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BOKO CALLS FOR GLOBAL INCLUSION

NEW YORK - President Advocate Duma Boko addressing the 81st United Nations General Assembly in the USA, where Botswana put its priorities on the international agenda, including economic transformation, investment, climate resilience and stronger multilateral cooperation. President Boko also said persistent conflicts, geopolitical tensions and growing divisions had tested trust between nations. Photo: Courtesy of BW Presidency

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Bi-national Commission to boost economic ties

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

Botswana and Mozambique are pushing to deepen bilateral cooperation by upgrading their Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) to a Bi-national Commission, as the two countries seek to translate existing agreements into practical benefits for their citizens.

The proposal emerged during the opening of the ninth session of the Botswana-Mozambique JPCC in Gaborone on Wednesday.

Mozambique's Director for Africa and Middle East, Ambassador Hermenegildo José Caetano, said the focus should now shift from negotiating agreements to ensure that those already concluded were implemented.

He said the proposed Bi-national Commission would provide a stronger framework for strategic and economic cooperation, with the aim of delivering sustainable mutual benefits to both countries.

The meeting followed a mid-term cooperation evaluation held in Maputo in April, which assessed

progress made since the 8th Session of the Joint Commission in July 2024.

Ambassador Caetano said significant progress had been recorded in several areas, including defence cooperation, negotiations surrounding the Ponta Techobanine Project and efforts to strengthen economic cooperation.

He said the two countries were also working towards establishing a Permanent Joint Defence and Security Commission.

The meeting also considered 18 draft agreements and memoranda of understanding covering areas including science and technology, tourism, education, health, youth, sport, housing, public administration, media and trade.

Ambassador Caetano said the two countries also needed to accelerate work on the Limpopo Development Corridor and address outstanding issues surrounding the Ponta Techobanine Railway Project.

He said Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe would need to engage on pending matters

relating to implementation of the railway project.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of International Relations, Ambassador Thuso Ramodimoosi, called for greater focus on implementing agreements already reached between the two countries.

He said the success of bilateral cooperation should not be measured by the number of agreements signed, but by whether they were implemented within agreed timelines and produced tangible benefits for citizens.

He urged officials to identify implementation gaps, assign clear responsibilities and establish firm timelines for outstanding commitments.

Ambassador Ramodimoosi said the 9th Session should be used to close implementation gaps and ensure sustained follow-up until commitments were delivered.

The meeting was also expected to prepare for Mozambican President Daniel Francisco Chapo's State Visit to Botswana from September 28 to October 1. **BOPA**



Ministry for International Relations Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Thuso Ramodimoosi (right) and Mozambique Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cooperation director of the Africa and the Middle East, Ambassador Hermenegildo Caetano during the official opening of the senior officials meeting of the 9th session of the Botswana-Mozambique joint permanent commission on cooperation in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Ramodimoosi said the two countries established formal diplomatic relations 51 years ago and overtime the relations had matured into strong and multifaceted partnership. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Twenty-five-kilometre internal roads to transform Tlokweng

Baleseng Batlotleng
TLOKWENG

Completion of the Tlokweng 25 kilometres internal roads development is a clear statement of the national intent that aligns with the country's National Development Plan (NDP12).

Speaking during the official opening and commissioning of the project in Tlokweng on Tuesday, Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, said the strategic thrust of the national development plan was to transform the country into a premier regional hub for trade, travel and investment through integrated, resilient and sustainable infrastructure.

"We gather here today at the strategic gateway to our capital city, at the Tlokweng Border Post, which serves as our primary interface with international trading partners, investors and visitors. What we commission today therefore speaks directly to who we are as a nation and where we are going," said Minister Motshegwa.

He said the project which comprised 25km of high quality internal roads integrated with modern storm water drainage systems contracted at over P334 million with an additional investment of P40 million dedicated to solar street lighting and modern traffic signalling components, had been successfully completed to standard specifications.

Minister Motshegwa said in an era of constrained fiscal space, delivering a capital project of its magnitude within the approved budget and timeline was no small achievement which demonstrated the resilience of local authorities, discipline in public financial management and unwavering accountability at every stage of execution.

He said Tlokweng was evolving rapidly as a prime destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences

and Exhibitions (MICE) which demanded efficient, modern and dignified transport infrastructure that the roads directly provided.

"Tlokweng is being positioned as a flagship Smart Model Village, requiring safe, illuminated, well-drained, and accessible roads that support digital connectivity, e-services, and enhanced quality of life. Tlokweng has historically suffered from flash flooding due

to inadequate drainage, a chronic challenge that is now significantly mitigated by this new integrated system to bring tangible relief, safety, and dignity to our citizens," he said.

Minister Motshegwa highlighted that the installation of solar-powered streetlights significantly reduced dependency on the national grid and lowered electricity overheads for the

council thus advanced Botswana's commitment to energy security, enhanced road safety for women and children and transformed Tlokweng into a settlement of pride.

He said there was need to continue moving towards an integrated development model where infrastructure, spatial planning, environmental management and social wellbeing

were advanced together rather than in isolation.

Minister Motshegwa challenged businesses, local entrepreneurs and commercial investors to view the infrastructure as an enabling platform for enterprise because where connectivity improved, economic opportunities must follow and thrive.

"I am pleased to note that this project created 195 direct employment opportunities, 34 of which were taken up by women, representing household income, youth skills transfer and direct community empowerment. Every Pula of public investment must yield tangible benefits for our people," he added.

Giving an overview and objectives of the project, Tlokweng District council secretary, Mr Joseph Kgabanyane, said the primary objective was to give the village a facelift with an all-weather road infrastructure as Tlokweng was flood prone.

He said despite the fact that the project was delivered timely and within budget, the overall cost could not cover some desired components such as storm water drainage systems in some parts.

Mr Kgabanyane said the road network changed the landscape of the village and completed on schedule totalling over P440 million.

He said the project endured some challenges along the way but generally, were pleased with the transformation and success with regards to infrastructural delivery.

Asphalt Botswana representative, Mr Pius Mphathiwa, applauded the cooperative spirit of Tlokweng residents during the pre-condition survey as construction was done in built up areas.

He said 4 101 houses were assessed and over P92 000 compensation paid, a reasonable amount which reflected careful consideration of property upon construction. **BOPA**

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Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa (third right) and Assistant minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang (second left) officially opening and commissioning the Tlokweng 25km internal roads project. Mr Motshegwa said the project which comprised 25km of high quality internal roads integrated with modern storm water drainage systems was contracted at over P334 million. Photo: Baleseng Batlotleng

Boko calls for global inclusion

Pako Lebanna
NEW YORK

President Advocate Duma Boko has called for renewed multilateralism and urged world leaders to choose cooperation over division and reform a financial system that leaves developing nations behind mid mounting geopolitical friction.

Addressing the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, against a backdrop of heightened conflicts, including the Middle East crises and the Russia-Ukraine war, President Boko compared the fiery rhetoric of prior speakers with an appeal to the foundational rules of

the UN Charter.

“Persistent conflicts, geopolitical tensions and growing divisions have tested trust between nations. The pertinent question is how we strengthen multilateralism so that the United Nations can deliver meaningful results for all Member States,” President Boko said.

Reflecting on the Botswana history, the President noted that no nation can afford to do it alone.

“When Botswana gained independence in 1966, we carried a founding belief that our security and prosperity would come from disciplined integration into a community of nations governed by

rules that all had agreed to honour.

That is the tradition I bring to this podium representing a nation staking its existence on the promise that shared rules, faithfully observed, remain humanity’s best instrument for peace and prosperity,” he said.

He indicated that to rebuild global trust, nations must pursue a cessation of hostilities, open dialogue and strict respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity as well as equal dignity for all, regardless of size, wealth or military power.

On Africa’s economic future and its young population,

President Boko called on the UN and multilateral institutions to make technology transfer, skills development and capacity-building funded priorities.

He also called for a sweeping reform of the global financial architecture to ensure more accessible development finance.

“As we will all agree, the credibility of our multilateral commitments will be properly tested in development finance.

When countries have the means to invest in their people and when international institutions respond effectively to shared threats, trust is strengthened,” he said.

On the nation’s two-decade campaign against HIV/AIDS, the President said national ownership paired with international solidarity can overcome impossible challenges.

“Our experience demonstrates that when national ownership and international solidarity converge, seemingly impossible challenges can be overcome.

This kind of practical solidarity restores confidence in multilateralism. We stand ready to share the lessons of this experience through South-South and triangular cooperation,” President Boko said. **BOPA**

SOEs reforms target long-term sustainability

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

With Botswana’s economic journey at a crossroads, government is seeking ways to strengthen State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) for sustainability and effectiveness as the country examines with increasing urgency how every part of the public sector contributes to national transformation.

Officially opening the stakeholder consultation on the SOE Ownership Policy yesterday, Acting President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, highlighted the role of SOEs in the country’s economy over the years, noting that such institutions had expanded access to infrastructure, utilities, finance, regulation and social services when markets were still developing.

Such contribution, he said, remained significant, although the government context had changed considerably as Botswana now faced tighter fiscal conditions, rising expectations for service delivery and an urgent need to accelerate economic diversification in pursuit of a high-income Botswana in which every citizen was empowered, employed and fulfilled.

“The National Development Plan I2 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Program are central in delivering that ambition, even as the traditional revenue base comes under pressure and the cost of delivering public services continues to rise,” he said.

To that effect, Mr Gaolathe said the proposed SOE Ownership Policy sought to respond to current economic challenges, with its core objective being to position government as a deliberate owner with measurable outputs.

He said the policy therefore began with a rationale for state ownership itself, restricting commercial ownership to circumstances where there was a genuine economic, strategic or social case, as well as where essential public goods and services were at stake.

The proposed policy, he said, would introduce a hybrid ownership model in which line ministries retained strategic responsibility, while a dedicated oversight authority maintained a consolidated view of the state’s enterprise portfolio.

“The policy sets government governance standards, monitors performance, tracks fiscal risks, enforces reporting discipline and reviews major investment decisions. That consolidated view gives government the ability to see risks earlier and act with greater discipline,” he said.

Additionally, Mr Gaolathe said the policy would introduce shareholder compacts, letters of government expectations and statements of corporate intent to translate broad mandates into measurable commitments. This, he said, would give boards a stronger basis for accountability and government a firmer basis for assessing performance.

He highlighted the importance of protecting competitive neutrality so that state ownership did not distort markets.

“Where state-owned enterprises participate in commercial markets, they should operate on fair and transparent terms that allow private firms to invest, innovate, partner and grow, while state enterprises support national value chains and economic diversification,” he said.

Mr Gaolathe said through the proposed policy, government sought to shape how Botswana would exercise ownership in the next phase of its development journey, with enterprises that understood their mandate, management that managed effectively and a government able to intervene where performance, fiscal risk and public value required it. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left) and China Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong during China’s 77th National Day in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Mohwasa said Botswana was pursuing investment and partnerships with China under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and welcomed the implementation of zero-tariff measures for African countries. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

China zero-tariff measures open market for Botswana

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

Botswana is positioning beef, citrus and other locally produced goods for a bigger share of the Chinese market as new zero-tariff measures open fresh opportunities for exports.

Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said the trade initiative could help Botswana expand its export base, strengthen economic cooperation with China and support economic transformation.

Speaking at a reception marking China’s 77th National Day in Gaborone on Wednesday, Minister Mohwasa said Botswana was also pursuing investment and partnerships with China under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

He said Botswana welcome China’s current implementation of zero-tariff measures for African countries, describing the initiative as an important opportunity to increase exports, deepen trade relations and create jobs.

Mr Mohwasa said Botswana was particularly optimistic about the prospects for beef and citrus following the signing of the Beef Protocol and the imminent

conclusion of the Citrus Protocol.

“Not only will this allow us to export our world renowned high quality beef to the Chinese market, but it will also serve to expand the market for more of our products,” he said. The move comes as Botswana seeks to diversify its economy and increase the range of products it sells to international markets.

Beyond trade, the minister highlighted China’s contribution to Botswana’s development through infrastructure, health and capacity building. He cited projects including the Moseitse-Kazungula railway line, major road works like the Mmopane-Block 8 road and Ramaeba Primary School in Kazungula.

“China has also supported Botswana’s health sector through medical teams and the provision of medical equipment and supplies,” he said. Minister Mohwasa said Chinese scholarships enabled young Batswana to pursue education in China, contributing to the country’s ambition of developing a knowledge-based economy.

He said Botswana would continue engaging China on investment opportunities and partnerships capable of expanding economic cooperation and supporting national

development. Meanwhile, Chinese Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong said the China- Botswana cooperation under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation framework has in the first half of 2026, bilateral trade volume reaching US\$852 million.

He said the development represented a 58.6 per cent year-on-year increase, adding that the economic cooperation between the two countries continue to gain momentum. Mr Fan highlighted China’s decision to extend zero tariff treatment to all 53 African countries, saying the measure could create new opportunities for Botswana’s exports and economic diversification.

“Almost all Botswana’s products entering China are eligible for duty free treatment,” he said, adding that China was looking forward to Botswana benefiting from access to its large consumer market.

Ambassador Fan also cited the Khoemacau Copper Mine expansion project, which he said had created approximately 4 500 local jobs, and the commencement of operations at the Jwaneng 100MW Solar Power Plant. He said the two countries were also expected to sign a protocol paving way for Botswana’s citrus exports to China. **BOPA**

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Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture Mr Motsamai Motsamai at the launch of Botswana Veterinary Surgeons Council website on Monday. Mr Motsamai said the digital platform would enable members of the public to access the official register of licensed veterinary professionals and curb illicit practices.
Photo: Phodiso Rankwe



Botswana Veterinary Surgeons Council launches website

Phodiso Rankwe
GABORONE

Botswana Veterinary Surgeons Council (BVSC) has launched a website to strengthen professional accountability and help farmers identify legitimate veterinary practitioners. “The digital platform will make it easier for farmers and

animal owners to verify whether a veterinary practitioner is registered with the council, helping to reduce incidents involving imposters posing as veterinarians, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture Mr Motsamai Motsamai said at the launch on Monday.

He said the council had in recent years been concerned about individuals who claimed to offer veterinary services posing as qualified veterinarians while defrauding farmers.

He said such incidents harmed farmers and undermined public confidence in the veterinary profession.

The Assistant Minister said the website would also allow veterinary professionals to submit registration applications online, thereby simplifying the process and reducing administrative delays.

He said the digital platform would make the Council’s services more accessible to both local and international applicants, noting that it would further improve public awareness of the BVSC and its mandate particularly its role in safeguarding animal health, food safety and public health.

He said the council had previously faced challenges of limited digital visibility and accessibility with the absence of a fully functional website making it difficult for professionals and stakeholders to access information and services.

Mr Motsamai said the development of the website was therefore timely given the growing reliance on digital platforms to access information and services.

“The establishment of a strong regulatory framework for the veterinary profession had taken several years, with government initiating a review of the veterinary regulatory framework in 1998. The process culminated in the passing of the Veterinary Surgeons Act in 2008, which formally established the BVSC as the statutory body responsible for regulating veterinary practice in Botswana,” he added.

Mr Motsamai said the council was officially appointed and launched in 2012 and had since worked to establish systems aimed at ensuring that veterinary professionals were properly regulated.

He said such regulations were important in protecting animal health, public health as well as the interests of livestock owners and farmers.

He described the website launch as more than the introduction of a digital platform as it represented progress towards modern, transparent and accessible regulation.

He said it also reflected the council’s commitment to improving service delivery, strengthening professional accountability and protecting the public.

He commended the BVSC for the initiative and its continued efforts to strengthen regulation of the veterinary profession in Botswana. **BOPA**

TENDER NOTICE

BACKGROUND

Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BOMRA) is a statutory body set up by the Government of Botswana under the Ministry of Health and Wellness to protect human and animal health through effective regulation of medicines, medical devices and cosmetics, making sure that patients have access to quality, safe and efficacious products. Sealed bids are invited from reputable registered organizations for the below tenders

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Navigating Botswana economic evolution

Kabo Keaketswe
LETLHAKANE

For nearly six decades, the story of Botswana has been inextricably linked with the brilliance of its natural diamonds.

The revenues generated beneath the earth have built the roads, schools, and hospitals that define modern Botswana.

Yet, as the nation approaches its historic 60th anniversary of Independence this year, the global diamond market is shifting beneath its feet.

With global revenues experiencing significant declines since 2024, the nation finds itself at a critical crossroads. The question is no longer just how to mine more diamonds, but how to leverage this legacy to build a sustainable, diversified future. Debswana, the joint venture between the Botswana government and De Beers has stood as the bedrock of national progress.

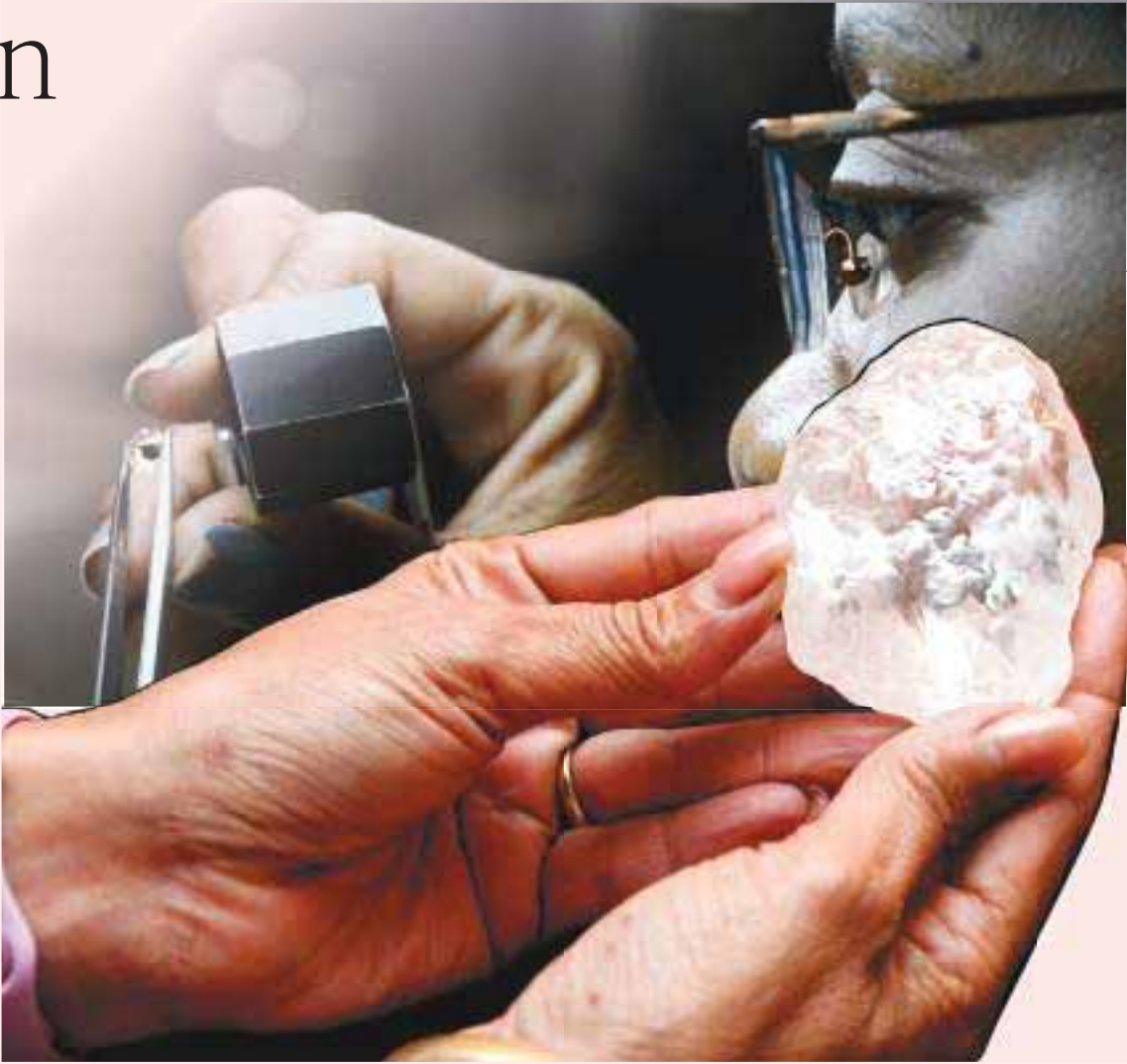
The journey began with the discovery of the Orapa mine in 1967 and the official establishment of the company in 1969, later expanding to include major operations at Jwaneng, Letlhakane, and Damtshaa.

Speaking recently at the launch of Debswana's new transformational strategy, Mr Mogakolodi Maoketsa, the general manager of Orapa-Letlhakane-Damtshaa Mines, reflected on this proud heritage. "These operations have delivered far more than diamonds.

They have created livelihoods, developed skills, built infrastructure, inspired confidence, and demonstrated the transformation of a natural resource into national progress through vision, discipline, and partnership," Mr Maoketsa noted.

However, Mr Maoketsa was candid about the modern realities facing the industry. The cost of mining continues to rise, market dynamics are volatile, and the rapid rise of lab-grown diamonds has given consumers unprecedented choices.

"These realities demand that we evolve, adapt, and lead," Mr Maoketsa urged. The newly unveiled transformational strategy is designed as a roadmap to ensure Debswana remains agile, sustainable, and relevant in a rapidly changing world. Echoing these sentiments, Debswana's chief operations officer, Mr Koolatotse Koolatotse, emphasised that change was no longer optional. "Debswana has never been just a mining company; it is a key partner in



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Botswana's development," said Mr Koolatotse.

He explained that the new strategy focused on stabilising the business to survive tough market conditions, while calling for a robust, aggressive marketing strategy to reinforce the allure of natural diamonds.

The rise of lab-grown diamonds represents a distinct structural challenge, but local industry experts argue against panic. Stencil Technologies general manager, Mr Onkabetse Gwamulumba, points out that the industry successfully weathered similar existential crises in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"Diamond cycles are normal. A lab-grown diamond can replicate chemistry, but it can never replicate rarity, four billion years of natural formation, and heritage.

Botswana and De Beers must be more aggressive in selling the story of natural diamonds as a luxury of origin, not just a stone," Mr Gwamulumba observed. Domestically, he argued that the threat to competitiveness was driven less by a shortage of diamonds and more by the skyrocketing cost of inputs, insisting that the government must step in with structural reforms.

"We cannot control the global diamond price, but we have full control over what it costs to mine a carat in Botswana," stated Mr Gwamulumba, adding that by lowering the domestic costs of power, water, logistics, and regulatory compliance, Botswana could keep its mines viable during market downturns and highly

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profitable during booms.

While diamonds remain the largest revenue source, the urgent need for economic diversification has sparked intense debate. According to Mr Gwamulumba, Botswana's historical constraint was never a lack of resources, but rather inefficiencies, bureaucratic leakages, and poor project implementation. If he could rewrite the diversification playbook, Mr Gwamulumba believed the nation should have bet heavily on digital services and digital government.

The logic is simple: digital services create an indelible footprint. "Every transaction leaves a trail that cannot be destroyed, every approval is timestamped, and every archive is retrievable at near-zero cost," he said. Rather than treating digitalisation as a standalone IT project, he argues it should be viewed as the foundational infrastructure for the entire economy. A fully digitalised government makes it harder to steal, easier to audit, and faster to deliver public projects.

By fixing these systemic inefficiencies, traditional sectors like agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, and the creative industries would finally find the

fertile ground they need to flourish. As part of the recent diamond sales agreement negotiations between the government and De Beers, the Diamonds for Development Fund was established.

This visionary fund specifically targets the development of the agriculture, tourism, and technology sectors, aiming to create jobs and stimulate economic growth outside the diamond value chain.

During a recent courtesy call at the Office of the President, the Diamonds for Development Fund board chairperson, Dr Akinmuni Adesina met with President Advocate Duma Boko.

President Boko lauded the initiative, calling it a bold and visionary step to ensure that Botswana continue to benefit directly from their diamond wealth, even as the nation pivots toward a more diversified and industrialised future.

As Botswana prepares to celebrate 60 years of Independence, its enduring diamond legacy remains a source of national pride. But the true measure of the nation's future success will lie in its ability to transform that mineral wealth into sustainable, digital, and diversified human progress. BOP

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Afreximbank brings trade leaders together

GABORONE - Afreximbank will for the first time, bring together two of its flagship annual knowledge-sharing and capacity-building programmes - the 2026 Afreximbank Trade Finance Seminar and the Afreximbank Compliance Forum, uniting industry leaders, policymakers and experts to strengthen trade finance, compliance and Africa's economic transformation. Organised in partnership with the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), the combined programme will take place at the Gaborone International Convention Centre from November 16 to 18, 2026. The joint Trade Finance Seminar and Compliance Forum, according to the announcement from BITC will bring together Global Africa's financial, regulatory, and trade communities to exchange knowledge, share perspectives, and explore how stronger trade finance and compliance frameworks can support trade, investment, industrialisation, and economic integration. BOPA

Capital markets engine of growth

GABORONE - Capital markets have the potential to serve as primary engines of economic growth by channelling idle savings from households and institutions into productive investments by businesses and government. Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Lesego Moseki, said this at the Finance and Investment Pitso on Tuesday. Mr Moseki also said capital markets were integral components of modern economies, playing a pivotal role in facilitating the flow of capital, investment and wealth creation. He said capital markets served as the backbone of financial systems by connecting investors and businesses and enabling the efficient allocation of resources. Mr Moseki said the investment pitso provided a platform for captains of industry to recommit to strengthening local capital markets and ensuring that they served as engines of growth and an anchor for the country's economy. BOPA

Govt ramps up horticulture to diversify economy

MASUNGA - Government has taken a strategic decision to aggressively develop Botswana's horticulture sector to help diversify an economy currently hard-hit by a decline in the diamond market. Speaking during a recent North East District full council session, general manager of Letsema Horticultural Market, Mr Ratsela Molefe stated that while Botswana had no absolute control over the global diamond market, the country can fully manage and grow its local agricultural capacity. "When we talk in terms of value in this sector, in the context of the republic, we are talking about a multi-billion Pula industry." He expressed regret, however, that the financial benefits of the massive industry had not yet trickled down to the average small and medium-scale Motswana farmer. BOPA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act (CAP65:07)

NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED ALUMINIUM RECYCLING PLANT

The major findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment study for the proposed Aluminum Recycling Plant at plot 250, Pilane, Kgatleng District for Sherishaya (Pty) Ltd, as compiled by Sephiwe Phillimon of Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering (Pty) Ltd are summarized below.

(i)Nature and Magnitude of the Activity.
Sherashiya (Pty) Ltd intends to develop and operate an aluminum recycling plant in Pilane. The aluminum recycling process involves sorting and cleaning scrap aluminum, followed by shredding it into small pieces. The shredded material is then melted in a furnace and cast into ingots, which are later processed into new products.

- Project Developer: Sherashiya (Pty) Ltd
- Location: Plot 250, Industrial Zone, Pilane, Kgatleng District (1.2 Hectares)
- Key Facilities: Administration offices, weighbridge, guard room, ablution facilities, aluminum shed, heating and melting furnaces, closed-loop water storage Jojo tanks, parking bays, and dedicated hazardous chemical storage.

(ii)Location of the Activity
The proposed site is located at plot 250, Industrial in Pilane, Kgatleng District.

(iii)Anticipated Environmental impacts of the activity and proposed mitigation measures to address the anticipated negative environmental impacts

The environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study are presented in detail in the Environmental Management (EMP) and summarized in the table below. A detailed Environmental Management Plan to help manage and monitor potential impacts has been formulated.

The Table below presents a summary of the Environmental Impacts and Mitigation or Enhancement Measures identified by the EMP study.

Project Phase	Environmental	Mitigation measure/ Enhancement
Construction	Loss of Vegetation	Indigenous plants should be replanted after setbacks are marked. Restrict site clearing strictly to the designated project footprint.
Operation	Air Pollution & Emissions	Operate scrap melting inside Total Building Enclosures (TBEs) under negative pressure. Install close-capture hoods with baghouse filters and wet scrubbers. Utilize thermal oxidizers on dryers to eliminate VOCs. Ensure emissions comply with BOS 498:2012 and BOS 807:2023 standards.
Operation	Hazardous Salt Slag & Dross Management	Salt slag and reactive dross must be characterized and stored on impervious, bunded pads protected from rainfall. Disposal must occur at an approved hazardous waste treatment facility, not general municipal landfills.
Construction & Operation	Accidental Spills & Soil Contamination	Service construction equipment at designated bunded areas. Maintain emergency spill kits on-site. Treat contaminated soils using Bio-Pack or certified bioremediation protocols.
Construction & Operation	Occupational Health & Safety / Fire Risk	Provide appropriate PPE and mandatory pre- and post-employment medical exams. Equip site with fire control systems and prevent water contact with reactive dross/dust. Conduct weekly safety toolbox talks.
Construction & Operation	Noise Pollution	Adhere strictly to standard working hours (0700hrs–1700hrs). Maintain and service machinery to minimize noise, and provide workers with ear muffs/plugs.
Construction & Operation	Socio-Economic Impacts	Prioritize recruitment of local workforce in consultation with village leadership. Implement non-discriminatory, gender-inclusive employment practices.
Decommissioning	Loss of Employment & Site Restoration	Notify staff 3 months prior to closure. Implement a Department-approved Site Decommissioning and Environmental Rehabilitation Plan.

(vi)Environmental Impact Statement Placement
The detailed Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed project will be placed for review at the Department of Environmental Protection in Gaborone, Pilane Kgotta.

(v) Correspondences
Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested people should be submitted on or before 12th October 2026 to

The Director
Department of Environmental Protection
Private Bag 0068,
Gaborone
Telephone: 3902050, Fax: 3902051

OR hand delivered to Department of Environmental Protection offices at Travaglini House, Plot no. 1271, Second Floor , Old Lobatse Road, Gaborone.

KITSISO MO SECHABENG

Kitsiso e ntshiwa mabapi le karolo ya Lesome(Section 10) ya molao wa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo wa EA Act Cap 65:07

KITSISO YA GORE SECHABA SE KA KANOKA MOKWALO WA TSHEKATSHEKO YA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE GO BOELA MO TIROSONG GA TINI/TSHIPI YA ALUMINIAMO

Ditlamorago tsa dipatlisiso tse di bonweng ke ba kompone ya KALISA CONSULTANCY SERVICES & ENGINEERING (PTY) LTD, Mme Sephiwe Phillimon fa go dirwa ditshekatsheko tsa seemo sa tikologo mabapi le go boela mo tirisong ga tini/tshipi ya aluminiamo.

(i)Boleng le Selekanyo sa Tiro
Sherashiya(Pty) Ltd e ilkaelela go tlhabolola le go tsamaisa madirelo a tiriso gape ya tshipi tsa aliminiamo kwa Pilane. Tsamaiso ya go dirisa gape aliminiamo e akaretsa go thaoa masalela, go a thubaganya go dira gore a nne motlhofo go e dirisa. Fa a sena go thubaganngwa a gokololwa ka go tsenngwa mo lotwaneng(furnace) ya molelo o mogolo gore di gakologe go ka dira dikgong(ignots), dikgong tse di felela di dirisiwa gapa go dira dilo tsa aliminiamo. Setsha se se dirisiwang mo tirong e se bogolo jwa diekere dile bongwe, le bone (1.4hectares).

- Mothabolodi:: Sherashiya (Pty) Ltd
- Lefelo la Tiro: Madirelong ko nomoro ya 250, mo Pilane, mo Kgaolong Kgatleng
- Setsha se tla dirisiwa: Dikantoro, sekale sa go ela bokete jwa dikoloi, ntlo ya balebeleidi ba tshireletso,matlwana a boitiketso a bomme le borre, shed ya aluminiamo, ditanka tsa Jojo tsa go boloka metsi a go dirisiwa gape, gape, mafelo a go paka dikoloi, le phaposi tsa polokelo ya dikhemikhale.

(ii)Lefelo la Tiro
Lefelo la tiro le mo madirelong ko nomoro ya 250, mo Pilane, mo Kgaolong Kgatleng.

(iii)Ditlamorago tse di ka tthagogang ka nako ya tiro le tse di akantsweng go ka dirwa go fokotsa manokonoko a kamego ya tikologo
Ditlamorago tse di ka tthagogang ka nako ya tiro le tse di akantsweng go ka dirwa go fokotsa manokonoko a kamego ya tikologo tse di lemogilweng ka nako ya fa go dirwa ditshekatsheko tsa kamego ya tikologo di di nankotswe mo mokwalong e e fa tlase. Tshupo ya ditlamorago tse, e e tseneletseng e mo lenaneong la pabalelo tikologo ka botlalo.

Legato la tiro	Tse di amang tikologo	Dintlha tse di fokotsang manokonoko mo tikologong
Ka nako ya kago	Go Kgaolwa ga dithhare	-Dithhare tsa tlogo di lemiwe fa go sena go dira motheo wa kago.Fa go kgonafala go seka ga kgaolwa dithhare tsotlhe.
Ka nako ya tiro	Kgotelesego ya phefo	- Mo go rwaleng ditshepediso tse di tlohang tlokomelo e kgolo ya tikologo, TBEs di tloka gore ditiro tsotlhe di nne mo teng ga kago e e sa letleleleng moya go tswa. ka mokgwa o o sa laolegeng, jaaka go laola mesi le mofufutso o o tswang mo tshiping e e tlaaoswang le go thibela lerole la dikhemikale go nama le tikologo. - Netefatsa gore metswedi ya kgotelo ya phefo ga e fete ditekanyetso tse di thomilweng mo BOS498:2012 le BOS807:2023.
Ka nako ya tiro	Tsamaiso e e ba balesegile ng ya matlakala a letswai le masalela a tshipi	Masalela a letswai (salt slag) le dross e e thunyang (reactive dross) di tshwanetse go tlatlhibiwa le go bewa mo mabaleng a a tseneng metsi, a a ageletsweng ka dipota tse di thibelang go tshologa (bunded pads), gape a sirelelitsoe mo puleng.
Ka nako ya kago le tiro	Kgonafalo ya go tshologa ga diole le leokwane	- Didirisiwa tsa kago jaaka mochino o o epang le dikoloi di baakangwe ko mafelo a go baakanya go itsa go tshologa ga diole. Di dirisiwa tsa go beelelsa diole tsa tshoganetso di nne teng mo lefelong la tiro, di a karetsa mesangwana. Mebu e e kgotelesegileng e tlhatswiwe go dirisiwa Bio-Pack kana tshomarelo ya tikologo go dirisiwa ditschedi.
Ka nako ya kago, le tiro	Pabalesego, boitekanelo ke kotsi ya melelo mo tirong	-Badiri botlhe ba fiwe diaparo tsa itshireletso le go tlatlhibjwa ke ngaka pele ga ba simolola tiro le morago ga ba e fetsa. Go tshwanetse ga tlamelwa ka sediriswa sa thuso ya potlako se se feletseng mo lefelong Dithulaganyo tsa dipuisano tsa itshireletso (Tool box talks) di tshwanetse go dirwa kwa tirong beke le beke.
Ka nako ya kago, le tiro	Kgonagalo ya modumo	Nako ya pereko e nne go simolola ka nako ya bosupa go ya ko go ya bothano. Didirisiwa tsa kago di nne mo seemong se se siameng go itsa modumo o o feteletseng.Babereki ba fiwe dilwana tsa itshireletso jaaka tsa go thibela modumo mo ditsebe.
Ka nako ya kago le tiro	Tsa matshelo a batho le ikonomi	Go itsisewe boeteledipele jwa motse fa go thapiwa ba babereki. Go seka ga kgethololwa fa g thapiwa badire.
Ka nako ya go fetswa ga tiro	Go latlhegelwa ke tiro le paakanyo ya lefelo la tiro go boela mo seemong sa pele.	- Go ya kwa go tswalweng le go emisiwa ga ditiro, badiri ba tshwanetse go itsisiwe dikwedi tse tharo nako e sa le teng gore lefelo le tla tswalwa. Go dirisiwe lenaneo le le amogetsweng ke ba Lephata la Tikologo fa go busetswa lefelo mo semong sa pele fa tiro e fela.

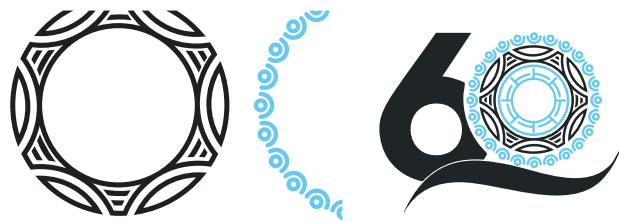
(iv)Kanamiso ya Lenaneo la Pabalelo Tikologo
Mokwalo o o feletseng wa ditshekatsheko tsa tikologo o ka bonwa mo mafelong a a latelang:

-Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo kwa Gaborone (Department of Environmental Protection Gaborone) ,Kgotta ya Pilane.

v) Dikakgelo
Mokwalo wa dikakgelo go tswa mo go ba ba ka amiwang kgotsa ba ba nang le kgaithago ka tiro e, o ka romelwa pele ga Kgwedi ya Phalane e ele lesome le bobedi ngwaga wa ono (2026).

Mookamedi
Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo
Private Bag 0068,
Gaborone
Mogala: 3902050, Fax 3902051

Kana wa isiwa ka namana kwa Lephata la Tshomarelo Tokologo, ko Travaglini House, Nomoro 1271, 2nd floor, ,Tselo ya Old Lobatse, Gaborone



“Building Resilience, Driving Prosperity”



Sir Seretse Khama: 1966-1980



Sir Ketumile Masire: 1980-1998



Dr Festus Mogae: 1998-2008



Lt Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama: 2008-2018



Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi : 2018-2024



President Advocate Duma Boko:2024-present

Six Presidents: Democracy at work

From Seretse to Boko, a nation’s journey reflects Solomon’s writing: ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish.’

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

“Where there is no vision, the people perish,” King Solomon, reputed author of the Book of Proverbs, once wrote.

Over the past six decades, that warning has played out across post-colonial Africa. Poor leadership has led to one-party rule, corruption, debt and instability. Conversely, good leadership has steered nations to prosperity.

Singapore had Lee Kuan Yew, who transformed a resource-poor port into a global powerhouse from 1959 to 1990. Malaysia had Mahathir Mohamad, who industrialised an agricultural exporter.

United States of America still holds to its Founders’ creed that ‘all men are created equal,’ while France still clings to “Liberté, égalité, fraternité.”

In Africa, Botswana has been cited by scholars as an exception.

The journey from one of the world’s poorest states at independence to middle-income status owed much to leadership guided by the four national principles - democracy, development, self-reliance and unity and the values of both,

kagisanyo and therisanyo.

The first two presidents, Sir Seretse Khama and Sir Ketumile Masire, were crucial in setting the tone.

They adopted a republican constitution guaranteeing fundamental freedoms and protection from discrimination based on ‘race, tribe, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed or gender,’ Chapter 15, Constitution of Botswana.

Having clashed with traditional authority themselves, Seretse with his uncle, Regent Tshekedi Khama, and Masire with Kgosi Bathoen II of Bangwaketse, both men worked to limit monarchical powers.

As Sir Ketumile Masire wrote in his autobiography *Very Brave or Very Foolish*, they sought a democracy where leaders were elected on merit, not birthright.

The Tribal Territories Act was retained, but Land Boards were introduced to allow any Motswana to access land anywhere. Mineral rights were vested in the state for the common good.

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Sir Seretse Khama: 1966-1980

Sir Seretse Khama led a highly underdeveloped state reliant on British grants, surrounded by hostile white-minority regimes in South Africa, South West Africa and Rhodesia. Only a 150-metre border with Zambia at Kazungula linked Botswana to independent Africa.

The discovery and prudent management of minerals set the country on rapid growth.

As Vice President and Minister of Finance, Sir Ketumile Masire kept a tight purse to avoid a debt trap.

Within a decade, Botswana

launched its own currency, the Pula, in 1976, and established the Botswana Defence Force in 1977.

Education was a priority. After sharing the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland [UBLS], and following Lesotho's nationalisation of the Roma campus, Sir Seretse Khama, prompted by Minister Willie Seboni led the "Motho le Motho Kgomo" campaign for Batswana to build their own university.

Sir Seretse Khama set a democratic, tolerant tone. Yet his record was not without blemish.

In 1967, government raided



Botswana National Front offices, seizing copies of Puo Phaa and charging leaders Kenneth Koma, Klaas Motshidisi, Henderson Tlhoiwe and Pretty Molefe with sedition. The case was later

From 1966 to 1980, President Sir Seretse led a state that was highly underdeveloped, and reliant on British grants in aid just to balance the budget.

dropped.

In 1978, 17 BNF youth were blocked from travelling to the World Festival of Youth in Havana, Cuba, on claims they would be

trained to sabotage government.

Overall, his tenure was regarded as democratic, with an active opposition and peaceful, credible elections.

Sir Ketumile Masire: 1980-1998

Upon Sir Seretse Khama's death in July 1980, Masire, Botswana's longest-serving president took office amid the devastating 1980s drought and heightened Cold War conflicts in Angola, Mozambique and Namibia.

The opening of Jwaneng, one of the world's richest diamond mines, stabilised the fiscus.

The Namola Leuba drought relief programme mitigated famine at a time when Ethiopia's crisis prompted Live Aid and USA for Africa's, 'We Are The World.'

Agricultural programmes ARAP, ALDEP and SLOCA were introduced.

Regular kgotla and Village Development Committee consultations gave the rural poor ownership of development.



Sir Ketumile Masire, the country's longest serving president whose tenure spanned the 18 years from 1980 to 1998, assumed office when the country was battling drought of the 1980s.

Scholars Dr Jeff Ramsay and Dr Barry Morton regard Sir Ketumile

Masire as possibly the most vital architect of post-independence Botswana.

As the private press grew, Botswana Guardian, Botswana Gazette and the revival of Mmegi, government came under independent scrutiny.

Foreign journalists critical of government, including South Africans Charles Mogale and Mxolisi "Ace" Mxgashe, Briton Gwen Ansell and Zambian Samu Zulu, were deported.

The domestic press exposed corruption, including National Development Bank debt write-offs and irregularities at Botswana Housing Corporation and Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board, leading to the Kgabo Commission, the Christie Report and the resignation of Vice President Peter Mmusi.

Dr Festus Mogae: 1998-2008



Dr Festus Mogae, President from 1998-2008, was faced with a national HIV/AIDS crisis. He mobilised national and international support and became a global icon in combating the scourge.

Dr Festus Mogae, an economist, was the first president to serve under limited presidential terms.

He confronted the HIV/AIDS crisis, mobilising national and international support and becoming a global icon in the fight against the pandemic.

A fiscal conservative, he ran budget surpluses with low debt and controlled inflation.

His administration delivered major projects: Letsibogo and Ntimbale dams, the 400km North-South Water Carrier, the Mass Media Complex and Botswana Television, and rural electrification of 130 villages.

The Diamond Trading Company Botswana was opened in Gaborone, while CEDA and LEA were established to boost local business.

Botswana was ranked Africa's least corrupt by Transparency International and earned strong credit ratings from Standard and Poor's and Moody's.

The relocation of Basarwa from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, the deportation of Professor Kenneth Good and the

devaluation of the Pula remain debated aspects of his legacy.

Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi : 2018-2024

Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi led the country through the COVID-19 pandemic.

His government fast-tracked water infrastructure already in the pipeline, including North-South Carrier 2.2, Mmamashia Treatment Plant, Gamononyane-Molepolole Pipeline and Lobatse Water Supply Master Plan.

He positioned Botswana as a MICE tourism destination, hosting the US-Africa Business Summit and Forbes 30 Under 30, and led high-stakes renegotiations with De Beers for a greater national share.

His term was marked by a public fallout with predecessor Khama and internal BDP tensions over candidate vetting. In October 2024, the BDP lost power for the first time.

Masisi earned international praise for a smooth handover to

opposition leader Advocate Duma Boko.



President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) earned international credibility with the smooth handover of the reins of power to the first opposition leader to assume the Office of President, Advocate Duma Boko in 2024. Boko serves as the sixth President.

Lt Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama: 2008-2018

Lt Gen Seretse Khama Ian Khama, son of the founding president and a former army commander, brought a natural appeal among ordinary citizens, known for fireside chats and community walkabouts.

His government introduced the Economic Diversification Drive and later the Economic Stimulus Programme to boost jobs.

He promoted arts and culture

through expanded President's Day competitions in dance, visual arts and crafts, and directed government to procure from local artisans.

His tenure saw strained labour relations, culminating in the 2011 public sector strike, and accusations in the private press that the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services raided media houses and lacked accountability.



President Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama had a natural aura of appeal with the ordinary Batswana.

KE MOTLOTLO KA BOTSWANA

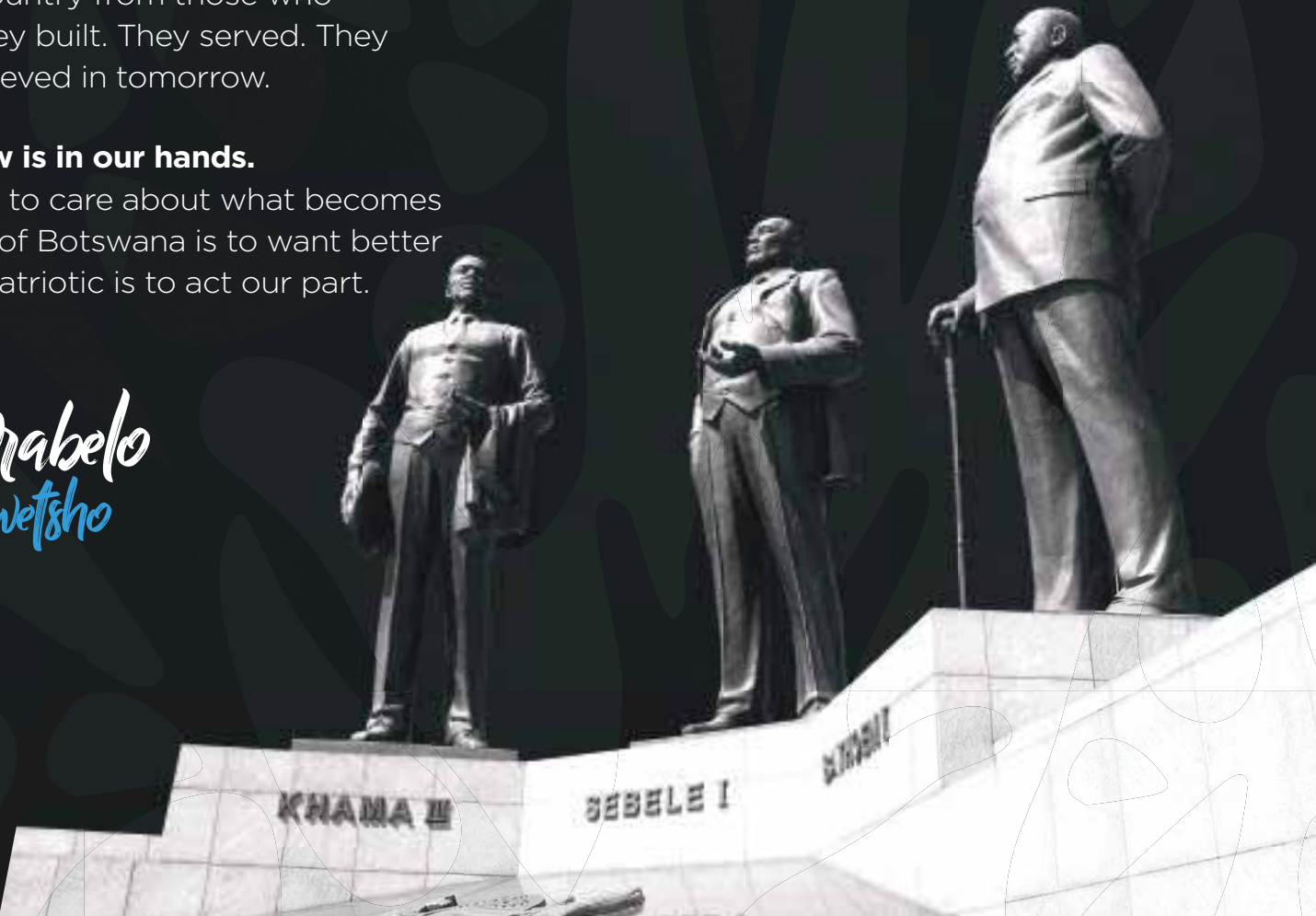
This is home

The land that raised us.
The peace that holds us together.
The people who make us who we are.
The dreams we carry for tomorrow.

This is our Botswana.
We inherited this country from those who came before us. They built. They served. They sacrificed. They believed in tomorrow.

And now, tomorrow is in our hands.
To love Botswana is to care about what becomes of her. To be proud of Botswana is to want better for her. And to be patriotic is to act our part.

*Tsaya maikarabelo
Motswana wetsho*



LET
US
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CREATE
SERVE
BUY LOCAL



A look at Boko's rise to presidency

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

November, 1 2024, the entire nation of Botswana was on the tenterhooks watching and listening in as their nation's democratic maturity unfolded before their very eyes.

The incumbent President Mokgweetsi Masisi conceded electoral defeat, and a few hours later, Opposition Leader, Advocate Duma Boko was sworn in as the sixth President of the republic.

Since Botswana became a self-governing territory in 1965, the political opposition had always managed representation in the National Assembly, but the principal mandate to the Government Enclave corridors of power had been the special preserve of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP).

The BDP had won 12 of the country's elections between 1965 and 2019, only for Boko to lead the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) to triumph in 2024.

Born in Mahalapye on New Year's Eve 1969, Duma Gideon Boko was mentored into left wing politics by Botswana National Front (BNF) elders in his home village, among them party stalwarts, Dr Kenneth Koma and the late Mareledi Giddie.

President Boko was born in the tail end of the 1960s, a decade the BDP had initially faced a credible opponent in the Botswana Peoples Party (BPP) led by pioneering nationalists Kgalemang Tumediso (K T) Motsete, Philip Matante and Motsamai Mpho.

Under these leaders, historians note that radical African nationalist politics of the 1960s reached Botswana; and they sensitised citizens on the need for political independence.

Factional conflict arose in the BPP, and they split into three formations led by Matante, Motsete and Mpho. The BDP led by Seretse Khama and Ketumile Masire cruised into state power in the inaugural 1965 elections.

Upon returning from PhD studies in Moscow, Russia Koma had made attempts to unite the BPP factions, but its three leaders were not keen on such unity. Koma still proceeded to form the Botswana National Front (BNF), on a united front concept underpinned by the Kopano ke Maatla! (Unity is Strength) slogan.

In his seminal work, *The Botswana National Front, its Characters and Tasks- The Pamphlet No. 1*, Koma conceptualised the BNF as a united front bringing together the nation's patriotic forces- workers, peasants and progressive sections of the bourgeoisie- into one mass democratic movement.

In his journal publication, *Vision Delayed? The BNF's Uneasy Path to Unity in Action*, historian Dr Jeff Ramsay notes that the BNF steadily evolved from a minor presence in the 1966 local government elections to the cusp of achieving state power by 1994.

But in 1998, the BNF split with the formation of the Botswana Congress Party (BCP).

In 2010, the BNF elected Advocate Boko as party leader, and he placed emphasis on the need for the BNF to follow its foundational values of uniting the political opposition to bring change to Botswana.

To that end, in 2012, he as BNF leader worked with Motlatsi Molapisi of the BPP, and Gomolemo Motswaledi of the Botswana Movement for Democracy (BMD), a BDP splinter group in bringing these opposition forces into the UDC.

After two spirited presidential bids, the first lost to then President Lt Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama in 2014 and thereafter Mr Masisi in 2019, he led the UDC to a historic triumph in the October 30,



Advocate Duma Boko (centre), Mr Motlatsi Molapisi (left) and Mr Gomolemo Motswaledi being prayed for during the launch of Umbrella for Democratic Change in 2012.

2024 general elections.

He came armed with a law degree, LLB from the University of Botswana, where he was elected the Students Representative Council president on the BNF-Mass ticket, as well as Master of Laws from the globally prestigious Harvard University in the United States of America, and a Diploma in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from Lund University, Sweden.

President Boko had practiced as an attorney, including serving as a human rights lawyer representing the indigenous Basarwa (San) community, and also taught law at UB(1995-2003), before his political career earned traction when elected BNF President in 2010.

Led by President Boko and Vice President, Minister of Finance Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, whose Alliance for

Progressives, is led by activists who had worked with Motswaledi and the early BMD, the UDC in government worked on a True North blueprint whose vision is "a prosperous nation where every citizen is employed, empowered, and fulfilled."

To this end, the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme was enacted with a focus on nine catalytic areas- agriculture; manufacturing; infrastructure; financial services and digitalisation; tourism, energy and mining; education; healthcare and social protection

President Boko traversed the world negotiating private investment to pursue such a vision.

In April 2026, investment from Oman was announced with the groundbreaking of a major 500 MW solar power plant with battery storage in Maun, followed in June by United Arab Emirates based Albaddad Holding announcing a mixed zone New Botswana City project, with proposed multi-billion investment in international exhibition and convention centres, hotels and retail spaces at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport Special Economic Zone.

President Boko's government also increased social spending with the old-age pension hike, increase in tertiary student and technical, vocational education and training allowances, and a reduction in electricity and water tariffs by 30 per cent.

Nonetheless, sluggish economic growth, rising cost of living, the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak, as well as shortage of critical medicines at state health facilities have continued to prove challenging, with poverty and unemployment remaining a strain on the nation ahead of 60 years of independence celebrations.

Only by 2029 will historians be able to fully review the first full term by a former opposition in government. But, having reinvigorated the political opposition and leading the country's party political government transition, President

Boko has already etched his name into the history books. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) being sworn in as the sixth President of Botswana by Chief Justice Terrence Rannowane (left) in November, 2024. Looking on is First Lady Kaone.



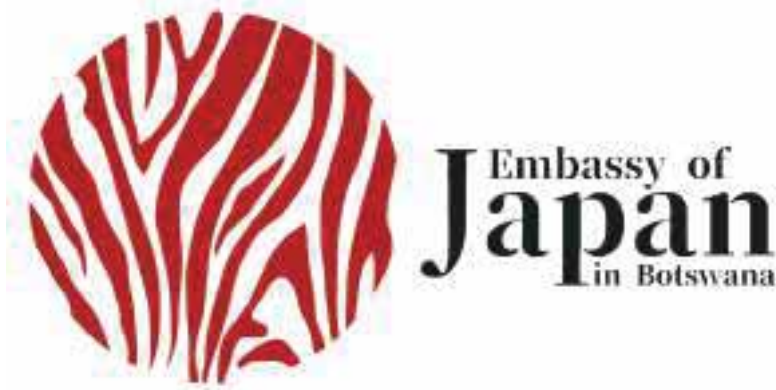
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Celebrating 60 Years of Friendship: Japan and Botswana Walk Hand-in-Hand into the Next Era

An Exclusive Interview with the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Botswana on the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations

Q: Your Excellency, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Botswana, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of Botswana's independence. How do you reflect on this historic milestone?

Ambassador: On the 60th anniversary of Botswana's independence and diplomatic relations between Japan and Botswana, I would like to convey compliments from the Government and people of Japan. Diplomatic relations between our two nations began in 1966 when Botswana achieved independence under Sir Seretse Khama. Over six decades, the two countries have built a partnership grounded in democracy, the rule of law, peace, and sustainable development. Botswana's reputation for stability and good governance has been respected internationally, while Japan has remained a dependable partner. The anniversary is both a celebration of shared achievements and an opportunity to shape a stronger future.

Q: What core principles have kept the friendship between Japan and Botswana so strong and consistent over the past six decades?

The foundation of our relationship rests on mutual respect, trust, and shared principles. Both nations believe that genuine prosperity stems from democratic institutions, transparency, and a peaceful, rules-based international order. In multilateral forums, we have consistently cooperated to promote fundamental human rights, sustainable development, peace, and environmental conservation. Moreover, our ties are defined by genuine solidarity. When Japan suffered the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, Botswana extended heartfelt sympathy and support. Similarly, Japan has stood firmly with Botswana during droughts, health crises, and economic challenges. This mutual empathy and shared respect for human dignity form the bedrock of our enduring friendship.

Above all, I feel every day that both our people share the common characteristic of being very humble, respectful and polite. I understand that such a national character is also one of the cornerstones that sustains our long-standing friendly relations.

Q: Japan has been an active development partner for Botswana. What are the key highlights of Japanese technical cooperation and grassroots assistance across the country?

Japan's development cooperation emphasizes local ownership, human resource development, and sustainability. One notable achievement was Botswana's adoption of the Japanese ISDB-T digital broadcasting standard in 2013, making it the first African country to do so. This partnership went far beyond equipment; it included extensive technical training for local engineers and the modernization of nationwide broadcasting infrastructure, expanding access to vital information across the country.

At the community level, hundreds of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) volunteers have lived and worked alongside Botswana across the nation. Serving in primary schools, BNPC, municipal offices, and local NGOs, they have shared technical skills and built lasting personal bonds. Furthermore, through our Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), the Embassy has funded numerous local community projects, including classrooms for children with special needs, rural clinics such as HIV prevention center, social welfare facilities, and other projects aimed at improving the livelihoods of vulnerable communities.

In the past five years alone, we have committed USD 620,000 through the GGP scheme to support such community-level projects. Approximately USD 320,000 was allocated to social welfare initiatives, including the construction of facilities for vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, while around USD 300,000 was committed to educational infrastructure, particularly facilities supporting learners with special needs.

Q: How are Japanese cultural programs fostering mutual understanding among Botswana, especially among the

youth?

Traditionally, the Embassy's programs centered on Japan's heritage—such as the tea ceremony, calligraphy, and martial arts. While these remain vital, young Botswana have become passionately drawn to contemporary Japanese pop culture, from anime and manga to gaming.

To meet this evolving enthusiasm, we expanded our outreach through our annual Japan Film Festival and youth-centered events. A clear sign came in 2025: local youth began organizing their own cosplay conventions with our Embassy's participation, and our 'I LOVE SUSHI' exhibition drew an overwhelmingly positive response. Importantly, these two worlds are inseparable. Pop culture shares the exact same core values as our traditional arts—principles like self-discipline, respect, and the pursuit of mastery.

Moving forward, we will continue introducing both traditional philosophy and modern creative culture in a balanced way, empowering young Botswana with cultural insights and life values for their future careers.

Q: Sports diplomacy has become an important part of international relations. How are Japan and Botswana connecting through sports?

Sports have become another important avenue for strengthening bilateral relations. Through grassroots assistance, Japan has supported sports development by helping to establish martial arts training facilities and providing equipment. These efforts have contributed to the development of successful karate athletes in Botswana. At the same time, Botswana's achievements in athletics have gained admiration in Japan. I must note the growing interest in cooperation between Japanese athletics organizations and the Botswana Athletics Association, particularly in athlete development and coaching. Sports provide opportunities for young people from both countries to learn from one another while building mutual respect.

Q: Many young Botswana aspire to study abroad. Does Japan welcome students from Botswana, and what opportunities are available?

Japan actively welcomes students from Botswana through the MEXT scholarship program. These fully funded scholarships support postgraduate studies and cover tuition, travel expenses, and living allowances. Applicants do not necessarily require Japanese language proficiency because many universities offer programs taught in English, particularly in science, engineering, business, and technology. Studying in Japan provides access to advanced research, a safe environment, and international career opportunities. Alumni often become leaders in government, business, and other sectors, strengthening links between Botswana and Japan.

Q: Botswana aims to diversify its economy and transition toward a knowledge-based, green economy. How can Japanese innovation support this agenda?

Botswana is actively diversifying beyond minerals; an ambition Japan wholeheartedly supports. Lacking natural resources, Japan rebuilt its economy through education, technological innovation, and Kaizen (continuous improvement)—an experience we gladly share. Promising areas of partnership include:

- **Renewable Energy:** Deploying Japanese solar, battery storage, and grid technologies to achieve clean energy self-sufficiency.
- **Digital Transformation:** Utilizing Japanese AI and ICT expertise to power a knowledge-based economy.
- **Climate-Smart Agriculture:** Introducing water-saving technologies to secure food production in semi-arid areas.
- **Industrial Value-Addition:** Collaborating with Japanese enterprises to expand local manufacturing.

Through the TICAD process, Japan actively promotes private-sector investment to drive Botswana's sustainable transformation.

Q: You have now had the opportunity to travel around Botswana and meet Botswana from different walks of life. What has surprised or impressed you most about Botswana?

I truly enjoy my life and work in Botswana. I have already traveled to many parts of the country and had the opportunity to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds.

The greatest surprise for me after moving to Botswana has been the people. I had never expected to meet people in Botswana who are as humble, respectful, and polite as the Japanese. In fact, I find Botswana to be even more humble, respectful, and friendly than the Japanese.

I believe that the key to Botswana's future economic development lies in how effectively it can develop and harness its human resources. Botswana has enormous potential in this regard, as demonstrated by its outstanding athletes, including those who won gold medals at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo last year. Just as Botswana's founding fathers managed the country's mineral resources wisely and laid the foundation for exemplary economic development in Africa, I am confident that Botswana will find effective ways to develop and make the most of its human resources. For this reason, I am very optimistic about Botswana's future.

I am also deeply impressed by Botswana's amazing wildlife and beautiful natural environment. At times, I feel as though I am on another planet rather than simply in another country on Earth.

I sincerely hope that more Japanese people will come to know and appreciate Botswana's warm and welcoming culture, as well as its extraordinary wildlife and natural beauty. I hope this will encourage more Japanese visitors to come to Botswana not only for tourism but also for business.

Q: Is there anything about Botswana that reminds you of Japan?

Despite the geographical distance, what reminds me most of Japan is the profound respect for peace, community harmony, and democracy shared by our peoples.

In Botswana, the concept of Botho—treating others with dignity, compassion, and mutual respect—is almost identical to the Japanese philosophy of Wa (harmony) and Omoiyari (thoughtfulness). Furthermore, Botswana's consultative tradition of the Kgotla shares a mind with Japan's consensus-building spirit.

Both nations deeply value safety, civic order, and mutual trust. Walking through Botswana and meeting its warm, polite people feels remarkably familiar—it truly feels like a second home rooted in shared values.

Q: What do Japanese people and Botswana have in common?

Beyond culture, what strikes me most is our shared resilience, diligence, and quiet progress. Both people built thriving nations through patience, hard work, and prudent stewardship, not aggression. Japan rose from post-war ashes; Botswana transformed from hardship into a stable democracy. We share modesty, reverence for peace, and strong civic responsibility. We quietly get things done.

Q: What is your message to the people of Botswana as we look to the future?

Celebrating 60 years of diplomatic relations, our future partnership focuses on co-creation, innovation, and youth empowerment. To the people of Botswana: Pula! Japan proudly walks hand-in-hand with you toward a prosperous, sustainable, and peaceful tomorrow. Ke a leboga!!



Main Mall to host Diamond Jubilee

For decades, the National Stadium hosted independence spectacles. This year, the celebrations return to the historic boulevard that birthed modern economy.

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

For nearly six decades, the familiar roar of independence day crowds has echoed from the enclosed grandstands of the National Stadium.

Built to host the grand, choreographed spectacles of nationhood, the military parades, mass calisthenics and presidential addresses, the stadium has long been the traditional stage for September 30 milestones.

But as Botswana marks its Diamond Jubilee, the celebrations are shifting ground and this year, the 60th Independence Day festivities are taking over the oldest place in Gaborone, the Main Mall.

It is a fitting change of venue. While the National Stadium was built to showcase the formal ceremonies of sovereignty, the Main Mall is where the daily practice of independence and economic self-reliance, was actually forged.

Long before gleaming shopping centres dotted the capital's skyline, the humble open-air boulevard carried the entrepreneurial hopes and ambitions of a young nation finding its feet.

When Gaborone was still taking shape as the new capital post-1966, Main Mall emerged as its commercial backbone. For decades, it stood virtually unrivalled as the country's premier hub.

It was here that government officials, businesspeople, farmers,

tourists and ordinary citizens converged daily. The atmosphere crackled with the optimism of a newly independent country determined to chart its own economic destiny.

The pedestrian-friendly streets quickly filled with retail shops, banks, pharmacies, travel agencies and family-owned businesses.

For many older Batswana, a trip to Gaborone was simply incomplete without a visit to the



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Main Mall.

It was where school uniforms were bought, wedding suits were tailored and families proudly opened their very first bank accounts.

Hosting the Diamond Jubilee at the Main Mall will offer a different

experience from the stadium years.

Where the National Stadium is designed for structured, seated observation, the Main Mall was designed for the fluid and everyday mingling of citizens.

Unlike today's climate-controlled mega-malls, it

possessed a distinctive and open-air character. People did not simply go to the mall to shop, but to connect, converse and conduct business under the shade of the trees.

For countless entrepreneurs, the bustling precinct provided the first stepping stone towards success.

Many began with modest kiosks, relying on grit and loyal customers to build enterprises that would eventually expand into nationally recognised companies.

Street vendors and artisans also found vital opportunities here. Their stalls, with handcrafted jewellery, woven baskets and traditional artwork, allowed them to preserve cultural skills while actively participating in the formal economy.

Over the past two decades, the arrival of modern retail developments dramatically transformed Gaborone.

The shift toward multiplex cinemas, expansive food courts and sprawling parking lots inevitably reduced the sheer dominance Main Mall once enjoyed.

Established businesses relocated and others had to adapt rapidly to changing consumer habits and fierce competition.

Yet, despite the seismic changes, the Main Mall has gracefully evolved rather than faded.

Government ministries and financial institutions continue to ensure steady flow of foot traffic. Small businesses, independent retailers, cafés and informal traders still serve a loyal customer base drawn to the area's unparalleled accessibility and nostalgic charm.

Today, visitors walking the precinct encounter a beautiful blend of the old and the new. Historic buildings stand alongside renovated premises and elderly artisans share space with young innovators embracing modern retail concepts.

While newer centres have reshaped the capital, none can claim the unique legacy of being the place where the retail industry truly came of age.

Every corner evokes memories of first jobs, childhood outings and family traditions, a place where parents now guide their children down the same streets they once walked with their own parents.

As the crowds gather at the Main Mall to celebrate 60 years of independence, it will be a full-circle moment for the capital.

The nation will be celebrating its future while standing on the exact pavements where its commercial story began, a timeless reminder that the past will always inspire progress. **BOPA**



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Consensus among informed observers is that the diamond-centred growth model is outdated and diamonds will not power the economy as they once did.

Diamond-led economy requires reset - expert

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Botswana marks six decades of independence in 2026, the country's transformation from one of the world's poorest agrarian economies into an upper middle-income nation stands as one of Africa's striking development stories.

The decisive force was mineral wealth, particularly diamonds, combined with prudent policy choices that converted resource rents into infrastructure, human capital and fiscal capacity. Yet the same model that delivered rapid progress now faces structural strain, prompting calls for a fundamental economic reset.

Veteran economist, Mr Sennye Obuseng, took *BOPA* through the economic transformation path Botswana adopted and what lies ahead.

Mr Obuseng revealed that at independence in 1966, Botswana was largely uneducated, rural and dependent on subsistence agriculture and foreign aid, however two early discoveries changed the trajectory.

Large copper-nickel deposits discovered in Selebi-Phikwe around 1965 to 1966 provided an industrial beachhead, with the mine itself employing about 5 000 people at its peak and generating meaningful gross domestic product (GDP) contributions.

Its wider effects were, however, more important: it anchored regional growth and spurred foundational infrastructure, the Shashe Dam, Morupule Power Station, and rail and road links that became the backbone of national utility and transport systems.

The operation also served as the country's premier

training ground for engineers and artisans.

The discovery of diamonds in Orapa in 1967 proved even more transformative with diamond revenues dramatically expanding fiscal capacity, reducing dependence on aid, and enabling sustained investment in roads, schools, hospitals, clinics and other public services, he said.

Mr Obuseng reiterated that over subsequent decades this 'diamond dividend' underpinned the shift to a modern upper middle-income economy with rising education levels and a more dynamic population.

Botswana has been notably successful in attracting resource-seeking foreign direct investment with early projects such as the Bamangwato Concessions Limited (BCL) mine and associated infrastructure in the 1970s drawing inflows exceeding 150 per cent of GDP.

Subsequent diamond developments through the Debswana joint venture with De Beers sustained large-scale FDI, the success of which rested on political stability, respect for the rule of law, strong investor protections,

absence of foreign-exchange controls, a competitive low-tax regime (among the region's lowest outside Mauritius and Madagascar), and one of the world's more transparent and predictable mining codes; consistently ranking Botswana at the top of African surveys by the Fraser Institute.

Notably, structural constraints have limited broader success and a small domestic market of roughly 2.6 million people deterred market-seeking investment, he said, adding that other headwinds included bureaucratic inefficiencies, infrastructure and logistics gaps, a large state-owned enterprise sector that crowds out private activity, and skills mismatches as shown by shortages in STEM fields alongside surpluses in certain social-science disciplines.

Dependence on natural-resource FDI also create vulnerability: the rapid rise of lab-grown diamonds is already pressuring traditional investment inflows. Non-mining FDI, especially in manufacturing, has remained weak.

He said in recent years the fiscal picture had deteriorated, and a roughly 15 per cent contraction in diamond output had produced two consecutive years of GDP decline during the fiscal years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and a steep fall in revenue, forcing the state to borrow to meet spending commitments.

He reiterated that analysts point to deeper problems among them delayed fiscal adjustment to structural revenue decline. The budget deficit has reached about nine per cent of GDP.

observers was that the diamond-centred growth model was outdated, therefore diamonds would not power the economy as they once did.

Rebuilding resilience and achieving meaningful diversification would require restoring core fundamentals: reinforcing rule of law and property rights (including clearer distance between political office and procurement), restoring macroeconomic stability through spending restraint, public sector wage-bill control, limited productive borrowing and rebuilt fiscal buffers, stabilising inflation within the three to six per cent target and maintaining Pula stability, Mr Obuseng said.

He said Botswana should also position itself deliberately as a SADC trade and investment hub by improving the investment climate, modernising infrastructure corridors, strengthening trade-facilitation capacity and ensuring highly efficient special economic zones and borders.

Mr Obuseng underscored that the public education and health systems required urgent rehabilitation so that human capital supports rather than constrains transformation. **BOPA**

Looking ahead, Mr Obuseng said the consensus among informed



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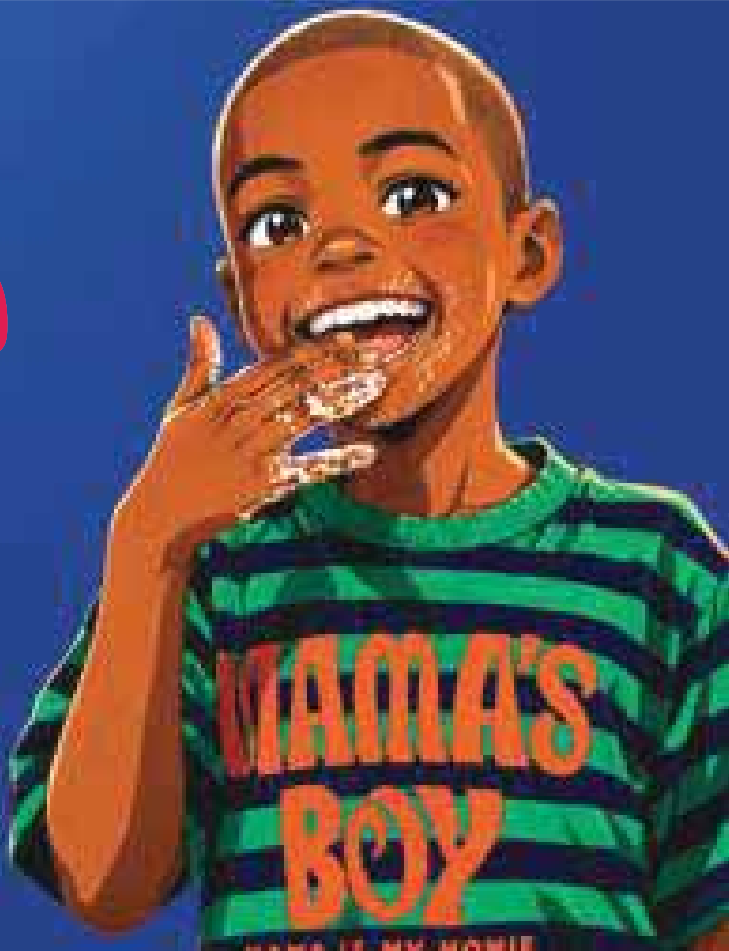
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Nursing: More than a calling

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For many nurses worldwide, the likes of Florence Nightingale, known as the Lady with the Lamp, have played a significant role in their career choices.

In Botswana, a number of nurses, such as Grace Kgari, the



Retired midwife Ms Esther Chikumbudzi



Ministry of Health Chief Public Relations Officer Dr Christopher Nyanga

first registered nurse in Botswana, have also laid a foundation for many nurses that came later.

To them nursing, was more than a calling.

It was anchored on compassion, teamwork, selflessness and a deep sense of responsibility to the community.

“In those days, nursing was a calling. We did not look at the money first. We were nurses because we wanted to serve people,” recalls retired midwife, Ms Esther Chikumbudzi.

“To most of us, it was not just a job. It was a calling to be the Florence Nightingale of Batswana. Many of us were more welcoming because we saw nursing as a responsibility to serve people,” she adds. The demands of the profession often required nurses to go beyond what would today be regarded as clearly defined professional boundaries. But, Ms Chikumbudzi says midwives and nurses wore many hats; from assisting with childbirth and administering treatment to handling medicines and responding to emergencies.

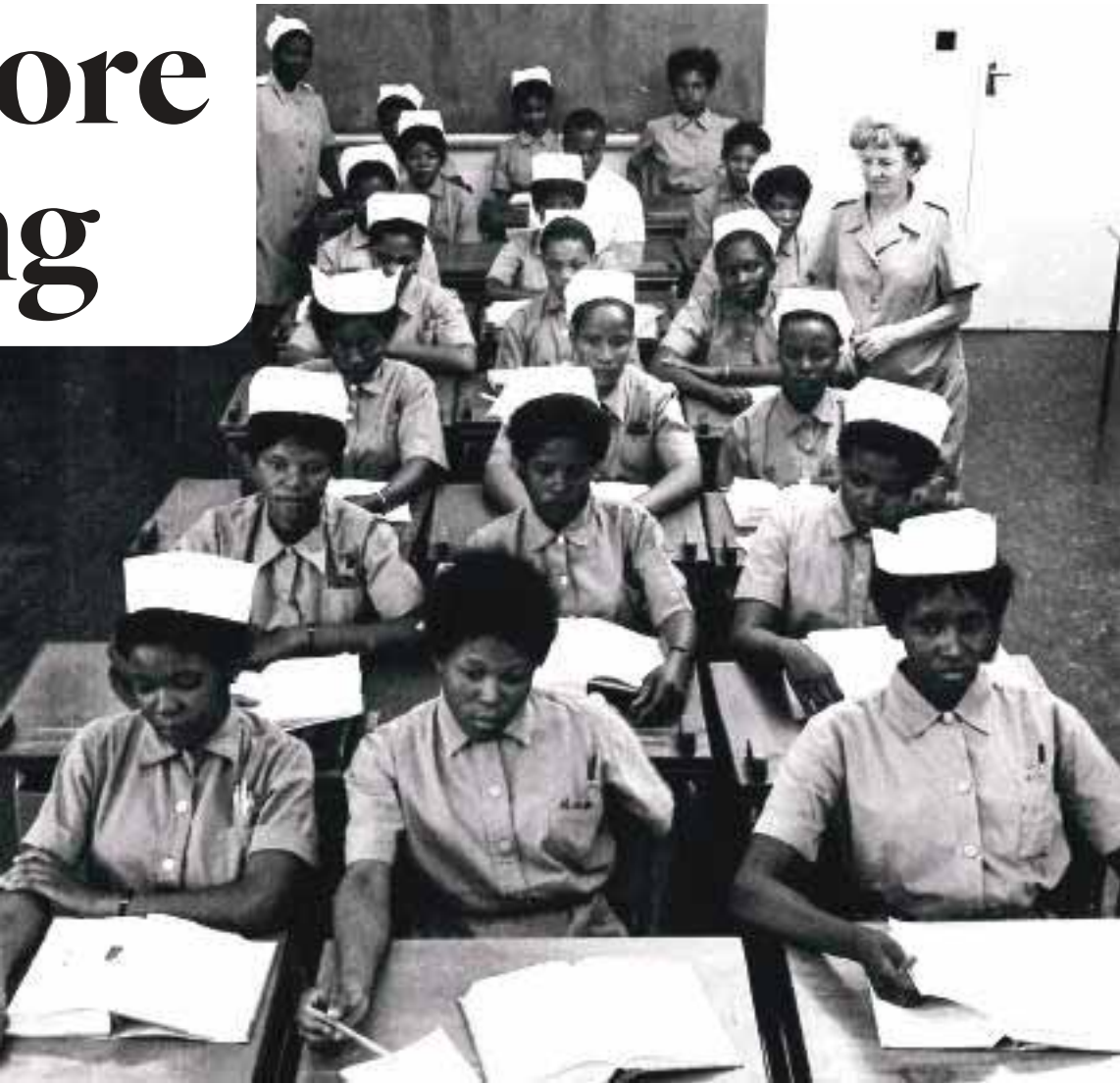
“There were situations where we had to carry out blood transfusions because there was nobody else available. You could not simply say, ‘This is not my job.’ The patient was your responsibility,” she says.

Her experiences in rural communities such as Jackalas No. 1 and Matsiloje also taught her that healthcare cannot be delivered by health workers alone.

With limited resources and transport, nurses, doctors, local leaders and communities relied on one another.

She recalls that ward councillors, back then used their vehicles to transport critically ill patients to Francistown for further medical attention.

“We worked as a team. That spirit of togetherness was very strong,” she says. For Ms Chikumbudzi, the relationship between nurses and



Nurses in training at Princess Marina Hospital in 1970. Retired midwife, Ms Esther Chikumbudzi said nursing was a calling anchored on compassion, teamwork and a deep sense of responsibility to the community.

communities extended beyond the clinic or hospital.

A nurse, she recalls was often familiar with the families behind the patients and remained connected to them even during times of grief.

“When a patient died, we would attend the funeral. We would go and console the mourners because we knew the family and had cared for their loved one. It was part of being a nurse,” she says.

She believes that sense of personal connection is one of the lessons from the past that should not be lost as nursing becomes increasingly regulated and specialised.

“Today, there are many rules and professional boundaries,” she says, acknowledging that modern healthcare requires nurses to work

within established protocols and professional standards.

But regulation, she argues, should not diminish compassion.

Her reflections come at a time when Botswana’s health sector is confronting a different set of challenges. As Botswana marks 60 years of independence, the country’s health journey, therefore reflects both remarkable progress and an evolving challenge.

From a system once characterised by limited facilities, few trained personnel and restricted access to specialised care, Botswana has developed a more skilled and resilient health workforce.

According to Ministry of Health Chief Public Relations Officer, Dr Christopher Nyanga, Botswana has made significant progress in

developing its health workforce over the past six decades, but faces growing competition for skilled professionals from countries abroad.

He says international recruitment is driven by factors including higher remuneration, career progression, specialised training, advanced technology, research opportunities and working conditions.

Botswana nevertheless retains the majority of its health workforce, although shortages remain in several specialised fields.

Dr Nyanga identifies anaesthesia and critical care, emergency medicine, oncology, nephrology, psychiatry, pathology, radiology and some surgical sub-specialties among areas facing shortages.

Specialised nursing fields, including intensive care, theatre, renal and oncology nursing, as well as midwifery, are also affected.

For patients, shortages can translate into longer waiting times, increased referrals and heavier workloads for available health professionals.

Government is responding through expanded postgraduate specialist training, local and international partnerships, improved career progression and continuous professional development, alongside investments in infrastructure, equipment and digital health systems.

For Ms Chikumbudzi, however, progress should never come at the expense of the values that sustained nurses in earlier generations.

“Things have changed and perhaps they had to change. But we must not lose the passion.

A nurse must still remember that behind every patient is a person, a family and a story,” she says.

Her words capture the enduring meaning of Tirisanyo Mmogo: that healthcare is not only about institutions, equipment and professional expertise, but also about people working together to care for people. BOPA



Ms Chikumbudzi acknowledged that modern healthcare required nurses to work within established protocols and professional standards.

A curator at Department of National Museums and Monuments, Mr Onkgopotse Moseki taking dignitaries from the South Africa High Commission on a tour of the Fish Keitseng Monument where Nelson Mandela stayed at a safe house during the liberation struggle. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe



Lobatse safe house for liberation fighters

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

The system of institutionalised racial segregation before and after independence birthed a generation of Africa’s heroes and heroines who pioneered radical change in the annals of history. At the centre of that transformation were ordinary people. Among them was a young Motswana, Fish Keitseng, who worked in the South African mines and became involved in the labour movement and the African National Congress (ANC). Mr Onkgopotse Moseki, Curator at the Department of National Museums and Monuments, said Keitseng was a leader of the black consciousness movement and a trade unionist. “Fish Keitseng was one of the leaders of the black conscious movement. He, alongside Nelson Mandela, Motsamai Mpho, Philip Matante, Klaas Motshidisi and others were charged with treason. They were sentenced to prison and Keitseng, who was a foreigner in South Africa at the time, was deported back to Botswana and stayed in Lobatse. This is where he began to organise ANC underground meetings in safe houses and secret locations,” Mr Moseki said. He said the apartheid government had the most powerful army in Africa at the time. Botswana was then a British Protectorate and

communities existed as individual communities. Black activists used guerrilla tactics and natural defence mechanisms. “When Nelson Mandela left South African borders for the first time in January 1962, he came to Lobatse to Fish Keitseng who was his comrade in the ANC to seek temporary refuge as the apartheid government wanted him dead or alive. While in Botswana he disguised his identity. He used the name David Motsamai, his passport carried this name. He spent most of his time hiding on top of the Peleng Hill while he was in transit,” he said. Mr Moseki said ANC cadres and liberation icons used an underground transit pipeline connecting people from different nations. In Botswana it was operated by Fish Keitseng, Motsamai Mpho, Klaas Motshidisi and Simon Tladi, among others. “These were the ones who would map out the route so that when they received comrades from Umkhonto we Sizwe, ANC, PAC they sent them to the secret safe houses where they would stay temporarily. In the evenings the refugees came out to public areas and drinking locations which were critical information exchange centres where they would get route maps, money, food, transport and other amenities,” he said. From Kazungula they would meet their guides secretly before moving to Zambia and

then to Tanzania. The camp for South Africans was at Morogoro. “It was a carefully coordinated operation, there were no mobile phones to ease communication. You could not write a letter because they would send a letter bomb. The mail was controlled by the apartheid government,” he said. He said the Peleng community played a huge role in hiding refugees, with even children acting as informants to alert refugees when apartheid police were in the vicinity. According to Dr Jeff Ramsay and Mr Barry Morton in the book Comrade Fish: Memories of a Motswana in the ANC Underground, after the Treason Trial with Mandela, Mpho, Keitseng and 153 other ANC members, Keitseng was deported to the Bechuanaland Protectorate in 1959. He then established an underground transit system which funnelled ANC members from Lobatse to Northern and Southern Rhodesia (Zambia and Zimbabwe), from where they journeyed to Tanganyika. The book notes that the operation was of vital importance as it enabled the ANC and its Congress Alliance allies to rescue thousands of activists and re-establish the organisation in exile. Mr Moseki said in 1960 the ANC was banned from staging protest campaigns. In 1962, leaders including Govan Mbeki, Michael Dingake, Joe Slovo, Walter Sisulu and Motsamai Mpho came to Botswana. “It was at the conference where they decided that they will no longer embark on demonstrations through song, and resort to use of armaments. They strategised at the Fish Keitseng homestead. About 70 people crammed up in the small space. The following day they staged a meeting which had the British Government Police where they presented a watered down version,” he said. Mr Francis Joao, Samora Machel Museum site manager, said the core agenda was the formation of Umkhonto we Sizwe. “The meeting was held under dark cover in the evening. The following day, 28 October 1962, another meeting was held at Peleng

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Liberation struggle icon and Mozambique first President Samora Machel stayed at the Kgaboesele homestead in Lobatse during the struggle. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Community Hall where Umkhonto we Sizwe was endorsed as the MK movement for the ANC,” he said.

He said during apartheid, Lobatse was divided into three. Peleng was a shanty area designated for blacks with minimal services. After 6pm they were not allowed to cross the railway line. Indians stayed closer to the rail while white residents resided in crown lands. Police officers from Lesotho patrolled on horses.

Beauty Kgaboesele, 74, daughter of the late John Kgaboesele who provided sanctuary to political refugees including Samora Machel who later became Mozambique’s first president, said it was not an easy road.

“Nurses would come running from South Africa to our homestead being chased by the apartheid regime. They would come into my father’s restaurant where they would have meals hurriedly. They would quickly head to Tanzania and Zambia,” she said. She said she grew up in a home full of strangers.

“There were so many bed stretchers at home. The refugees would be received and sleep for the night, at break of dawn they would then hide in the mountains. In the evening during dinner all kids would line up to get food trays and take them to the refugees,” she said.

Her father had a van named ‘Montsamaisa Bosigo’ used to transport food to ANC cadres and to take them at night to catch the train.

She recalled an event in 1963 when Samora Machel entered their house at around 2am.

“All children were moved from the bedroom to go and sleep in the kitchen under the table. I saw him with my own eyes,” she said.

Mmanjale Molebo, 92, said Lobatse received many refugees from South Africa. “We hid them in our homes. Re ne re nna ka letshogo because it was not safe. They would only leave in the evening when it was safe,” she said.

Town elder Rex Rabanna, 84, said, ‘the apartheid era was a ruthless, grey era in human history. I have seen Samora Machel in the evenings only. During daylight he disappeared into thin air.’ **BOPA**



Fish Keitseng was amongst the 155 ANC cadre and leadership who were prosecuted in the infamous Treason Trial which started in 1956 and ended in 1961. He was deported back to Botswana where he became instrumental in the underground liberation struggle. Photo: courtesy of the Fish Keitseng Trust



Independence celebrations provides Batswana living far from home with an opportunity to reconnect with their language, traditions and national identity.

Batswana abroad rally behind Bots60

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Batswana across the diaspora are gearing up for Botswana's 60th Independence anniversary, with communities in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom preparing celebrations centred on national pride, culture and unity.

In Australia, the Botswana Australia Victoria Association (BAVA), in partnership with Bua Learning, will host a two-day celebration on September 25 and 26.

BAVA committee member Mr Try Gaotlhobogwe said the event would bring Batswana and the wider Victorian community together to celebrate Botswana's heritage and independence.

The programme will start with a Family Fun Day featuring an Inter-African Football Tournament, a parents-versus-children match and traditional Botswana games

designed to connect younger Batswana with their roots.

A buffet featuring traditional cuisine will also be served.

The celebrations will culminate in a Boipuso Gala Dinner featuring international Botswana musician Lizibo Malebeswa, Australia-based Batswana artists and traditional dance.

Gaotlhobogwe said the celebrations were inspired by the spirit of self-reliance and community cooperation.

In the United States, organiser Ms Popo Reed said Botswana would mark the milestone with a Flag Raising Ceremony in Philadelphia on September 30, followed by the main Independence Celebration in Washington, DC, on October 3.

Between 300 and 500 people are expected, including Batswana from across the US, embassy officials, members of the diplomatic corps and community leaders.

The programme will feature dikhwae, dipina le maboko, local DJs and cultural performances.

Reed said the theme: **Bots60: Celebrating Unity,**



Ambassador of Botswana to the United States of America, Mpho Mophuting celebrating with Batswana living in USA in 2024.

Progress, and Heritage, captured the spirit of the milestone.

She said Independence celebrations provided Batswana living far from home with an opportunity to reconnect with their language, traditions and national identity.

The US organising committee is entirely community-driven, with members contributing financially, fundraising and preparing traditional food. Planning is coordinated through WhatsApp groups and online meetings.

Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, Botswana Independence Leeds coordinator Mr Olatse Fubisani said Bots60 was an opportunity for Batswana abroad to celebrate their identity and preserve their culture for future generations.

Botswana Independence Leeds has been running since Bots50 and has grown into a major community platform bringing together Batswana through sport, music, food and cultural activities.

This year's celebrations will begin with a football

tournament involving five teams from across the UK before the main event in Leeds in the evening.

More than 800 people are expected to attend, with the event already sold out.

Botswana musician Charma Gal will headline the entertainment alongside Namibian duo Diop & Cello.

Traditional food will also take centre stage, with Batswana women in the UK preparing local dishes. Fubisani said food played an important role in passing Botswana's traditions to younger generations born and raised abroad.

He said the event had also helped promote Botswana's creative talent in the UK, having previously hosted artists such as the late A.T.I and HAN-C.

Fubisani said the success of Botswana Independence Leeds was largely due to ordinary Batswana volunteering their time and resources.

He said the large turnout demonstrated the strength of the Botswana diaspora and its determination to remain connected to home.

Fubisani said Bots60 should also strengthen links between Botswana and its diaspora, noting that Batswana abroad continued to promote the country through their businesses, professions, culture, sport and community activities.

The celebrations, he said, were not merely about entertainment but about ensuring that Botswana's identity and heritage continued to thrive beyond its borders. **BOPA**



Batswana living in Austrilia

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Balekane ba Botswana ba gopola paka tsa maloba

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Metlha ga se ya maloba', ke puo e e dirisiwang thata gompieno mme fa go na le bangwe ba ba ka pakang se, ke Balekane ba Botswana, bomme le borre ba ba tshotsweng ka 1966.



Rre Tshireletso Monyere o tlhalositse fa mo malobeng lesika le ne le tshwaragane ka jaana ene a godisitse ke nkukuagwe yo a neng a mo fa thuto e e maleba a bo a mo ruta le methale ya go itshetsa. Senepe: Esther Mmolai



Rre Omphemetse Metswi a re batsadi ba bone ba ne ba ba godisa ka dijo tsa masimo, dibapalwa nageng ga mmogo le nama ya diphologolo. Senepe: Naomi Leepile

Ba supa fa mo malobeng botshelo bo ne bo tobetsega, dilo di le bonolo ntateng ya boipelego, kutlwano le tirisano mmogo, tse di neng di rena.

Bangwe ba tlhalosa se se pharologanyo, gore botshelo bo ne bo le thata fa go tshwantshanngwa le gompieno ka ditlhabololo di ne di le boutsana.

Kwa Lobatse, Mme Kereng Motladile, wa kgotla ya Newlook/Maipei, o tlhalosa fa e rile a fatlhoga, botshelo bo ne bo tobetsega ka batho ba ne ba ipelega jaaka ka nako ya Boipuso, banni ba ne ba sa ikaege ka puso, ba ne ba tlhaloganya gore letsatsi leo le raya eng mo go bone.

“Mowa wa boipelego ke nngwe ya dipinagare tse lefatshse leno le ipelang ka tsone ka jaana o ne o rotloetsa tshwaragano, lorato le tirisano ya morafe. Gompieno botshelo bo thata ka malwapa a etibile ka bo o ne,” Mme Motladile a supa.

A re batsadi ba bone ba ne ba tlhaloganya mosola wa thuto mme gape, ba ba ruta magokonyane a botshelo.

Mme Nkagisang Matebele kwa Maubelo a re ditlhabololo di ne di le boutsana mme botshelo bo ne bo relela fela.

A re banni ba ne ba nwa mo megobeng, go sena ditsela le fa e le dipalamo jaaka gompieno, mme mo tsamaong, ba simolola go bona ditlhabololo di tla, go agiwa dikole, dikokelwana, ditsela le morafe o kgona go ikgokelela metsi mo malwapeng.

O tlhalositse fa ba ne ba ikagegile thata ka temo thuo, go sena malwetsi a mantsi jaaka gompieno.

Rre Omphemetse Metswi go tswa kwa Phepheng, gaufi le Draaihoek Kgalagadi Borwa, ene a re botshelo bo ne bo le bokete, batsadi ba bone ba ba godisa ka dijo tse ba di lemileng, dibapalwa-nageng le nama ya diphologolo ka dijo e ne e se ntletsetletse jaaka gompieno.

A re borotho ba ne ba bo ja fela ka Keresemose le ngwaga o mosha. Rre Metswi a re sepalamo go ne go tlotlilwe dikotsekara

tsa ditonki le dipitse kwa kgaolong.

A re ba ne ba godisiwa thata ke bomme ka borre ba ne ba berekela kwa meepong kwa South Africa fa bangwe ba ne ba bereka mo dipolasing mme, ba itse botlhokwa jwa lelwapa ka ba ne ba tshetsa malwapa a bone.

Rre Tshireletso Monyere, go tswa Gabane, mme e le monni wa Maun ka pereko a re mo malobeng, losika lo ne lo tshwaragane.

O kaile fa a godisitse ke nkukuagwe, yo a mo rutileng go itshetsa.

A re nako e ntsi ba ne ba nna kwa masimo, kwa a neng a rutiwa go gama le go lema, mme ya re ka 1976 ba fudugela gae ka a ne a ya go simolola sekole.

Rre Monyere a re o tsene sekole go fitlha a ya kwa mmadikole. Ka nako eo, a re go bona tiro go ne go sa sokodise.

“Ditiro e ne e le ntletsetletse, re ne re se bo motlhophha ntsi jaaka bana ba gompieno. Tota rona re ne re dumela gore sepe se se ka go fang madi a go itshetsha, o tshwanetse wa se ngaparela le go se dira ka botswapelo. Ke ka moo re kgonneng go bereka re sa sokala,” Rre Monyere a supa.

A re le ba ba neng ba bereka e le baphepafatsi, gompieno ba tshela sentle ka ba ne ba itse tiriso ya madi.

Kwa Francistown, Rre Bampeile Sehube, yo o tlhologang kwa Nata, o tlhalositse fa go fatlhogeng ga gagwe, botshelo bo ne bo le monate.

Rre Sehube a re o goletse kwa morakeng wa Xlamkhwai, kwa a ithutileng dilo di le dintsi tsa botshelo.

“Ntatemogolo e ne e le molemi morui yo motona, a na le dikgomo, dipudi, dipitse le dinku. Re goletse ka fa tlase ga molao o o gagametseng, re reetsa batsadi. Dilo ne di le motlhofo go bonala ka jaana mowa wa tirisano le therisano e ne e rena,” Rre Sehube a supa.

A re baagisanyi ba ne ba itse gore matlo go sha mabapi, ba thusana ka lorato.

“E ne e re lo feletswe ke dijo, lo tsena ka fa mabapi go kopa bopi jwa mabele,” Rre

Sehube a tlhalosa, a bo a gatelela fa boipelego le kutlwano di agile Botswana.

Rre Sehube a re ka ba ne ba disa, ba ba simolotse sekole ba setse ba godile.

A re ene o simoletse lekwalo la ntlha a le dingwaga di le lesome le bongwe mme a tsena le bangwe ba ba golwane mo go ene.

O gakologelwa gore tiro e ne e le motlhofo go bonwa. A re, o ne a tswa kwa Nata a ya go batla tiro kwa Gaborone mme ka a ne a ratile seromamowa sa Botswana, a tlhamalela kwa di ofising tsa teng, mme ka lesego a kopiwa go tla potsolotso letsatsi le le latelang.

A re o ne a dira sentle, a hirwa go fitlhela a tlogela ka bogodi monongwaga.

Fa a tshwantsanya botshelo jwa bogologolo le gompieno, a re go na le pharologanyo e tona mme o eletsa gore dikokomane tse di tlang, di gate mo motlhaleng wa bone o o direleng gore Botswana e nne sekgantshwane. **BOPA**



Rre Bampeile Sehube a re go fatlhogeng ga gagwe botshelo bo ne bo le monate ka jaana ba goletse kwa morakeng wa Xlamkhwai, kwa a ithutileng dilo ka bontsi. Senepe: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



Mme Rebecca Rahenga (molemeng) le Mme Nkagisang Matebele. Mme Matebele a re bogologolo ditlhabololo di ne di le boutsana mme botshelo bo ne bo relela hela. Senepe: Naomi Leepile

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FARM WORKER WANTED Right Perspective Pty Ltd, Box 2486 Gaborone. Tel : 3902643

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FARM WORKER REQUIRED. Must have atleast 10 years experience on horticultural farming and must be willing to work extended hours. Forward application to Kenmoir portion 26 (Pty) Ltd. P/Bag 49 Mogoditshane on or before 05/10/2026

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Mmakanke. Contact Thatayaone Lefhoko P. O. Box 601182 Gaborone. Cell 71639155

FARM WORKER WANTED in Gamagangwa farms. Sabryn K Tsie 71321792

A FEMALE FARM worker wanted at Sesung, Kweneng. No qualifications required. She must be able to read or write basic instructions in English. For more information, kindly contact 75903642 or 71987319

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Mosu, Tsutsuga Farm, contact Kealeboga Moloi Box 269 Masunga 71755088

FARM WORKERS AND seasonal farm workers wanted in Mmanoko. Apply at Ranawa Modiakgotla P O Box 437 Molepolole.

FARM WORKERS AND seasonal farm workers wanted at Shonono/ Shadishadi. Apply at Tshokolo Radimapo Box 39 Sojwe.

HERDMAN WANTED in Sekoma. Contact P O Box 20640 Bontleng, Email: mpopo22@gmail.com, Mobile 73330573/ 72666619

FARM WORKER WANTED, call 78578331 Joseph Kwapa, P.O Box 2626 Morwa Rakwapa Ward

FARM WORKER NEEDED X4 at Bobonong / Ranthase Cell: 76355213 / 74606831

FARM WORKER WANTED at Shoshong . Call: B. Seosenyeng at 71766996 / 73343691

HERD BOY WANTED AT PARAKARUNGU. CONTACT LEONARD KAMWI 71702231

HERD- BOY WANTED At Huhuwe Mbalakalungu, Contact Mambo Molongwane +26774747270 P. O. Box 671 Kasane

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OREEMETSE KHUTSAFALO WANT a farm worker in Molalatawana lands. Call: 72800941

HERDBOY WANTED AT Saenete cattlepost contact Samuel J. Moraloki Box 76 Matsiloje 77356751

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Motsentshe Farms, Mmathethe area. Contact 72281026/ 71545681. Apply to P O Box 20612, Gaborone.

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Mabutsane / Gamokhutshwane lands, Letlhakeng Extension area. Experience in horticulture and small stock herding. Apply to Gordon Mokgwathi, Box 153 Letlhakeng. Cell : 73393998

WANTED HERDBOY BAG 0026 Selibe Phikwe Bokamoso Molelekwa 74103521

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Matebeleng, call 75177527 closing date 2/10/26

FARM WORKER WANTED, Serokwane, Goodhope District 72440604- Omphile

LOOKIG FOR FARM Worker at Kolonkwaneng Village, Bag 33 Letlhakane. Call 72599517

NOTICE OF INTENTION TRANSFER LAND TO A NON - CITIZEN
(in terms of section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 34 of tribal Land Act of 2018 that Jacqueline Ontekotse Portuondo hereby gives notice of her intension to cede and transfer the under mentioned property to a non-citizen under Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No.TG21/2016 dated 14th January 2016 entered between KGATLENG LAND BOARD in favour of JACQUELINE ONTEKOTSE PORTUONDO in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN:
SITUATE:
MEASURING:
HELD UNDER:

piece of land being Tribal Grant No.1664-KP;
At Monametsana in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
5,5217 Ha (Five Comma Five Two One Seven Hectares);
Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. TG 21/2016 dated 14th January 2016.

Which transaction is valued at P330,000.00 (Three Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula only) By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority to a person wishing to the proposed, shall also be given notice to object with reasons thereof in writing to Kgatleng Land Board within **thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice. **Cellphone No.75090322.**

COLLINS NEWMAN & Co.
Applicant's Attorneys
Dinatla Court | Morupule Drive
P O Box 882, GABORONE

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

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

Name of the Deceased person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Solomon Mmereki Dikgang	ESHMY 000303-26	02.11.2026	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPHYE THIS 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT 100 / 2023

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KITSO SEBESO**, ESHFT 100 /2023 who died at Francistown North East District on the **19 November 2010**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

William Machokoto **Executor Dative**
P.O. Box 2434 Francistown

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag 6 MAHALAPYE

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT is the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO:TL 968/2021 dated 23rd day of AUGUST 2021 made in favour of ELLIOT BALOLE In respect of:

CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BEING TL 968/2021
SITUATE: MATEBELE (CADASTRE 21) IN BAKGATLA TRIBAL TERRITORY
MEASURING: 4901 M² (FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND ONE SQUARE METRES)
HELD UNDER: ELLIOT BALOLE

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 03 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY REGIME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 8 (1) (f) of the Married Persons Property, Act 2014 that:

1. MR TSHEPO SENKU AND MRS NAMETSO SENKU, married to each other in community of property on the 30th November 2018 at Francistown, intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for variation or change of their matrimonial regime from in community of property to out of community of property.

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for variation after the expiration of three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication of the notice of intention to change matrimonial regime, that is, after the 2nd of October 2026.

3. Any persons, Creditors or Debtors, who may have an interest in the assets and /or liability of the parties’ estate, should they have objection to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties, through their Attorneys, **MBIKIWA LEGAL PRACTICE**, before the expiration of the said (3) weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated Application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

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

SEASONAL FARM WORKER WANTED near Molepolole. Apply to Tebogo Kabelo, P.O Box 1734, Molepolole, 73739098. Closing date 09 October 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Matshelagabedi Farm, contact cell:71656367 or 77379919 not later than 29th September 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB-001022-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LUCAS LAOLANG MATEBELE** who died at PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, GABORONE, GABORONE DISTRICT, BOTSWANA, in the Republic of Botswana on the **27th** day of **AUGUST 2026**.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

KWADWO OSEI-OFEI (**EXECUTOR**) Care of OSEI-OFEI LEGAL, Attorneys for the Executor
First Floor, Unit 18, Kgale Mews, Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 26546, GABORONE Tel: 390 8293 / 71 31 91 04

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHMY-000232-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GAOMODIMO GAOLATLHE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital Serowe, Central –Serowe District, Botswana on the **22nd October 2015**.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 1st day of September 2026.

The Executor Drive Garethakanelwe Tshiamo
P.O BOX 31064 Serowe
Cell: 71827814

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIES COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed NO : T1260/2007** dated 26 day of June 2007 Made in favour of **KABLAY MOTSEONAGENG** In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 23124 GABORONE
SITUATE: GABORONE WEST EXTENSION 18
MEASURING: 450m², FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY SQUARE METERS
HELD UNDER: T1260/2007

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICANT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000206-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOFEDILE SEGAJANE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **15th** day of **March 2021**.

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

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

DATED AT On the _ day of _ 2026

The Executor Lone Segajane
PO Box3743 Serowe **CELL: 71 364 001**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHMY-000260-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **SEBEGO SEBEGO** who died at Serule Clinic, Serule, Central-Bobonong District, Botswana on the **2nd** of **March 2026**.

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the **Estate will lie open for inspection** at offices of the Master of High Court at Gaborone for **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 MAHALAPYE on the 16 day of SEPTEMBER 2025

The Executrix Temogo Sebego
P O Box 1307 Serowe
Cell: 71 476 620

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No TL530/2003** dated **30th day of December 2003** made in favour of **Marang Keanole Bernadette Makepe** in respect of:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 1587, Tlokweg;
SITUATE : at Tlokweg in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 1188 m2 (One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Eight Square Metres);

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17TH AUGUST 2026.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS |Mowana Mews, Unit 6, Plot 74769 |Western Commercial Road, CBD
P O Box 46271 | GABORONE

MISCELLANEOUS

DREAMHOUSE JOINERY (Pty) Ltd: looking for production manager +2 years experience. Tel 77155636

WINDOOR WORLD (PTY) LTD, Looking for Operation Manager +2 years experience. Tel 77155636

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

PUBLIC IS INFORMED that Koboto Molaba intends to change land use of plot situated in Molalatau, Ghobadwe ward from family land use to Civic/Community. Objections should be submitted to Physical Planning Bobirwa District Council telephone 2619274 witin 14 days from date of advert.

OWNER OF PLOT 2190 of Tlokweg Metlhabeng is informing plot 2189 and 2191 of his intentions to erect a boundary wall, if there is any objections, they should be forwarded to Tlokweg Physical Planning.

I THOMAS NKWAZI T/A the connection lounge bar and restaurant would like to apply for a bar liquor license at lebodu ward in kachikau. Any objections can be submitted in writing to : council secretary, chobe district council p/ bag k30 kasane.

SHAED KABLAY, OWNER of plot in Mosetse proposes change of landuse from single family to multi family residential. Any objections contact Tutume District Council within 14 days of this publication.

PREMIRE BUILDERS GENERAL CONTRACTORS (Pty) Ltd at Gaborone, Plot 122, wishes to change land use from residential to pre-school. Any objections contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office at 3657494/3657400 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND use. I Hilda Kealeboga, owner of plot no Z4526 Ramfurwa ward, Tlokweg intends to change land use of my plot from poultry farm to industrial use. For any objections, contact 71924060/ 73808771 within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

MMOLOKI SUPER GABORONE, owner of Plot 1361 in Mmaphashalala would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections contact 72783881 or Mahalapye Physical Office

THE OWNER METSI (Pty) Ltd of plot 775 Tati Road Ext 2 intends to change the land use from single family residential to commercial use. Any objections should be directed to Mr Avinash Bijoor Tel 3973365/ 72333555.

VACANCY FARM WORKER

A farm located in **Medie/Telekele** is looking for a hardworking and reliable **Farm Worker** to join the team. The ideal candidate should be honest, responsible, willing to work, and able to carry out general farm duties.

Interested candidates should send their **CV** to **dipaloholdings316893@gmail.com**.

Closing Date: 30 September 2026

2 x FARM WORKERS WANTED at MATEANE FARM in ARTESIA

Apply to:
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Virtual Post Box 77619318
Gaborone Botswana
Or
Send vis email:
lopangntombela@gmail.com
Deadline: 30/09/2026

TEBOGO THANDI MODISE owner of tribal Lot 20627 Khurumela, Palapye would like to change land use from single residential to multifamily residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office on 4930821 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 16305 Ledumang, Gaborone seeks to change land use from single family residential to civic and community (day care centre). Any objections be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this notice.

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT-000806-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Tinny Dichaba**- ESHFT-000806-24 who died at Masunga Primary, Hospital, North East District, on the **24th** day of **May 2016**.

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 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

MARIA KENNETH EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: Master of the High Court
P.O. BOX 130 MASUNGA P.O. Box 2434 Francistown

CONTACTS: 71 745 660 / 72 300 314

Gemma Corporate Design (Pty) Ltd

Gemma Corporate Design (Pty) Ltd is looking for qualified and experienced personnel for the following positions:

• Fitting Consultant
• Fitting & Customer Management Consultant

Requirements

• Certificate in Corporate Wear Fitting Consultancy.
• Any other relevant qualification, with a minimum of 5- 10 years’ relevant professional experience.

Apply to
The Manager
P.O. Box 228

Closing Date: 04 October 2026

Initi8 Solutions seeks the services of an experienced Lecturer in Business Studies in the following areas:

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• Supply Chain Management

The candidate will be employed as a Consultant Lecturer/ Trainer

Candidates should have:

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• Master’s Degree in Business, Procurement, Logistics, Transport or Supply Chain Management, plus a postgraduate qualification in Education (PGDE/MED).
• Valid Assessor and Moderator Certificates
• Foreign qualifications must be Accredited by BQA.
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Apply with:
CV and certified copies of qualifications to initi8solutions@outlook.com or deliver to Plot 61426 Maruapula, Gaborone

Closing Date: 10/10/2026 Tel: 72665008

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Requirements:

• A qualification related to Tourism or a relevant field.
• Strong leadership, organisational and communication skills.
• 5-10 years working experience in a related field.

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• Monitor market trends and identify opportunities for business growth.

Requirements:

• A qualification or experience in Marketing, Business, Tourism or a related field.
• Strong marketing and customer-service skills.
• Knowledge of social media and digital marketing will be an added advantage.
• 5-10 years working experience in a related field.

Apply to : The Manager | P.O. Box 63, Sherwood

Closing Date : 4 October 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: - ESHGB 001117-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MERAFE BASINAKO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **3rd November 2024**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor | Bokang Cleopas Keeme
P O Box 2015, SEROWE
Cell: 77 623 998 / 74 499 805

CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL Plateau Vdc Of Plot Number 2268, At Kasane Plateau, Intends To Change Use Of Their Plot From Civil And Community To Commercial (Guest House). Any Objections Should Be Forwarded To Physical Planning Office In Chobe District Council Or Contact On 6250275/76 Within 14 Days Of This Publications

CHANGE OF LAND Use, Owner Of Plot No. 5964, Block 5, Mogoditshane, Would Like To Change Land Use From Residential To Multi-Residential. For Any Objection, Owners Of Plots Surrounding My Plots, Contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Office 3105615 Within (14) Days Of Publication Of This Notice.

Wanted: Skyview Chemicals (Pty) Ltd, operating from Unit 4, Plot 51, Commerce Park, Gaborone, requires a hands-on technician/sales-&-marketing person to work as Operations Manager and drive the growth of our business servicing customers in the food and hospitality industries.

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Send applications to: P O Box 80250, Gaborone Email: info@spectank.co.bw

Contact No.: 77 589 291

Deadline: 07 October 2026

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NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE RECENT RESUME, CERTIFIED COPIES OF CREDENTIALS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CITIZENS

Closing Date: 05/ 10/ 2026

Send email applications with job title CLEARLY stated in the email heading to:
EMAIL: recruitment.bw@unikconst.com;
For more information, contact: The Human Resource Manager, P/Bag 26, Gaborone, Tel: 3924965, Fax: 3923001

ZISMO Engineering (Pty) Ltd

We invite Qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the following position that is vacant in our organization:

Senior Transformer Winder/Assembler

Requirements:

• Applicants must have at least minimum of 12 years HANDS ON experience in Winding and or Assembling Distribution Transformers. A minimum of 5 years experience as a Workshop Supervisor would be an added advantage. Applicants must have knowledge in Dismantling and Re-assembling of transformers from 1kVA up to 5000kVA, transformer core building. He/She will be responsible for HANDS ON training and assessment of Apprentices. Applicants must have extensive knowledge and experience in workshop transformer de-tanking, tanking and testing, servicing and repair of Oil Circuit Breakers (OCBs) and oil switches and maintenance and repair of switchgear, substations and mini-substations. He/She must be able to collect technical data of transformers. Applicants must have knowledge in carrying out site preventative maintenance on installed transformers to stop leaks, top up oil and replace components. Winding of transformers up to 5000kVA will be an added advantage.

Applicants:

All applicants must be computer literate and possess a clean driver’s license. They must be eager to work in a growing and demanding environment and keen on meeting deadlines. Applicants should address their application letters, enclosing detailed Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of certificates and ID and a minimum of three referees to:

Attention: HR Manager
Private Bag B0 300
Bontleng, Gaborone
Or
Email: hr@zismoengineering.com
Closing date: 11 September 2026
NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORNE ESHGB-000293/24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **CECILIA MBOHO** who died intestate at Morepo Ward Thamaga , Kweneng District, Botswana on the 24th day of February 2013.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTON THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

INNOCENT MATLHOKO (EXECUTOR DATIVE) THAMAGA

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT Master’s Reference: ESHMY-000102-26 ESHMY-000100-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GASELATHWE MONOGE & MOTLHANKAWAMODIMO MAKOSE** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 16th May 2011 and June 11th 2018 respectively.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication thereof. Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master Dated at Mahalapye on this 10 day of September 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Goitsemodimo Mothankawamodimo
P O BOX 466 Mahalapye CELL: 74667954/ 72172616

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

ESHFT 000324-25

FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KAGELELO JOYCE MADESWI – ESHFT 000324-25-** who died at Marobela enroute to hospital central Tutume District on the 16/02/2025

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

DATE AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

MR ENOCK DEBULA	AND TO:	Master of the High Court
Executor Dative		Private Bag F13
P O Box 42, Marobela		FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE kanyane molebatsi - ESHGB - 000238/26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estate Act (Cap31:01) the heirs and Next of kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on the 15th day of October 2026 at 0900 hours at the before - B. P. Kemorwale. At the Master’s Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

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

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

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

BABOLOKI MAKONE	ESHMY 000217-26	26.10.26	09000HRS	SARM
Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Notice of Intention to dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

THIS SERVES as a notification, in accordance with section 34 of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, that **Mike Thabo Rajane** of ID No. **480015517** has entered into a sale agreement with Ephraim Musosi, holder of Passport No. FN507592, a non-citizen, for sale of the following property:

PROPERTY DETAILS: residential Plot No. N/A Lotlhakane East

SITUATED: in Lotlhakane East

MEASURING: 44.88m x 40.19m x 44.76m x 4.04m x 34.23m x 4.10m (Approximatley 1350m²)

DEVELOPMENT: undeveloped

Held under: Kanye Sub Land Board

The consideration of the property amount to P40, 000.00 (Forty Thousand Pula Only) Any citizen interested in a similar transaction for this property shall be given priority, regardless of this agreement reached between the parties. Should any citizen wish to object to this transaction, they must do so, in writing, to the Kanye Sub Land Board, Private Bag MK-11, Kanye, within thirty (60) days from the date of this publication.

Dated this 18th day of September 2026.

Dated at Gaborone this 14 September 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON – CITIZEN

(in terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT INFIBEAM INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD BW00001369607 intend to sell the below mentioned property to **RODNEY MUSHININGA & MASODI PAMELA MUSHININGA**

CERTAIN	: piece of land situated at Matebele
MEASURING	: 400 SQM (Four Hundred Square Meter)
WHICH PROPERTY	: subject to Resolution of Board – Kgatleng land Board confirmation of Plot owner REF: 2KLB 6/1/1 XIV (18) in favor of INFIBEAM INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD
SUBJECT TO	: the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Land Board resolution and further subject to terms and conditions hereafter set out.
PURPOSE	: RESIDENTIAL
CONSIDERATION	: P225,000.00

Any citizen interested in entering in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority.

Any person wishing to object to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof to the Board Secretary, Oodi Sub land Board, **within thirty (30) days** of publication hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON – CITIZEN

(in terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT INFIBEAM INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD BW00001369607 intend to sell the below mentioned property to **SIDWELL BWAWA**

CERTAIN	: piece of land situated at Matebele
MEASURING	: 411SQM (Four Hundred & Elven Square Meter)
WHICH PROPERTY	: subject to Resolution of Board – Kgatleng land Board confirmation of Plot owner REF: 2KLB 6/1/1 XIV (18) in favor of INFIBEAM INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD
SUBJECT TO	: the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Land Board resolution and further subject to terms and conditions hereafter set out.
PURPOSE	: RESIDENTIAL
CONSIDERATION	: P200,000.00

Any citizen interested in entering in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority.

Any person wishing to object to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof to the Board Secretary, **Oodi Sub land Board**, within **thirty (30) days** of publication hereof

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 334, Mmokolodi would like to notify the public of my intention to change land use from single to multi-family residential. Anyone objecting to the proposal can contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Office within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF integrated Farm Tribal Lot AG265, at Mmabane, in Mochudi intends to change land use from integrated farm to civic & community use. Any objections, please notify physical planning department, Kgatleng District Council on 5700386/ 5777411, within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 34268, Gerald, Francistown wishes to consult Plot 34290 & 34269 on their intention to construct a boundary wall. For any objection, contact City of Francistown Planning office at 2411700 within 14 days of publication.

DANIEL SEGOKGO WOULD like to change land use from ploughing field to mixed use in Mabutswe. For any objections, contact Tlokweng Physical Planning office on 3925242 within 14 days of this publication.

GAOITENGWE SEFHEDI WOULD like to change land use of plot 165 Morokotso Ward, Mandunayane from residential to guest house and build a boundry wall. Any objections contact Tonota Building Control Offices telephone no 2484331 within 14 days of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT NO 10884 in Flowertown, Mahalapye inform neighbours of the wish to change land use from single-family to multi-family residential. For any objection contact Mahalapye Physical Planning Office on Telephone No 4710636 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT no. 6939 at Pitikwe; Lobatse intends to erect a boundary wall and notifies owners of plot nos: 6940 and 6938 of his intentions. Any objections should be lodged within fourteen (14) days of this publication and forwarded to Lobatse Town Council Physical Planning Department at 5305851

I, TEBOGO LINDA KELONEILWE, owner of Plot no. 17720, Maruapula, Gaborone, would like to change land use from single-family residential to commercial use. For any objections, contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone this 14 September 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON – CITIZEN

(in terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Smart Place Pty Ltd BW00002637733 intend to sell the below mentioned property to **MIDUO PTY LTD BW0000684156:**

CERTAIN	: piece of land situated at Mmamashia
MEASURING	: 1.138ha (One point one tree eight hectare)
WHICH PROPERTY	: subject to Resolution of Board – Kgatleng land Board confirmation of Plot owner REF: 2KLB 6/3/1 – 2 II (255) in favor of SMART PLACE (PTY) LTD
SUBJECT TO	: the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Land Board resolution and further subject to terms and conditions hereafter set out.
PURPOSE	: MIXED USE
CONSIDERATION	: P800,000.00

Any citizen interested in entering in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority.

Any person wishing to object to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof to the Board Secretary, Oodi Sub land Board, **within thirty (30) days** of publication hereof

Dated at Gaborone this 14 September 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON – CITIZEN

(in terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CHRYSALIS (PTY) LTD BW00001368127 intends to sell the below-mentioned property to **JERALD HONDONGA & JEANETTE HONDONGA**

CERTAIN	: piece of land situated at Matebele
MEASURING	: 447 SQM (Four Hundred & Forty-Seven Square Meter)
WHICH PROPERTY	: subject to Resolution of Board – Kgatleng land Board confirmation in favor of CHRYSALIS (PTY) LTD
SUBJECT TO	: the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Land Board resolution and further subject to terms and conditions hereafter set out.
PURPOSE	: RESIDENTIAL
CONSIDERATION	: P225,000.00

Any citizen interested in entering in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority.

Any person wishing to object to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof to the Board Secretary, Oodi Sub land Board, within thirty (30) days of publication hereof

OPERATIONS MANAGER-CATERING

Moghul Catering is seeking an experienced Catering Operations Manager to lead daily operations and maintain high standards of customer service, cleanliness and financial performance.

REQUIREMENTS

- An MBA, degree or Diploma in Hospitality Management.
- At least 10 years’ experience in management role.
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office and point of sale systems.

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- Lead the overall catering operation independently in multiple creation overall the country, including staffing and related matters.
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- Skilled in human resources development.

Send applications by post or email
Group Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 404326 Gaborone
Telephone: 397 5246

Or email info@moghul.co.bw
Applications close 9th October 2026

PROOERTIES

FARM FOR SALE between A1 Road and Railway line Rasesa Malotwane 3 hectares. 78578331, 76028294

INTERGRATED FARM FOR sale, location: Khwai Plot 278, size 5.38 hectares , a riverfront farm suitable for Lodge and Campsite Price: P10million contact: 73129812/76338915

VACANCIES

PANEL BEATER & SPRAY PAINTER. Diploma in body repairing, radiator, repair & spray painting. 10 years work experience. Mpiwee(PTY) LTD T/A Craft Motors. P.O.Box 40 Kanye. 77049213. Closing date 09/10/2026

MONROY PTY LTD looking for artisan rigger with 7 years mining experience. Kindly contact 714506610/ monroybw@gmail. com due date 12/10/2026.

LOOKING FOR HEAD of light & heavy duty mechanic with computer Auto Detector Diploma Mechanic 15 year experience. Closing date : 12 Oct 2026. Apply to hrnatatimberindustries@gmail. com, Box 26081 Gaborone

ROLLING MILL INSTALLER wanted with over 5 years experience in Rolling Mill Installation. Suitable candidates should send their CVs to info@sherashiya.com. X 10 installers needed

MEDICAL OFFICER , MD , registered with BHPC. Minimum of 15 yrs experience. Apply : plot 2838 Oodi ward : Lekgarapana Oodi, Oodi, Botswana. Phone : 267 71644475 / 74662316. Email : Gracemunthali1111@gmail.com

EARLYBIRD PRE-SCHOOL looking for HEAD TEACHER. Diploma in early childhood 5 years experience holding same position traceable references from previous employer. Duties managing daily running of the school. Apply to caretaker manager P.O Box 478 Mochudi before 5th October 2026.

ROYAL GFA 09 is looking for players for junior teams, senior team and ladies team. We are looking for coaches for all our teams. Send application to kenalemangk@gmail.com and call 74155861 for more information.

UNION PRE-SCHOOL plot 7132 Broadhurst P O Box 796 AAH seeks Head/ Reception Teacher. Requires Diploma in Early Childhood, leadership Certificate, 5 years A Beka reception teaching, supervising staff, running meetings and teacher workshops, self driven. Duties: teach reception, supervise teachers, organise workshops, run meetings. Closing 16/10/2026. Contact 3971636/ 71877977

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Old Naledi residents in Gaborone in 1967, reflecting the strong role of music in community life.



Legendary Ratsie Setlhako of A re Chencheng fame, was one of the first Batswana to appreciate that music could be a career.

Sixty years of music shapes nation cultural identity

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

The visual spectacle of the recent Botswana Musicians Union (BOMU) Awards presented, like Cinderella at the ball, the coming out party of an ugly duckling turned pretty princess.

Six decades ago, as the Bechuanaland Protectorate gave way to the independent Republic of Botswana, there was no modern music industry to speak of, no bands, recording

studios, distribution or marketing channels.

Today, as the nation commemorates its Diamond Jubilee, a rich library of music has been bequeathed upon future generations by pioneering artistes who forged an entire value chain of singers, instrumentalists, sound engineers, producers and promoters.

According to writings by the late musician and scribe, Rampholo Molefhe, supported by historical accounts, a big band offering live jazz arrangements

emerged around independence: The Metronomes.

Featuring self-taught trumpeter, saxophonist and auditor Galerobale ‘Gale’ Letsatle, alongside Radio Botswana presenter, Nonnie Pilane (vocals), Uncle ‘Hippo’ Mothopeng (trombone or drums), Percy Qobo and Jake Sibiya (saxophones), Box Moncho (guitar) and Tholo Molefhe (clarinet), they played swing jazz and ballroom dance for official ceremonies.

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Every Mother's Son Band performing at the first Botswana band music festival in 1971.



Third Mind, one of the first Hip Hop groups in Botswana featuring Modise ‘Dee’ Moletsane (left), Presley ‘Azizz’ Metshe (centre) and Mokhabi ‘Bumpy’ Moeletsi, made their impact in the late 90s and early 2000.

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In 1968, Letsatle transformed them into The Scarers, the country’s first pop band, joined by guitarist Whyte Kgopo and a young Michael ‘Malombo’ Mmereki. They recorded the first vinyl single in former Rhodesia, Swabisa Satan with *Junbo* on the B-side. “Gale Lesatle and The Scarers

were the pioneers of contemporary popular music,” says Kanye-born singer-songwriter, Banjo Mosele. “At independence, we only had Borankana traditional music and Tswana folk from artistes like Ratsie Setlhako. The Scarers pioneered modern music presentation, followed in the 1970s by *Imagine*, *Mother* and *The Incrowds*,” he adds. Mmereki understudied Letsatle

before helping form Mother and Imagine, later directing the BDF Dance Band from 1981 to 2004 with Tsilo Baitsile, Lekofi Sejeso and Alexander ‘Socca’ Moruakgomo. Meanwhile, The Breakers formed in Mahalapye and Mosele launched The Incrowds with Sejeso and Ofentse Moagi, recording at Nosey Road Studio in Lobatse, set up by the Sbrana

siblings. The arrival of South African exiles turned Gaborone into a cultural hub during the 1980s. Hugh Masekela jammed with local artistes at Mogo Hotel in Mogoditshane and formed the Kalahari band with Aubrey Woki, Mopati ‘Bully’ Tsienyane and guitarist, John Selolwane. Masekela imported gear from Los Angeles to establish the Battery Mobile Studio at Woodpecker and founded the Botswana International School of Music (BISM). Kalahari recorded *Techno Bush* (1984) and *Waiting for the Rain* (1985) in Gaborone and *Tomorrow* (1987) in London for Jive Records/Sony. This global stage saw Selolwane tour on Paul Simon’s *Graceland* tour and Mosele back Peter Gabriel at London’s Mandela Concert. Simultaneously, Jonas Gwangwa formed Shakawe with local musicians Molefhe, Kgopo and Tsholofelo Giddie alongside exiles Steve Dyer, Dennis Mpale and Tony Cedras. Other groups made ground-breaking records like Duncan Senyatso’s Kgwanyape band, with brother Caxton, Clement Jackson and Makhwengwe Mengwe, teamed with South Africa’s Shifty Records to drop Botswana’s first full-length album, *Mephato ya Maloba* in 1986. Afro Sunshine, managed by

Radio personality Sidney Baitsile popularly known as DJ Sid, was a prominent figure in Botswana’s entertainment scene in the 1990s and later. He helped introduce hip-hop group P-Side and established P-Side Studios in Gaborone.



Celebrated folk musician, Solly Sebotso of the Morena Pidipidi fame became a household name around 2012, helping bring traditional musical influences to a contemporary audience.

Dennis Alexander and featuring Lekofi Sejeso, Jeff Malaba, Gino Maposa, Livingstone ‘Dollar’ Paledi, Ronnie Mokgolodi, plus Zambians Chris Mbewe and Alex Kunda, released *This is Afrika* with hits *Tote* and *Re Ba Lebile*. The BDF Dance Band released *Banyana ba Gaborone* (1987), while Lobatse rock outfit Nosey Road Band (Ivo, Renato, and Delio Sbrana) dropped *Freeway* and *Beyond Your Imagination*. A local gospel movement also took root, led by Bafana ‘Phemphetlhe’ Pheto and Mmereki Marakakgoro. The 1990s brought rapid expansion. David ‘DJ Ski’ Molosi explored Kwaito with Tribal Monks before going solo as ‘Skizo,’ Third Mind dropped a hip-hop album in 1996 and Rhumba was pioneered by Les Afrika Sounds, Nata Capricorn, Alfred Mos and Franco. The 2000s exploded as Eric ‘Ramco’ Ramogojwa established Ramco Records, modernising Borankana via Kora Award-winners Machesa and Matsieng (*Semakaleng*), paving the way for Culture Spears, Shumba Ratshega, Dikakapa and Captain Dira. Producers Presley ‘Prez Beats’ Metshe and Gofaone ‘Goof’ Mapitse backed House-Kwasa hits for Vee and Eskimos, as well as Motswako acts Scar, Kast and Mosako. Ugandan producer, Robert Dargie set up Dargie Digital Studio, helping Franco, Maxy Khoisan, Ndingo Johwa and Unik Attractions, while Punah Gabasiane, Shanti Lo, Nnunu Ramogotsi, Nono Siile, Kearoma Rantao and Lister Boleseng championed jazz. Motswako progressed through Apollo Diablo, Orakle and Mister Doe into 2010s superstars ATI, Dramaboi and Sasa Klass, whose huge success was tragically cut short by their early deaths. While Franco, Charma Gal and Vee command massive home crowds, international breakthroughs remain gradual, led by Culture Spears in South Africa and 2020s acts Ezra Neethings and William Last KRM expanding regionally. As Banjo Mosele emphasises, the quality of the country’s music has been world-class for decades, what it needs now is dedicated broadcast support, strategic marketing and global distribution to reach its full potential. **BOPA**



Renowned for his fusion of Motswako hip-hop and R&B beats, Atasaone A.T.I Molemogi left a mark on the country’s creative industry before his death in 2025.



Ezra Neethings is one of Botswana’s current celebrated icons and keeps gaining attention with songs such as *Tsela ye*.

All roads lead to independence carnival

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

At first, it may sound like an ordinary morning in Gaborone. Then the drums begin. Colourful costumes appear, dancers take to the streets and low-bed trucks carrying performers turn the capital into a moving stage. As Botswana celebrates 60 years of independence, the streets of Gaborone will become the stage for the country’s first-ever Independence Day carnival, breaking away from the traditional stadium celebrations. The procession will culminate at the Main Mall, a place chosen for its memories and history as a gathering point where people once converged to celebrate. Ministry of Sport and Arts principal arts officer, Kagiso

Letang said the intention was to revive that spirit while bringing colour and vibrancy to the anniversary. About 25 groups, Letang said, will participate, showcasing creativity through dance, music, costumes, fashion, sport, theatre, film and other cultural expressions. The celebrations will be held under the theme: Building Resilience and Driving Prosperity. Letang said the theme reflected Botswana’s journey, noting that the country had faced many challenges over the years but had demonstrated resilience. She said after 60 years of independence, the focus should now shift towards growth and initiatives that enable Batswana to prosper in different spheres of life. The festivities will begin at

6am, with groups gathering at three locations before making their way to the Main Mall. The groups have been named after three Dikgosi in honour of their legacy. S ebele I group will gather at Gwest Diphetogo grounds, Khama III at Maruapula SSG grounds, while Bathoen II will assemble at Old Naledi Park. Low-bed trucks will be used during the procession, while members of the public will be encouraged to join along the designated routes. She advised participants to wear national colours or traditional attire. At the Main Mall, celebrations are expected to continue until midday, featuring girl guides, scouts, cheerleaders and song and dance groups. The roads around the Main Mall will be closed to vehicles,

although businesses will remain operational. A craft market and food court will also provide opportunities for local traders and entrepreneurs. Letang said the festivities would not only showcase Botswana’s rich cultural diversity, but also create economic opportunities for artists, caterers and other creative entrepreneurs while promoting national pride, unity and a lasting legacy. The celebration will resume at 6pm and run until 6am with a music festival featuring both contemporary and traditional music. Looking beyond the 60th anniversary, Letang said the intention was to make the carnival an annual event that could help attract tourists to Gaborone, recently launched as an attraction destination. **BOPA**



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The boxing momentum continued to build in later years and at Beijing 2008, bantamweight stalwart Khumiso Ikgopoleng punched his way into the Olympic quarterfinals, finishing just one win shy of a guaranteed medal.

London 2012 brought the heartbreak of Oteng Oteng's controversial narrow decision, while Tokyo 2020 marked a monumental gender milestone when Keamogetse Kenosi stepped through the ropes as the country's first female Olympic boxer.

Past athletics and boxing, other sporting pioneers expanded the nation's footprint on the global stage.

Combat sport and water disciplines saw Norman Seribe step onto the tatami in judo at Atlanta 1996, while Garreth Chalmers navigated the open waters in sailing at Beijing 2008.

In the aquatics and weightlifting arenas, swimmers like Samantha Paxinos, who served

as a pioneering female flag bearer in Beijing and Maxine Egner, co-flag bearer at Paris 2024, made waves for the country alongside historic trailblazers like weightlifter Magdeline Moyengwa, who broke new ground as Botswana's first Olympic weightlifter at Tokyo 2020.

Back on the track, the turn of the millennium unlocked a wave of athletic magic. At Sydney 2000, Glody Dube made history by becoming the first Motswana to punch his ticket to an Olympic track final, sprinting to seventh place in the men's 800m.

Four years later in Athens, Amantle Montsho shattered glass ceilings as the country's first female Olympian, competing in the 400m and paving a golden path for generations of young girls with big athletic dreams.

Then came London 2012, the moment the world sat up and took notice, when 18-year-old Nijel Amos captured the nation's heart and its very first Olympic medal after racing to a stunning silver in the men's 800m final.

The momentum snowballed all the way to Tokyo 2020, where the men's 4x400m relay team snatched a bronze, proving that Botswana was no longer just visiting the global stage but a permanent fixture.

Which brings us to the unforgettable magic of Paris 2024. If the journey started with seven pioneers in Moscow, Paris was the glittering upsurge.

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the history books as the first Motswana and the first African in history to win Olympic Gold in the men's 200m.

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From the seven lonely pioneers of Moscow, lone warriors and medallists like Mabiletsa, flag-bearing champions like Khunwane, fearless boxers, aquatic and weightlifting trailblazers, to a gold-lit podium in Paris, Botswana's 60-year journey stands as a testament to raw talent, resilient democracy and soaring national pride.

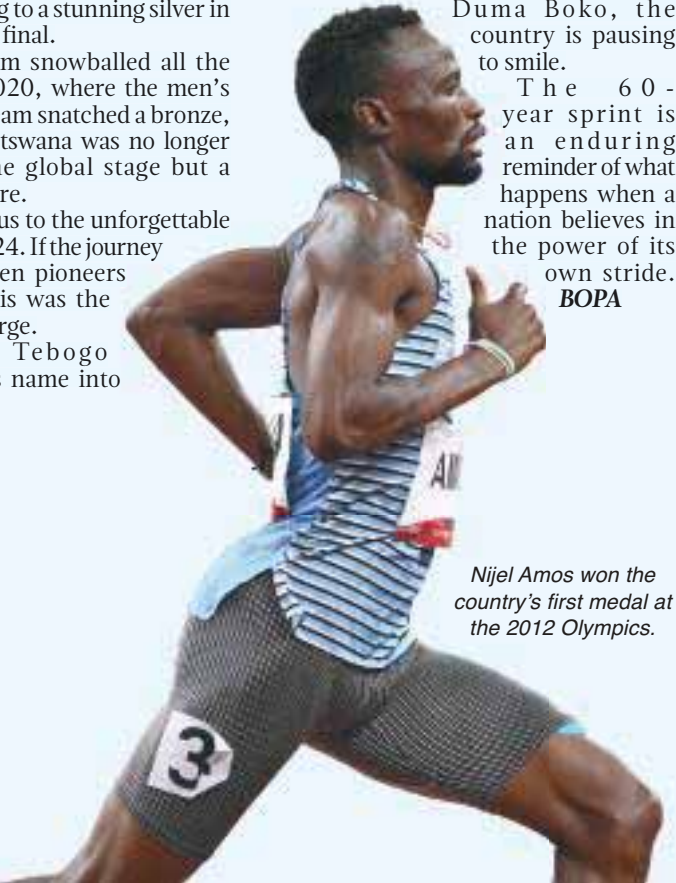
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Now, as Botswana rings in its glittering 60th Diamond Jubilee anniversary of independence under the leadership of President Advocate Duma Boko, the country is pausing to smile.

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Glody Dube, the first Motswana athlete to reach finals in the Olympic event, came 7th in the 800m race at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.



Nijel Amos won the country's first medal at the 2012 Olympics.

SPORT BRIEFS

BFA grassroots teams head to Namibia

Botswana Football Association (BFA) grassroots teams will compete at the Dream Sports football academy (DSEA) International Youth Tournament in Namibia from October 2-4. The BFA will field Under 11, Under 15 and Under17 teams at HTS Sports Field, where they will compete against teams from Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and other SADC countries. The teams head to the tournament after winning the Dinaledi Academy International Youth Tournament in Botswana in July.

Pirates to play in Gaborone

South African giants, Orlando Pirates will face Namibia champions, African Stars at the National Stadium in Gaborone on October 17 in the CAF Champions League second preliminary round. African Stars have selected Botswana as their home venue after Namibia was left without a CAF approved stadium for the competition. The return leg is set for October 23-25. The winner of the two-legged tie will advance to the next stage of the competition.

U23 side prepares for Seychelles test

Botswana's Under 23 side will go head-to-head with Seychelles in the first round of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations U23 qualifiers, with the first leg scheduled for September 28. The return leg is to be played on October 6, with the winner advancing to the next round of the qualifiers. The tournament in Egypt will also serve as the African qualification pathway for the 2028 Olympic Games. Botswana are among 42 countries competing for seven places at the finals, with hosts Egypt already guaranteed a place.

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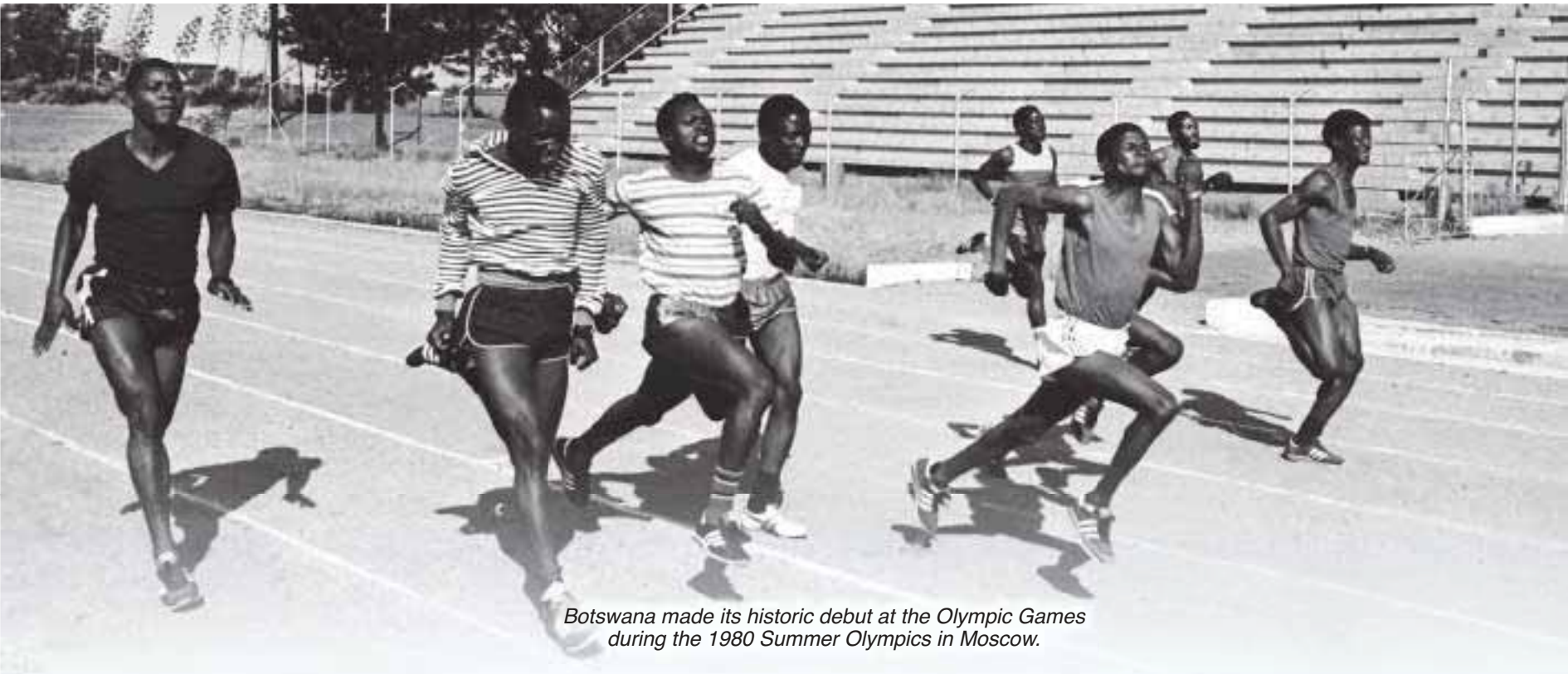
The BW Kids Independence Run is set for tomorrow at the Three Dikgosi Monument in Gaborone as Botswana prepares to celebrate 60 years of independence. The run is expected to attract up to 800 children and will combine sport, culture and activities celebrating Botswana's national identity. Organisers say the event will also promote healthy lifestyles and encourage children to participate in sport.

Padel regional finale set for Gaborone

Botswana hosts the inaugural First Capital Bank Padel Cup Regional Grand Finale this weekend, bringing together players from Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The tournament will run from September 26-27 at the First Capital Bank Sports Village at The Fields Mall in Gaborone. The event is expected to provide a platform for regional padel players to compete and further grow the sport in the region.

Karate team makes Indo Pacific debut

Botswana's Nihon Karate Kyokai team is making its debut at the Indo-Pacific Cup in Mauritius, where eight karatekas will compete against athletes from across the region. The team is also attending a standardisation seminar and technical courses for instructors, judges and examiners as part of efforts to develop karate officials in Botswana. The tournament, organised by Japan Karate Association, gives the athletes an opportunity to gain international competition experience and exposure. **BOPA**



Botswana made its historic debut at the Olympic Games during the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Botswana celebrates Olympic journey

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Picture the scene in Moscow back in 1980, when seven determined athletes stood tall under the international lights, proudly hoisting the blue, black and white flag for the very first time on a world stage, carrying the heartbeat of a young nation. Those trailblazers included Lucien Josiah taking on the 100m and 200m, Wilfred Kareng tackling the 400m hurdles and Joseph Ramotshabi flying down the track in the

400m. They were joined by Ishmael Mhaladi in the 1 500m, Robert Chideka in the 5 000m, Golekane Mosweu pacing the 10 000m and multi-event track competitor Langa Mudongo, all planting the seeds of a legacy they may not have even fully imagined. When the modern Olympic Games kicked off in Athens back in 1896, Botswana was not even on the global map yet. Back then, before gaining independence from Great Britain in 1966,

the land was known as Bechuanaland, a quiet British protectorate often labelled one of the poorest corners of the world. But if history has taught us anything about the Motswana spirit, it is that resourcefulness and grit can rewrite any narrative. Under the visionary guidance of founding President Sir Seretse Khama, the newly born republic rolled up its sleeves. Fuelled by a philosophy of self-reliance and emerging mineral wealth, the nation began building schools, roads and sport fields from the ground up,

proving that a country finding its feet could also find its stride. That steady march forward hit a milestone in 1978 with the birth of the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC), earning official global status just in time for that historic debut in Moscow. As the decades ticked by, those early steps blossomed into giant leaps across a diverse spectrum of sport codes. While track stars grabbed early headlines, the squared circle quietly forged an equally fierce tradition of courage. Beginning with fighters like Magare Tshekiso and Shakes Kubuitsile stepping into the ring at Seoul 1988, the boxers carried the

nation's combat grit to the globe. That solo torch burned brightly at the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games, where light-heavyweight stalwart, France Mabiletsa stood alone as the sole qualifying boxing representative, paving the way with his trademark resilience before later capturing a historic bronze medal at the 1994 Commonwealth Games. At the turn of the millennium, lightweight boxer Gilbert Khunwane proudly flew the nation's colours as the country's flag bearer at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

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