research, he said, did not only play a significant role in influencing decisions and policies across various sectors, but it was also essential in expanding their understanding of the world and finding lasting solutions to the global issues.

Mr Liphi also implored researchers to work as a team to come up with innovative solutions tailored to the unique needs of the

communities.

He noted that access to reliable and affordable electricity remained a significant challenge for many communities particularly those living in remote areas and thus had affected opportunities and wealth.

He therefore called on researchers and innovators to work as a unit to find lasting solutions that would better the quality life of people in remote areas.

He said leveraging collaborative research and embracing cutting-edge solutions could create a sustainable future for communities living in remote areas and thus driving progress and prosperity in the country and beyond.

"In remote areas, it's a pity as some use candles, paraffin lamps to light up because of lack of electricity and this limits children to compete academically with their counterparts in urban areas and this is where as innovators and researchers should come on board," added Mr Liphi.

He also spoke against the use of fossil fuels because they were dangerous to the environment and climate. He said researchers and innovators needed to come up with products that would mitigate climate change.

Mr Liphi appreciated efforts by the government to enhance renewable energy to meet electricity demands.

He also acknowledged that the Botswana Power Corporation had engaged individuals and companies to generate energy saying there was need to diversify, taking into consideration the corporation's rules to ensure clean energy.

Clean energy, he noted, provided a variety of environmental and economic benefits.

Furthermore, he stressed the need to empower local communities on how they could access energy and drive economic development and improve their quality of life.

He said communities should be educated and trained in fostering local innovation and self-reliance.

Meanwhile, the workshop brought together renowned experts from various institutions under one roof to exchange ideas and discuss on a range of topics essential for addressing contemporary challenges in water and energy management. **BOPA**



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'Terata e thusa mo borukutlthing'

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

PHITSHANE MOLOPO - Bogosi jwa Phitshane ga mmogo le sepodise ba re terata e e sa tswang go agiwa ya matlhoko a leruo e fokoditse borukutlhi mo kgaolong.

Terata e, e agilwe go tswa kwa motseng wa Tlhareselele go ya go tsena kwa Mabule, morago ga gore go nne le dipego tsa bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo kwa South Africa.

Mo potsolotsong Kgosi Odirile Sekwenyane o boleletse gore fa e sa le terata e dirwa, ba itemogetse kwelo tlase ya melato ya go tlovisa leruo le diritibatsi.

A re le fa Barolong ba ne ba le kgalhanong le kago ya yone, bontsi bo simolotse go bona mosola wa teng.

Kgosi Sekwenyane a re terata eo e e agilweng go bapa le molelwane jaanong e kgontsha makalana a mangwe a puso jaaka mapodise le masole go dira tiro ya bone sentle ka go na le tsela.

"Pele ga terata e dirwa, go ne go le sekgwa mme seo se direla



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mapodise tiro bokete ka gore ba ne ba sa kgone go tsamaya mo sekgweng." Kgosi Sekwenyane a

tlhalosa.

Mogolwane wa sepodise kwa Phitshane Molopo, Superintendent Thusego Kenyafetswe le ene o supile fa terata e e simolotseng tiro ya yone e le go kganela leruo, jaanong e dira ditiro tse pedi.

A re ba kgona go tsamaya mo molelwane ka phuthologo, mme seo se fokoditse melato e e

neng e ba tshwenya ya bogodu jwa leruo le go tlovisiwa ga dithoto mo go seng ka fa molaong.

Supt Kenyafetswe a re le fa bangwe ba a tle ba kgaole terata, ba kgona go lemoga ka bonako mme e baakanngwe.

"Le fa leruo le tlovisiwe re kgona go lemoga ka bonako ka gore le bosigo re tsamaya re tlhola gore a mme sengwe le sengwe

se siame," Supt Kenyafetswe a tlhalosa.

Mo go tse dingwe a re ba Phitshane ba tshwenngwa ke melato ya dititeo e e diragalang kwa marekisetso a majalwa a a mo malwapeng. O thalositse fa ba lwantshana le seemo se ka go etela marekisetso ao mme ba lebise ba ba senang ditesi tsa go rekisa molato. **BOPA**



Kgosi Sekwenyane wa Phitshane Molopo a re banni ba kgaolo eo ba itumelela kago ya terata ya matlhoko a leruo ka jaana e thusa gape le go fokotsa borukutlhi jwa dithoto le lone leruo tota.

Dinepe: Aobakwe Molefhi

Lephata le tlaa thusa baithuti le babereki ka sepalamo

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A re molao oo gape o pateletsa marekisetso a leokwane go nna le thulaganyo ya go sireletsa bareki fa sengwe se ka diragalela dikoloi tsa bone ka lebaka la leokwane kana thuso e ba e fiwang.

A re ntsa molao o tlhalosa fa babereki ba madirelo a leokwane ba tshwanetse go dira ditlathobo tsa botsogo ngwaga le ngwaga, ga gona fa o papamatsang teng gore mohiri o ba thusa jang fa botsogo jwa bone bo koafaditse ke go berekela fa leokwaneng.

Ka jalo, a rotloetsa babereki go inakanya le melao ya pereko go rarabolola dikgang tsa mofuta o. Moanamisa mafoko wa BERA, Rre Tshepang Monare a re ba boloditse letsholo lefatshene ka bophara go ruta batho ka molao o moshia wa leokwane, o o tseneng mo tirisong kgwedi ya Moranang monongwaga.

A re mo letsholong leo, ba rutuntsha ba-na-le seabe ka go farologana ba akaretsa bagwebi ba bannye le ba batona, babereki gammogo le setshaba ka kakaretso.

Rre Monare a re ba bone go le botlhokwa gore ba rutuntshe batho ka ditsetlana tsa molao oo tse di itebagantseng le boikarabelo jwa dikgwebo tsa leokwane gammogo le ditshwanelo tsa bareki.

A re gape ba ruta setshaba ka ditsela tse di siameng tsa go dirisa mofuta ya leokwane le gone go ipabalela go itsa dikotsi fa go tshwerwe leokwane.

"Re itemogetse gore go na le ditiragalo tse di diragetseng tse di sa nnang sentle di bakwa ke go tlhoka go tshwara kana go dirisa leokwane sentle, ka jalo dithuto tsa rona di akaretsa le yone ntlha e e botlhokwa ya tirisio e e siameng ya leokwane." **BOPA**

BERA e rutuntsha setshaba

Ka Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Mogolwane wa lephata la Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA), Rre Kuvare Venjonoka a re go botlhokwa gore batho ba itse leokwane le le siametseng dikoloi tsa bone go itsa ditshenyegelo.

O buile jalo kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Jwaneng ka Labobedi, e maikaelelo a yone e neng e le go rutuntsha baji bareki ka molao o moshia wa leokwane.

O tlhalositse gore mofuta ya leokwane e dirisiwa mo dikoloiing tse di farologanyeng,

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BERA e rutuntsha setshaba

Ka jalo, a rotloetsa babereki go inakanya le melao ya pereko go rarabolola dikgang tsa mofuta o. Moanamisa mafoko wa BERA, Rre Tshepang Monare a re ba boloditse letsholo lefatshene ka bophara go ruta batho ka molao o moshia wa leokwane, o o tseneng mo tirisong kgwedi ya Moranang monongwaga.

A re mo letsholong leo, ba rutuntsha ba-na-le seabe ka go farologana ba akaretsa bagwebi ba bannye le ba batona, babereki gammogo le setshaba ka kakaretso.

Rre Monare a re ba bone go le botlhokwa gore ba rutuntshe batho ka ditsetlana tsa molao oo tse di itebagantseng le boikarabelo jwa dikgwebo tsa leokwane gammogo le ditshwanelo tsa bareki.

A re gape ba ruta setshaba ka ditsela tse di siameng tsa go dirisa mofuta ya leokwane le gone go ipabalela go itsa dikotsi fa go tshwerwe leokwane.

"Re itemogetse gore go na le ditiragalo tse di diragetseng tse di sa nnang sentle di bakwa ke go tlhoka go tshwara kana go dirisa leokwane sentle, ka jalo dithuto tsa rona di akaretsa le yone ntlha e e botlhokwa ya tirisio e e siameng ya leokwane." **BOPA**

Ba nwa lenaneo moro kwa Hukuntsi

By Thuso Kgakatsi

HUKUNTSI - Bagwebi ba gakolotswe go ikamanya le letsholo le le tshweletseng la go fetola dikakanyo, maikutlo le boitshwara mo go botlhokwa mo go tlabololaeng dikgwebo tsa bone.

Ntswa bagwebi ba leka ka thata go tlabolola digkwebo tsa bone, go tlhoka gore ba kgothadiwe go ela tlhoko ka fa ba tsamaisang dikgwebo tsa bone.

Mo potsolotsong le mothusa molaodi wa kgaolo ya Hukuntsi, Mme Maipelo Koketso o buile se kwa a gatelela thata kang ya go bula le go tswala madirelo ka nako e e tshwanetseng.

Mme Koketso a re bagwebi ba tlhologanyo botlhokwa jwa go tshwara bareki ka lerato, a supa fa mo bogompienong, bagwebi ka bontsi mo kgaolong ba sa supe kgatlhego ya go dira letseno ka ba itlhokomolosa dintlha tse di ka thusang go ba tsenyetsa letseno.

Mong wa madirelo a ColMors Auto Spares, Mme Ontibile Morubisi o lebogetse kemo nokeng e e tswang mo maphateng a puso ka go farologana. A re fa e sale Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi a ribolola letsholo la Mindset Change ngwaga o o fetileng o itemogetse phaloganyo e e nametsang, a supa fa jaanong puso e reka mo go bone.

A re kgatelopele ya bone ya go diragatsa mogopolo wa ga tautona wa go fetola dikakanyo le megopolo mo madirelong a bone, e itebagantse thata le go ntsha ditlamelo tsa boleng jo bo kwa godimo.

A re se, se godisitse kgwebo ya gagwe, a re ba dira ka thata go

ruta bareki ka bomolemo jwa go reka ditsompelo tsa boleng.

A re kgwebo ya gagwe jaanong e a nametsa ka bontsi jwa ditsompelo tse ba di rekisang di le teng, a re ka ntlha ya kgolo ya tsa mosepele, go motlhofo go reka le go tsisa dithoto go tswa Gaborone.

Mme Morubisi a re o mo thulaganyong ya go oketsa madirelo ka go rekisa dithaere.

O gakolotse bagwebi ba bangwe go fetola ka fa ba dirisang madi a dipoelo mo dikgwebong tsa bone, a re gore kgwebo e gole go tlhokafala gore ba faloganye madi a kgwebo le a ditiro tsa lelwapa.

A ba gakolola gape go emisa go kolotisa bareki, le go emisa go letlelela ditsala go kolota kgotsa go adima madi a kgwebo, ka se se ka diga kgwebo.

Mme Inoge Mwaile wa madirelo a Inno's Hair Saloon a re mogopolo wa A re Chencheng o ba thusitse fela thata mo kgwebong ya bone.

A re ka ntlha ya letsholo le, ba kgonne go fetola ka fa ba dirang ka teng mo madirelong a bone, jaaka go tshwara diphutho tse di remeletseng le go tlabolola ka fa ba dirisanyang ka teng le bareki ba bone.

Mme Mwaile a re ba setse ba itemogetse kgolo ya bareki le letseno, ka ba itse go dirisanya le bareki ba bone, a supa fa se, se thusa thata mo itsholelong ya babereki ba gagwe.

A re lantlha ba ne ba itemogela dikgwetlho tsa dikgotlhang fa gare ga babereki ba gagwe le bareki, a tlatsa ka gore jaanong sengwe le sengwe se tsamaya sika ba na le kitso ya gore moreki o tshwara jang. **BOPA**



Rre Kgari o boloditse letsholo la go phepafatsa tikologo kwa Jwaneng e le maiteko a go tlhagolela tsela go ipelelela segopotso sa ngwaga letsholo la Mindset Change le ntse le boloditswe. Letsholo leo le tshwaraganetswe ke puso, bagwebi le morafe ka kakaretso. Senepe: Kehumile Moekejo

Molaodi o kopa tshwaragano go phepafatsa toropo

Ka Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Maphata ka go farologana le morafe wa Jwaneng ba rotloeditswe go tshwaraganela go phepafatsa toropo eo, e le nngwe ya maiteko a go ipelelela ngwaga letsholo la go fetola dikakanyo le sena go ribololwa. Fa a buisa baeteledipele ba maphata bosheng, molaodi wa toropo ya Jwaneng, Rre Goleba Kgari, o tlhalositse fa mongwe le mongwe a na le boikarabelo jwa go netefatsa gore tikologo ya gagwe e mo seemong se se siameng, kwa lwapeng le kwa tirong.

Ka jalo, o ne a re go botlhokwa gore babereki ba simolole go dira

pharologanyo mo diofising tsa bone le kwa malwapeng.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Kgari o ne a rotloeditsa bana le seabe botlhe, ba akaretsa dikgwebo le morafe ka kakaretso go tshwaragana le go amogana didirisiwa go netefatsa gore ba busetsa serodumo sa toropo eo.

A re e re ntswa ditsompelo dingwe di tlhela, ba tshwanetse go dirisa tse ba nang natso gore tikologo ya bone e lebege.

"Re a itse gore ga rena ditsompelo tse di kalo, mme re tlaa leka ka bojotlhe gore tse re nang natso re di amogane ka dikgotla tsa rona ka go farologana.

Ke rotloeditsa gore ba ba nang

le didirisiwa ba di tlise ka kwano gore re kgone go di hapaanela le go di kabakanya sentle," o kopile jalo.

Rre Kgari o ne a supa fa go le botlhokwa gore dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse le tsone di nne le seabe gore di kgone go tsibosa le go ngokela morafe mo moonong o o botlhokwa o.

A re go dira jalo go tlaa tsosolosa mowa wa boipelego le gone go tsewedisa bophepa jwa toropo ele selo sa sennela ruri.

Le fa go ntse jalo, o ne a tlhalosa fa melao ya khansela e tlaa dirisiwa go tsela dikgato botlhe ba ba hapogang tsamaiso, bogolo jang ba ba leswafatsang tikologo. **BOPA**

Maduo a lenaneo la Mindset Change a a bonala

Ka Cathrine Simane

TSABONG - Motsadi go tswa kwa Bokspits, Mme Sophie Matthys, o tseela kwa godimo thata lenaneo la 'Mindset Change' ka le sa thuse fela mo dikgwebong mme a le dirisa mo lwapeng la gagwe mo ditirong tsa tsatsi le letsatsi.

Mo puisanong le **BOPA**, Mme Matthys yo o dingwaga tse di masome a matlhano le bone o

o boletse fa a na le bana ba le bararo, basetsana ba babedi le mosimane a le mongwe ba ba dingwaga tse di masome a mararo le bobedi, masome a mabedi le le boherabobedi le masome a mabedi le bobedi. A re morago ga go simolodisiwa ga lenaneo la 'A re Chencheng', ke tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi ngwagatola, o ne a nna fa fatshe le bone go ba ruta botshelo le gone go fetola ka fa ba akanyang le go dira dilo

ka teng, mme ba babedi ba ne ba simolola go ichebachebela mme a nna le yo monnye mo lwapeng.

O boletse fa a rutile bana ba gagwe go ikemela mo botshelong le go emelana le dikgwetlho tsotlhe tse ba kopanang le tsone gore fa ene le monna wa gagwe ba setse ba se mo botshelong, botshelo bo sale bo tselela.

A re ba rutile bana ba bone gore botshelo bo a itirelwa mme ba fetole megopolo le dikakanyo

tse gore fa ba tlhokafetse go na le boswa jo bo ba saelang.

Mme Matthys a re seo se dia bana go itirela mme kwa phelelong se bake tlhokakutlwisisano le lefufa selo se se kgotlelang kagiso mo malwapeng.

O tseletse a tlhalosa fa mo lwapeng botlhe ba dira ditiro ka go lekana jaaka go apaya, go tlhatswa, go phepafatsa, go thusa mo kgwebong potlana ya semausu ba sa tlhaole gore tiro

e lebagane borre kana bomme jaaka pele le mo ngwaong go ne go ntse bogologolo.

O ne a gwetlha Batswana ka kakaretso go ema ka dinao mme ba fetole dikakanyo, maikutlo le boitshwara bogolo jang banana bangwe ba ba inakantseng le ditiro tsa botlhoka tsebe di akaretsa ditagi, borukutlhi le tse dingwe gore ba goroge kwa Tebelopele ya 2036 go sena ope yo o saletseng kwa morago. **BOPA**

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE Of Ownership. Owner of vehicle registration B652 AYT intends to change ownership from studio 16555 (Pty) Ltd to Tawanda Wallen Mangere. For any objections, contact Gaborone DRTS on 3912674 within 21 days of this publication notice.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF SINGLE family residential Plot no: 6945, Maratanang ward, Tlokweng, would like to erect a boundary wall and double storey house. Any objections contact Tlokweng Physical planning office on 3695000 within 14 days of this advert publication.

DANA PHENYO OF PLOT 233, Sekao ward Nata, wish to change use from residential to civic & community. Anyone with objection must consult Tutume District Physical Planning office.

OWNER OF PLOTS 17210 and 17211 at Ramfurwa ward in Tlokweng wishes to inform the public and neighbours that she wants to consolidate the aforementioned plots and change their use from residential to multi family residential use. Objection should be forwarded to Tlokweng physical planning office at 3695000 or 72 292 915

VACANCIES

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000085/13

IN THE ESTATE **Kgeledi George Kgoroba** and **Ruth Setlogano Kgoroba** who died at Morning Side Clinic, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa on **31st August 2009** and **Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane**, Kweneng District Botswana on **29th June 2021** respectively.

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

DATED at MOGODITSHANE on this **22 Day of JULY 2024**.

Executor
Kehumile Kgoroba
P O Box 637, MOGODITSHANE
CELL: 72228442

The Executor
Sedirwa Kgoroba
P O Box 42, MOGODITSHANE
CELL: 75257593

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN (In Terms of Section 34 (1) of Tribal Land Act No.1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between:

PARTIES:
TRANSFEROR : Johan Christo Vos
TRANSFeree : Desh Agro (Pty) Ltd T/A Desh Feed Corner

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
CERTAIN : commercial piece of land being Tribal Lot No. 2102;
SITUATE : at Konyana, Mahalapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : **2466 m²** (Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Six Square Metres);
HELD : under **Memorandum of Lease Number 97/1995** dated **27th day of March, 1995**;
SUBJECT : to the conditions and reservations mentioned;
CONSIDERATION : **BWP 2,500,000.00** (Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pula only).

By virtue of this notice, any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of Tribal Lot named above shall be given priority and any person wishing to object to the proposed, shall be given notice of his/her intention to object, with reasons thereof in writing to Mahalapye Sub-Landboard **within thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE

Tinkane Investments, owners of plot **6429 Francistown** wish to change land use of their plot from mixed use to various uses as follows

- Portin 1 & 3 (commercial)
- Portion 2 (civic & community)
- Portion 4, 5 and 6 (multi-family residential)

Any objections should be addressed to city of francistown council physical planning departmet on **2411050 within 14 days of this publication**.

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

ESHFT-000170-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MAINAH TSHOTESO- ESHFT-000170-24** who died at SEKONJWE WARD, NORTH EAST DISTRICT on the **29th day of April 2014**.

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 **18th DAY OF JULY 2024**

JEREMIA TSHOTEGO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 2940
FRANCISTOWN

TEDZANI COLLIN TSHOTEGO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 2940
FRANCISTOWN

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN - ESHFT-000117-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ARON WHITE- ESHFT-000117-23** who died at **JUBILEE HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **06th day of May 2014**.

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 **30th DAY OF AUGUST 2021**

SANAH ARON | EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 133, TATISIDING

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000304/22

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **RAPHAEL BOTLHOLE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone. Gaborone District. Botswana on the **19th day of August 2021**.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the estate will be open for inspection at the offices of Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication,

Any objections to the estate Account may be lodged with the Master

DATED.....on the.....day of.....2024

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TEMPORARY CHANGE OF LAND USE.

The Owner of a Ploughing Field along the **A10 Road** in the **Goo-Kodisa**, which is between **Moshupa and Thamaga** at approximately 2km South of **Goo-Kodisa Organic Gardens and Orchards**, would like to inform the public as well as the surrounding plot owners that they will be temporarily changing the Land Use for **3 years** from **Agriculture to Temporary Site Offices** on **50%** of the land.

The Temporary Site Offices will be used for the construction of the **A10-Mmankgodi Junction A10/B111** To Kanye Junction **A10/A2 (50km) Road**.

For further Clarity please contact **74118673** or the Moshupa Council, within **14 days** of the date of publication.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000306-21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SIMU PERVIN BISWAS** who died at **PELENG EAST CLINIC, LOBATSE. LOBATSE DISTRICT. BOTSWANA** on the **3rd day of MARCH 2021**.

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

ANY OBJECTION TO THE ESTATE ACCOUNT MAY BE LODGED WITH THE MASTER WITHIN THE **21 DAYS** STATED ABOVE.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY 2024

The Executor
EDATHIL MADATHIL SREEPRAKASH
MAZARS PLOT 139 FINANCE PARK
P O BOX 401805 GABORONE TEL: 3957466

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 Estate (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 the deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment 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
SAMUEL MATLHARE	ESHFT – 000190-23	08-10-2024	1100HRS	SEGWENI

DATED AT FRAMNCISTOWN THIS 08 DAY OF JUNE 2024

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
MASTERS REFERENCE: ESHFT: 000412-23

IN THE ESTATE Of the late **Ricardo Ishmael Mogamisi** who died at Xugana River, Maun, Ngamiland District, Botswana on the 29th day of July 2003.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION in the **ESTATE** will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Francistown for a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22ND JULY 2024

THE EXECUTRIX
ITSENG SYDNEY MOGAMISI
P O BOX 142
Goodhope
Contacts: 72764144/71404814

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Ref: ESHGB-000130-17

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MICHAEL DICHABA** who died intestate at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone on the 15th day of July 2017.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19th DAY OF JULY 2024

LARONA DICHABA
The Executrix
P.O. Box 333
OODI
Cell: 77857675



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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT

To: The Director
Department of Information Services

The public is informed that there will be a Public Auction sale on the **3rd August 2024** at **Gaborone West Supply Depot**. The Auction sale will start at **08:30am** and registration will be at **7:30am**. The Auction sale will be restricted to Botswana citizens, who will be in possession of identity cards (Omang).
Viewing of items will be on the 1st – 2nd August 2024 from 11am to 15:30 pm.
For more information, contact the following numbers:3992805/3993007/3993046

Terms of payment: cash only.
Time of Payment: Saturday only (3rd) Time- 08:30am to 16:30 pm

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Motlha releases *Digalagala*

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Renowned artiste Motlha Mompe, also known as Motlha, recently released a single titled *Digalagala*.

In an interview, with *BOPA* on Monday, Motlha said the inspiration behind *Digalagala* was to blend diverse cultural influences and personal experiences, creating a unique sound.

Motlha said the reception of the single, since its release in July, had been overwhelmingly positive.

"Listeners have appreciated the blend of cultural influences and the celebratory vibe of the song. It has garnered attention for its unique sound and meaningful theme, which has been gratifying to see after putting so much effort into its creation," he said.

Discussing the composition of the song, music producer Innocent Maenge, also known as Genhamour, explained that the creative process for *Digalagala* began with him making the beat.

He said Motlha then recorded the vocals, followed by Sebaga Rabanhang's live saxophone performance.

"Finally, Tribal Tido handled the mixing and mastering to bring everything together," he added.

Asked about the artistes or genres that influenced the project, Genhamour explained that *Digalagala* was influenced

by a blend of genres and artists. Genhamour said the *Digalagala* project's sound reflected elements of traditional music, jazz from Sebaga's saxophone, and modern beats, Amapiano originally from South Africa, showcasing various musical influences.

He added that the themes and messages in the single carried a recurring theme of unity and responsible celebration.

He emphasised the importance of coming together and celebrating diverse cultures in a meaningful and respectful way.

As for what listeners would take away from the single, Genhamour said they would gain a sense of unity and appreciation for cultural diversity.

He said he hoped that listeners would feel the joy of responsible celebration and the beauty of blending different musical influences to create something unique.

As the producer, Genhamour said *Digalagala* held special meaning to him because it represented a fusion of diverse cultural elements and personal experiences.

"It's a celebration of unity and creativity, reflecting my journey and passion for music," he said.

Regarding the production process and challenges faced, he noted that the production involved several stages.

"It began with creating

the beat, followed by Motlha recording the vocals, and Sebaga adding a live saxophone performance. Tribal Tido then handled the mixing and mastering," he said.

One challenge they faced, he said was ensuring that all these

elements blended seamlessly to create a cohesive sound, but the collaborative effort made it a rewarding experience.

Currently, he said, they were focusing on promoting *Digalagala* through social media, streaming platforms, and

collaborations with influencers in the music scene.

While there are no specific tours or events planned at the moment, they are actively seeking opportunities to perform live and engage with fans to further promote the single. *BOPA*

SOTS organisers, patrons mourn Kapaletswe

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Organisers and patrons of the popular cultural show Son of the Soil (SOTS) are mourning the death of David 'Divas Keps' Kapaletswe.

Kapaletswe, a passionate culture activist, died on Saturday after a short illness.

His sister, Kamogelo Chiusiwa confirmed his passing in an interview. She said her brother would be buried in Gaborone on Saturday at Phomolong, and that a memorial service would be held on Friday.

"Although we were born and bred in Selebi Phikwe, the family agreed to have his send off in Gaborone because this is where he stayed and has made friends and family.

Therefore, we wish they could also give their friend and associate a deserving send-off," Chiusiwa said.

At the time of his passing, Divas, as he was affectionately known to his circle of friends, was the chairperson of Bana ba Mmala Trust, the organising committee of Son of the Soil.

"He was a very enthusiastic individual with great ambition for the Son of the Soil brand.

He was also keen on the promotion of culture and the heritage of Botswana, which is how Son of the Soil came to fruition," said Bana ba Mmala Trust spokesperson, Tebogo Zebe.

Divas leaves when plans to celebrate SOTS's 20th anniversary are

underway, and was an important component of planning the celebrations. Zebe said his presence would be missed, describing him as the 'chief taster.' He earned the nickname through the role he played of tasting traditional brews with charisma and pride.

Traditional brew is a popular highlight of Son of the Soil events, and "Divas would say, 'Bo thlotlhlweee,' after tasting the brew and giving way to patrons to also indulge," noted Zebe.

Sydney 'Boogie Sid' Nzala, who took over producing SOTS in 2022, described Divas as forward thinking, full of humility and compassion.

Nzala said Divas was passionate about culture and that it was something he learned from him since meeting him in 2017 while working with him on SOTS production.

Kapaletswe founded Bana ba Mmala Trust in 2005 alongside other culture enthusiasts such as Kabelo Semele, Puso Pusoetsile, Tiro Sethate, Gase Thekiso and Felix Monngae. *BOPA*



Kapaletswe

Botswana bids to host World Relays

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana has submitted a bid to host the 2026 World Athletics Relays.

Addressing a press conference in Gaborone on Tuesday, the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) president, Moses Bantsi, said they met the July 10 deadline.

“Hopefully with the backing of other stakeholders, including government, we will be able to host successful relays come 2026, he said.

Furthermore, he said although they had also submitted a bid to host the 2026 Africa Senior Champions, which was won by Ghana, all was not lost as Botswana was given the right to host the 2028 edition.

Bantsi also said they did not host the Botswana Golden Grand Prix this year adding that they were hopeful that the race would be back next year.

On other issues, Bantsi said the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) had entered 14 athletes of which, 12 were from BAA for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

He also said there was a need

to prepare athletes early for major competitions such as the Olympic Games.

“As the BAA, we are saying the Paris 2024 Olympic Games are as good as being gone and what’s next? is what has compelled the BAA to call this briefing to share and appeal to all; be corporates, organisations or individual entities, to be part of the next stages,” he said.

He said preparations should start now for some of the major sporting events, which were in the pipeline such as the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games.

He said Botswana had set a target of five gold medals during the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

He said that could only be achieved if they started preparations as early as now.

“It is with this in mind that the BAA calls for support from all corners for its junior team, which will be going to compete at the World Athletics U20 Championships scheduled from August 27-31 2024 in Lima, Peru,” he said.

The talent that Botswana had in sports, he said could elevate the country to higher status. **BOPA**



Bantsi during media engagement session in Gaborone on Tuesday. He said government had secured a broadcasting rights to air the Olympic Games that start in Paris, France tomorrow. Botswana has sent 14 athletes to the games, 12 from athletics and two from swimming. Photo: Phenylo Moalosi



Tebogo



Egner

Tebogo, Egner Team Botswana flag bearers

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Sprinter, Letsile Tebogo and swimmer, Maxine Egner have been chosen as Botswana’s flag bearers for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which starts tomorrow until August 11.

The pair joins the likes of Gilbert Khunwane, Khumiso Ikgopoleng, Amantle Montsho, Justice Dipeba, Rajab Mahommed, among others, who have been given the opportunity to hoist the Botswana flag during the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics.

The practice of hoisting the nations flags first began at the 1908 London Olympics.

Each country is preceded into the Olympic stadium by an athlete or a representative carrying their country’s flag.

And for the first time in the Olympic Games history,

countries will parade their flags outside the stadium to show their presence at the Games.

The Olympics opening and closing ceremonies are not only about festivities, but also about athletes and technical staff having the opportunity to parade in their best attires for all to see.

For Botswana, they will be draped in the traditional attire of *Leteise* during the ceremonies.

On what motivated the *Leteise* theme, Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) business development and strategy manager, Baboni Kupe said historically, BNOC took the opportunity to showcase *Leteisi* or German print, which was the most common attire amongst Batswana, on the largest sporting stage.

Kupe said it was traditionally worn during wedding ceremonies, which signified a

new beginning and a celebratory chapter in the lives of the couple.

“This is also true for our athletes, who during the parade, will be entering a new chapter as they represent our country on the global stage,” she said.

Kupe said wearing the traditional attire allowed local designers to display their ingenuity and creativity using a print, which also carried the weight of Botswana culture.

She said the choice of the royal blue, being the best known colour of the *Leteisi*, also had a deeper meaning, signifying peace, unity and the ever scarce water.

“It is an extension of the same peace, unity and Pula that is encompassed in the colours of our flag.

It is therefore our desire to have our athletes proudly wear this print as proud Batswana,” she said. **BOPA**



Theetso

Mosimanyane

Ntshwarang

Dipeba

Team means business

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Team Botswana is prepared to leave nothing to chance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which starts tomorrow until August 11.

Having sent a team of 14 athletes to compete in Paris Olympics, Botswana sports bodies decided to send three athletics coaches to help with athletics team, which has 12 athletes.

The team's head coach is Chilume Ntshwarang, who will be assisted by Kebonyemodisa Mosimanyane while Justice Dipeba will be responsible for the relay team.

Team Botswana manager, who is also

the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) vice president, Oabona Theetso, said although Dipeba would be focusing on the relays, he would also be assisting the two coaches looking at his vast experience.

He said they were confident that Dipeba's experience as an athlete and coach would help the country achieve its mission of winning medals at this year's edition.

Patrick Moesi, who once travelled with the team in the past as a manager, said the decision to have three coaches in Paris was consistent with international best practices.

In some countries, he said personal

coaches were made part of the national team to ensure continuity, as athletes would not be compelled to adjust to new coaches during competitions.

"The Botswana National Olympic Committee and the BAA should be commended for this initiative, as many slots should be dedicated to technical people to ensure that athletes derive the best assistance possible to perform," he said.

Furthermore, Moesi said the three coaches were tried and tested and their combination should yield positive results.

He said the coaches had presided over Botswana's best performances at major competitions, and he was confident

that having them at the Olympics was a commendable move.

"The BAA has appointed arguably our best coaches and to have all of them at the same event gives us great hope," he said.

He, however, said in as much as they appreciated the appointment of three coaches, more could have been done to cater for the four 800m runners in Paris.

He said a coach should have been appointed to help them or better still roped in the quartet's personal coach.

"Today's high performance support is a sophisticated team effort and all factors need to be satisfied to ensure that an athlete performs optimally," he said.

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