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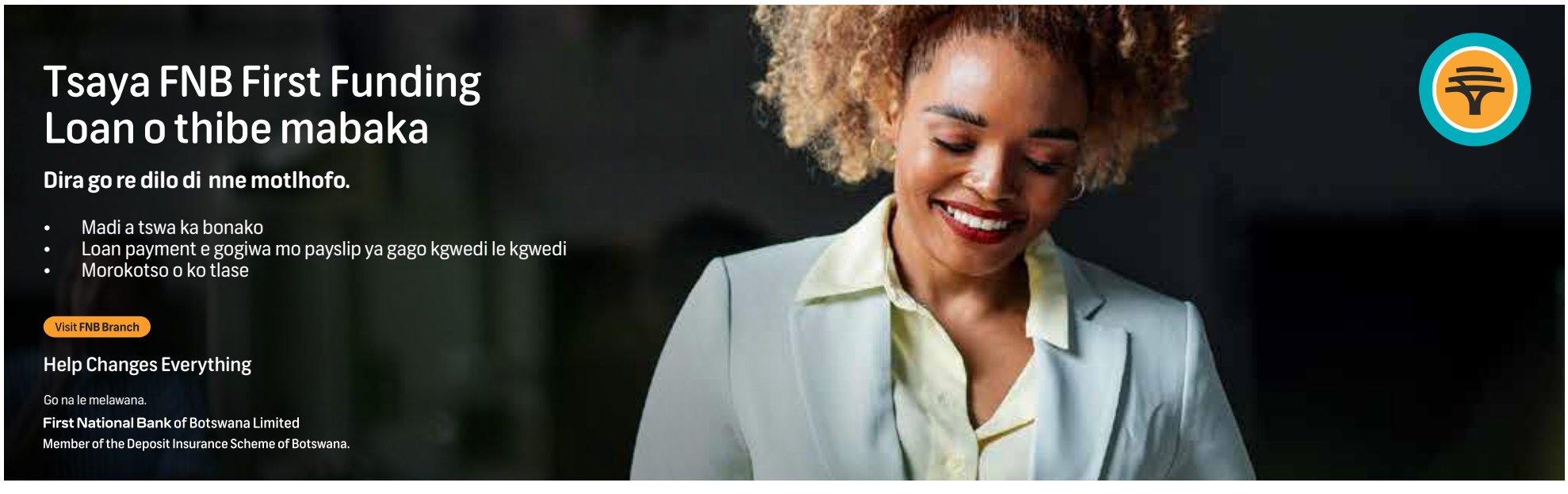

DPP ORDERS TSHEPI INQUEST

After months of public pressure and demands for answers, the DPP has ordered an open inquest into the death of 13 year old Retshepile "Tshepi" Tshedu, in a development announced last night by Minister for State President, Defence and Security Moeti Mohwasa.

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The Directorate of Public Prosecutions has concluded its preliminary investigations into the death of 13 year old Retshepile "Tshepi" Tshedu and has ordered that the matter proceed to a formal inquest before a magistrate to establish whether there is a prima facie case for possible accountability.

The case stems from the tragic death of the minor, which later sparked the "Justice for Tshepi" movement, drawing public attention and calls for answers over the circumstances surrounding her death.

PUBLIC PROCESS

Updating the nation on the matter, Minister of State President Moeti Mohwasa said the DPP decision effectively moves the case into a public judicial process aimed at establishing the circumstances surrounding the death and whether any individual or institution may bear legal responsibility.

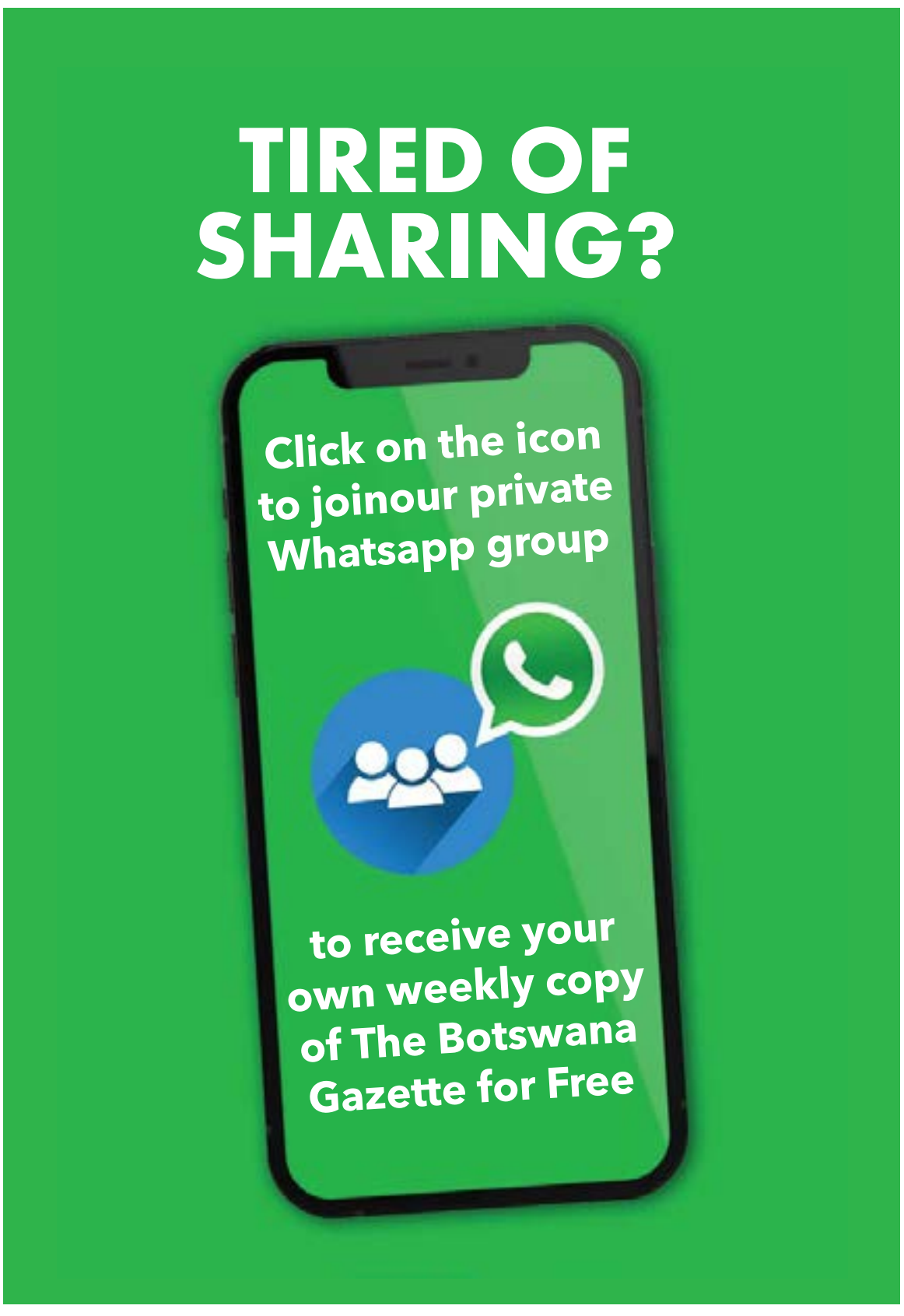
He said the inquest will be held in open court, allowing members of the public to attend proceedings. Individuals with relevant information or evidence have been urged to come forward and assist the court in reconstructing events and clarifying key aspects of the case. The magistrate led inquiry is expected to examine all available evidence, including expert findings and any other material that may assist in determining what led to Tshepi's death.

PUBLIC RESTRAINT

Meanwhile, the minister has called for restraint, urging the public to respect due legal process and avoid speculation that could interfere with the proceedings or cause further distress to the bereaved family.

> "The process is meant to establish facts and determine whether there are grounds for further legal action."

He reiterated government's commitment to protecting children's rights, adding that the State has a duty to ensure that any gaps in care, oversight or protection are properly investigated and addressed.



FNB Botswana
Local & Foreign Currency and Deposit and Lending Rates
June 2026

The following standard Savings, Lending and Investment rates will apply

Local Currency Deposit Interest Rates

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Rate per Annum (NACM)	Annual Effective Rate	Minimum Opening Balance (BWP)
Current	-	-	Nil
Call	0.00% - 0.46%	0.00% - 0.46%	1,000
Money Maximiser	0.00% - 3.35%	0.00% - 3.40%	100,000
Savings (Poloko)	0.00% - 3.40%	0.00% - 3.45%	100
FutureSave	0.00% - 0.40%	0.00% - 0.40%	100
Future Forward	0.00% - 2.50%	0.00% - 2.53%	50
Savings Pocket	0.00% - 1.60%	0.00% - 1.61%	-
FNB Motshelo Savings Account	2.25% - 3.35%	2.27% - 3.40%	500
Flexi Fixed (3 Months)	2.95% - 3.20%	2.99% - 3.25%	100
Flexi Fixed (6 Months)	4.05% - 4.35%	4.13% - 4.44%	100
Flexi Fixed (12 Months)	4.85% - 5.35%	4.96% - 5.48%	100
7 Day Notice	0.15% - 1.25%	0.15% - 1.26%	100
32 Day Notice Plus	1.25% - 2.00%	1.26% - 2.02%	1,000
1 Month Fixed Deposit	2.50% - 2.55%	2.53% - 2.58%	1,000
3 Months Fixed Deposit	3.20%	3.25%	1,000
6 Months Fixed Deposit	4.75% - 5.00%	4.85% - 5.12%	1,000
12 Months Fixed Deposit	5.55% - 6.25%	5.69% - 6.43%	1,000
24 Months Fixed Deposit	5.65% - 6.60%	5.80% - 6.80%	1,000
Over 36 Months Fixed Deposit	5.85% - 6.80%	6.01% - 7.02%	1,000
MoPR	5.50%		

***For term deposits the minimum amount is BWP 1 million to qualify for a special rate.
- Interest is calculated on the daily account closing balance and credited in to the account monthly (For all interest bearing products excluding fixed deposits).
- Fixed deposits interest is calculated based on the principal amount, agreed term and applicable interest rate. The accrued interest is credited at Maturity or termination.
- Interest rates are linked to the Monetary Policy Rate (MoPR).

Local Currency Lending Interest Rates

Lending Rates	Nominal Interest Rate Per Annum (%)	Average Effective Interest Rate
MoPR	5.50%	5.50%
Prime Lending Rate	7.01%	7.01%
Mortgage Facility	Prime +12% to 17%	Prime +14% to 20.08%
Overdraft Facility (Revolving Credit Lines)	Prime +8% to 10%	Prime +9.33% to 11.64%
Credit Card	22% to 28%	24.36% to 31.89%
Lease Loans (VAF)	Prime +15.5% to 23%	Prime +18.22% to 27.74%
Unsecured Personal Loans (Excluding Overdraft, Mortgage and Credit Card)	Prime +17% to 22%	Prime +20.08% to 26.44%
Other Term Loans		

*Scheme related lending is as per the scheme contract.

Foreign Currency Deposit Rates

ZAR – South African Rand***	Nominal Interest Rates/Annum (%)	Annual Effective Rates	Minimum Opening Balance (ZAR)
Current (Global Account)	2.00%	2.00%	1,000
1 Month Fixed Deposit	1.00%	1.00%	1,000
2 Months Fixed Deposit	1.05%	1.05%	1,000
3 Months Fixed Deposit	1.25%	1.26%	1,000
6 Months Fixed Deposit	1.50%	1.51%	1,000
12 Months Fixed Deposit	2.00%	2.00%	1,000
24 Months Fixed Deposit	2.50%	2.50%	1,000

AUD – Australian Dollar	Nominal Interest Rates/Annum (%)	Annual Effective Rates	Minimum Opening Balance (AUD)
Current (Global Account)	-	-	100
1 Month Fixed Deposit	These rates are quoted on request		100
2 Months Fixed Deposit			100
3 Months Fixed Deposit			100
6 Months Fixed Deposit			100
12 Months Fixed Deposit			100
24 Months Fixed Deposit			100

USD – US Dollar***	Nominal Interest Rates/Annum (%)	Annual Effective Rates	Minimum Opening Balance (USD)
Current (Global Account)	-	-	100
1 Month Fixed Deposit	0.40%	0.40%	100
2 Months Fixed Deposit	0.47%	0.47%	100
3 Months Fixed Deposit	0.50%	0.50%	100
6 Months Fixed Deposit	0.55%	0.55%	100
12 Months Fixed Deposit	0.80%	0.80%	100
24 Months Fixed Deposit	1.30%	1.30%	100

EUR – Euro	Nominal Interest Rates/Annum (%)	Annual Effective Rates	Minimum Opening Balance (EUR)
Current (Global Account)	-	-	100
1 Month Fixed Deposit	These rates are quoted on request		100
2 Months Fixed Deposit			100
3 Months Fixed Deposit			100
6 Months Fixed Deposit			100
12 Months Fixed Deposit			100
24 Months Fixed Deposit			100
Over 36 Months Fixed Deposit			100

GBP – British Pound Sterling***	Nominal Interest Rates/Annum (%)	Annual Effective Rates	Minimum Opening Balance (GBP)
Current (Global Account)	-	-	100
1 Month Fixed Deposit	0.07%	0.07%	100
2 Months Fixed Deposit	0.09%	0.09%	100
3 Months Fixed Deposit	0.10%	0.10%	100
6 Months Fixed Deposit	0.15%	0.15%	100
12 Months Fixed Deposit	0.20%	0.20%	100
24 Months Fixed Deposit	0.20%	0.20%	100

***Note:
- Special rates offered for amounts of ZAR 1 000 000 and more
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NEWS BRIEFS
BONGANI MALUNGA

Neglect of Boys and Rising Men's Mental Health Cautioned



The First Lady of Botswana, Kaone Boko, has called for increased focus on empowering the boy child, warning that neglect could contribute to future social instability, including violence and marginalisation.

Speaking at the UNICEF Botswana CEOs Council for Child Rights Forum in Gaborone last week, she stressed that efforts to uplift girls must be matched with targeted interventions for boys to ensure balanced child development and healthier societies.

MEN MENTAL HEALTH

In a related statement, Botswana Nurses Union chairperson and Secretary of the National Executive Committee Gender Committee, Cynthia Richard, warned that

She urged society to break harmful stereotypes around masculinity and encourage early help seeking, noting that "stoicism culture" discourages men from accessing care despite evidence that men account for nearly 80 percent of global suicides.

The union called for open conversations, therapy normalisation and peer support systems to improve wellbeing among men and boys. Richard added that empowering the boy child must include mental health education and emotional literacy from an early age.

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- Provide academic advising and support to students.
- Maintain accurate student attendance, grades, and academic records.
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- Incorporate virtual laboratories, simulations, and digital learning tools where appropriate.
- Ensure compliance with institutional academic policies and quality standards.
- Participate in departmental meetings, curriculum review, and faculty development activities when required.

Skills & Competencies

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to work in a multicultural environment.
- Strategic thinking and ability to contribute to institutional development initiatives.
- Familiarity with digital tools for teaching, learning, and research.
- Competence in use of technology
- Ability to inspire and motivate students
- Strong communication and presentation skills with a good command of English
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to coordinate and mentor student projects and internships, including liaison with industry
- Maintain student records and manage day-to-day teaching administration
- Commitment to continuous professional development
- Be a constructive member of the Botho University team
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POLICE WARN AGAINST FAKE NEWS

The Botswana Police Service has issued a stern warning against the spread of fake news and misinformation on social media, cautioning that those who create or share false information could face criminal prosecution.

In a statement issued on June 2, police expressed concern over an increase in fabricated stories circulating online, often causing public fear, confusion and alarm.

The BPS said self styled online publishers and social media users are spreading false information that can disrupt public peace and undermine social and economic stability.

The warning follows a Facebook post that falsely claimed a 48 year old man had been murdered by teenagers in Block 6. Police later confirmed the report was false.

> "Offenders may face fines of up to P20,000, imprisonment for up to one year, or both upon conviction."

LEGAL WARNING

Despite lacking factual basis, the post attracted more than 1,500 reactions, with many users treating it as genuine, highlighting how misinformation spreads online.

Police cited Section 59 of the Penal Code, which prohibits false statements or rumours likely to cause fear or public alarm, and Section 18 of the Cybercrime and Computer Related Crimes Act, which criminalises malicious electronic communication intended to disturb another person's peace.

Offenders may face fines of up to P20,000, imprisonment for up to one year, or both upon conviction. The BPS urged the public to verify information before sharing it and to use social media responsibly.

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June 2026



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BWP Deposit Interest Rates

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates % (Lowest - Highest)	Actual Interest Rates % (Lowest - Highest)	Minimum Opening Balance
Current	NIL	NIL	P50
Youth Account	2.00%	2.02%	P50
Call	0.05% - 1.00%	0.05% - 1.00%	P10,000
Premium Call	0.80% - 1.30%	0.80% - 1.31%	P50,000
32 Day Notice	0.25% - 1.00%	0.25% - 1.00%	P1,000
Savings (Pure Save)	0.25% - 0.75%	0.25%-0.75%	P50
Koketso Savings	2.40%	2.43%	P100
Matshelo Savings	0.50% - 1.50%	0.50% - 1.51%	P500
Maitlamo Savings (12 - 36 months)	2.30% - 2.80%	2.32% - 2.84%	P100
91 day fixed deposit *[a]	1.90%	1.92%	P1,000
6 month fixed deposit [a]	2.10% - 2.30%	2.12% - 2.32%	P1,000
12 month fixed deposit [a]	2.20% - 2.35%	2.22%-2.38%	P1,000
24 month fixed deposit [a]	2.55% - 2.80%	2.58% - 2.84%	P1,000
Over 24 month fixed deposit [a]	2.80% - 3.30%	2.84% - 3.35%	P1,000
Stanbic Bank Prime Lending Rate	7.01%		

* Reference rate
[a] Rate applies to Flexi - Access Account
All interest rates quoted are on annual basis

Lending Interest Rates

Lending Rates	Nominal Interest Rates % (Lowest - Highest)	Actual Interest Rates % (Lowest - Highest)
MoPR	5.50%	
SBBPLR Lending Rate	7.01%	
Mortgage Facility	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 15%	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 16.08%
Overdraft Facility (Revolving credit lines)	SBBPLR +5% - SBBPLR +18%	SBBPLR + 5.12% - SBBPLR + 19.56%
Credit Card	28% - 32%	31.89% - 37.14%
Lease Loans	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 15%	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 16.08%
Unsecured Personal Loans (excluding overdrafts, mortgage and credit cards)	SBBPLR +8% - SBBPLR +22%	SBBPLR + 8.30% - SBBPLR + 24.36%
Other Long-Term Loans	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 18%	SBBPLR - SBBPLR + 19.56%
*Scheme related lending is per the scheme contract and is negotiable.		

All interest rates quoted are on annual basis

Foreign Currency Deposit Interest Rates

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates (%)	Actual Interest Rates (%)	Minimum Opening Balance
SA RAND	SA RAND	SA RAND	SA RAND
Current	0.0%	0.0%	100.00
Call	0.00%-1.75%	0%-1.76%	500.00
1 Month	1.50%-2.50%	1.51%-2.53%	1,000.00
2 Months	1.60%-2.60%	1.61%-2.63%	1,000.00
3 Months	1.70%-2.70%	1.71%-2.73%	1,000.00
6 Months	1.80%-2.80%	1.81%-2.84%	1,000.00
12 Months	2.20%-3.20%	2.22%-3.25%	1,000.00
Over 24 Months	2.40%-3.50%	2.43%-3.56%	1,000.00

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates (%)	Actual Interest Rates (%)	Minimum Opening Balance
U.S. DOLLAR	U.S. DOLLAR	U.S. DOLLAR	U.S. DOLLAR
Current	0.0%	0.0%	50.00
Call	0.05%-1.00%	0.05%-1.00%	100.00
1 Month	0.25%-0.35%	0.25%-0.35%	100.00
2 Months	0.35%-0.42%	0.35%-0.42%	100.00
3 Months	0.37%-0.45%	0.37%-0.45%	100.00
6 Months	0.40%-0.60%	0.40%-0.60%	100.00
12 Months	0.45%-0.75%	0.45%-0.75%	100.00
Over 24 Months	0.75%-1.25%	0.75%-1.26%	100.00

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates (%)	Actual Interest Rates (%)	Minimum Opening Balance
BRITISH POUND	BRITISH POUND	BRITISH POUND	BRITISH POUND
Current	0.0%	0.0%	50.00
Call	0.05%	0.05%	100.00
1 Month	0.05%-0.07%	0.05%-0.07%	100.00
2 Months	0.07%-0.09%	0.07%-0.09%	100.00
3 Months	0.09%-0.10%	0.09%-0.10%	100.00
6 Months	0.10%-0.15%	0.10%-0.15%	100.00
12 Months	0.20%-0.30%	0.20%-0.30%	100.00
Over 24 Months	0.25%-0.40%	0.25%-0.40%	100.00

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates (%)	Actual Interest Rates (%)	Minimum Opening Balance
EURO, AUD & JPY	EURO, AUD & JPY	EURO, AUD & JPY	EURO, AUD & JPY
Current	0.0%	0.0%	50.00
Call	0.00%	0.00%	100.00
1 Month	0.00%	0.00%	100.00
2 Months	0.00%	0.00%	100.00
3 Months	0.00%	0.00%	100.00
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Kgosi, 'Butterfly' left in Limbo

Despite court orders and reported settlement efforts, the restitution cases involving the late Isaac Kgosi's estate and Welheminah Maswabi remain unresolved.

GAZETTE REPORTER

Although both matters were at different stages of apparent resolution, implementation of agreed or ordered outcomes in the cases involving Isaac Kgosi and Welheminah Maswabi has stalled, leaving the parties in continued legal and administrative limbo.

At the centre of the concern is whether affected parties are receiving timely restitution or remain trapped in prolonged administrative and legal delays, despite promises by the new government.

KGOSI ESTATE

The High Court has already ordered the release of assets belonging to the late Kgosi, following a consent agreement between the estate and the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, effectively concluding years of litigation that began before his death.

The agreement was finalised in November last year before Justice Onkagetse Pusoentsi under the High Court of Botswana.



DELAYED COMPLIANCE

However, implementation has stalled, with the estate yet to recover all listed assets. In an interview with this publication, family lawyer Thabiso Tafila said the family is now considering contempt proceedings.

"Despite a court order, the family is yet to recover Kgosi's assets but we are now faced with a contempt of court case. We don't even know where his assets are and the condition they are in," Tafila said.

DISPUTED ASSETS

The State has maintained that some of the properties remain suspected proceeds of crime under the Proceeds and Instruments of Crime Act, raising legal uncertainty over whether full compliance with the consent order is possible.

The contested estate includes substantial holdings seized in 2019: farmland at Sentlhane, a Phakalane residence, luxury vehicles, livestock including hundreds of cattle, and P549,763.07 in cash.

LEGAL PRESSURE

The assets were initially frozen under an ex parte order granted by the High Court to preserve property pending investigation into alleged proceeds of crime.

Legal representatives for the estate have accused State authorities of failing to honour the settlement agreement, arguing that continued withholding of assets amounts to contempt of court.

BUTTERFLY CASE

In a separate matter, Welheminah Maswabi, codenamed "Butterfly," remains without restitution despite earlier indications of settlement and political acknowledgment of her alleged mistreatment by the State.

Maswabi, a former Directorate of Intelligence and Security agent, became the central figure in a high profile 2019 criminal case involving false allegations of terrorism financing and the alleged embezzlement of P100 billion from the Bank of Botswana.

Her case remains active before the courts, with uncertainty over when or whether settlement terms will be effected. Maswabi has since returned to work, while her lawyer continues to pursue the matter behind the scenes. Her lawyer, Unoda Mack, declined to comment.

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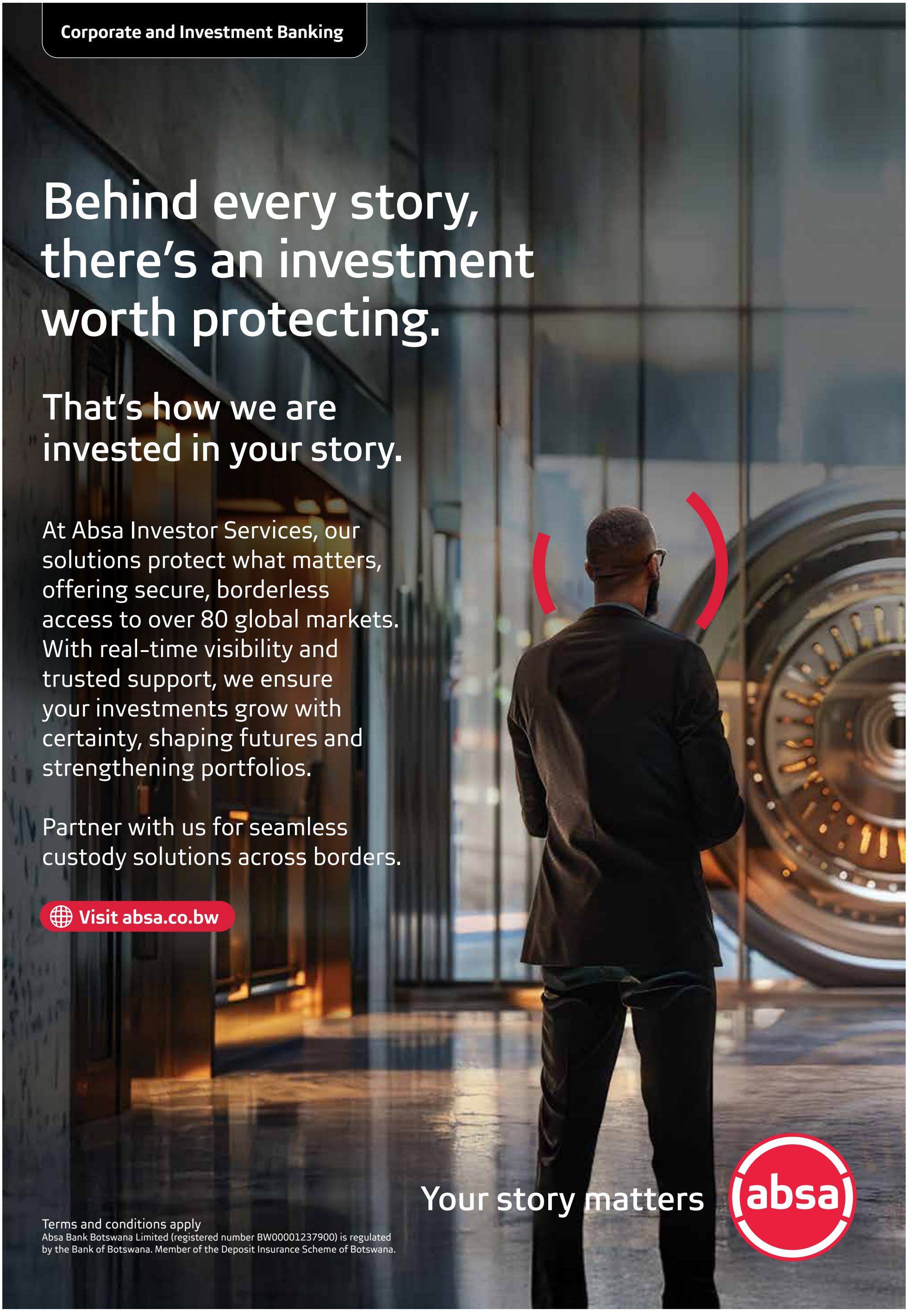
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Ombudsman Promises Progress Report on Health Crisis

Ombudsman Stephen Tiroyakgosi says he will brief the nation on the Ministry of Health's response once government commitments have been consolidated.

GAZETTE REPORTER

Ombudsman Stephen Tiroyakgosi says he will soon brief the nation on the government's response to the health crisis, once all commitments from the Ministry of Health have been consolidated, outlining immediate interventions undertaken and progress made in implementing key recommendations.



Since the release of the report, public anger over the state of healthcare delivery has persisted, with patients increasingly reporting that they are being forced to buy their own medication and essential medical supplies, underscoring continuing pressure and shortages within public health facilities despite repeated assurances of improvement.

NATIONAL BRIEFING

"I intend to brief the nation through the media in the near future once all commitments from the Ministry of Health have been consolidated, and will outline immediate interventions undertaken as well as progress made in implementing key recommendations aimed at addressing a health system under severe strain," he said in an interview with this publication.

The planned briefing comes in the wake of a six month investigation that uncovered widespread deficiencies in the public health system, including deteriorating facility conditions, staffing shortages and inefficiencies in resource management.

THE REPORT

The report painted a stark picture of strain across the sector, highlighting inhumane conditions in some facilities, outdated and frequently unreliable ambulance fleets, and laboratories that fall short of required safety and maintenance standards.

It further pointed to serious inconsistencies in medicine supply chains, where Central Medical Stores recorded high availability levels on paper, at times as high as 97 percent, while health facilities reported receiving only a fraction of their orders, estimated at between 25 and 30 percent in some cases.

FINANCIAL PRESSURES

The investigation also flagged significant financial pressures within the system, including P283 million spent between 2021 and 2025 on training specialist medical personnel, many of whom reportedly left the public sector shortly after qualifying.

In addition, the report noted that 809 patients were referred to private facilities during the current financial year alone, costing the State about P300 million, equivalent to roughly P6 million per week in outsourced care.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Among its 36 recommendations, the Ombudsman's office called for urgent acceleration of recruitment processes to fill critical staffing gaps, alongside a strategic shift towards retaining specialist skills within the public health system.

It also urged government to redirect funds currently spent on external referrals towards strengthening in house capacity and improving access to specialised care within public hospitals.



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The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses, provide research and academic leadership in forest sciences, supervise students' research projects, and participate in individual and/or collaborative research in forest sciences and related areas. The candidate will also be involved in curriculum review and the development of new academic programmes in forest sciences at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and undertake other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION:

LECTURER

- Possess a minimum of a PhD in Forest Sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- Possess a Master's degree in Forest Sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- Possess a Bachelor's degree in Forest Sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- University teaching experience and a good research and publications record will be an added advantage.

SENIOR LECTURER

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- Possess a Master's degree in Forest Sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- Possess a Bachelor's degree in forest sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- Extensive publications in a wide array of quality publication outlets and refereed journals. A minimum of six (6) research products, at least four (4) of which are refereed journal articles reflecting a spread of national, regional and international journals; lead and/or single author in at least two (2) refereed journal articles or book chapters.
- A minimum of three (3) years of teaching experience at a university or equivalent institution.
- Should have served at a position of Lecturer for at least three (3) years and have a significant and original contribution to the discipline through research and/or scholarship.
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ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

Director, Human Resources
Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Private Bag 0027
GABORONE

Email to: recruitment@buan.ac.bw
OR
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Records Office, Block 300, BUAN

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

CLOSING DATE: 16th June 2026

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BVI DELAYS COST BOTSWANA MILLIONS

Production interruptions at BVI may have cost Botswana export earnings after South Africa turned to Argentina for Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine supplies.

BONGANI MALUNGA

Botswana may have lost millions of pula in export earnings after production interruptions at the Botswana Vaccine Institute forced South Africa to source Foot and Mouth Disease vaccines from Argentina during one of the region's most severe livestock disease outbreaks.

South African Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen revealed that delays in vaccine deliveries from BVI disrupted their vaccination programme, compelling authorities to procure alternative supplies from Argentine manufacturer Biogénesis Bagó, which arrived last Thursday.

> "When we were unable to receive our consignment from Botswana, we had to look elsewhere."

VACCINE SHORTFALL

South Africa has since embarked on its largest ever FMD vaccination campaign, procuring more than 13.5 million vaccine doses since February 2026 and spending approximately R494 million on vaccine procurement and deployment.

The disruptions at BVI were attributed to a mandatory maintenance and sterilisation shutdown, as well as previous compliance related interruptions that temporarily affected exports to South Africa.

ALTERNATIVE MARKET

Speaking at the Budget Vote in South Africa on Monday, Steenhuisen stated that they had to seek alternative suppliers while awaiting the resumption of production in Botswana.

"When we were unable to receive our consignment from Botswana, we had to look elsewhere. Those vaccines had to be matched to the South African strains. Once that was done we were able to secure supply. We will be able to vaccinate every single one of the cattle population twice by the end of the year," Steenhuisen revealed.

REGIONAL DEMAND

During recent outbreaks, South Africa ordered 900,000 doses of the FMD vaccine from Botswana valued at approximately P54.9 million. Vaccine doses have normally been priced between R60.87 and R100 per dose in dealings between the two countries.

The lost business comes at a time when regional demand for FMD vaccines is soaring. BVI has estimated that Southern Africa requires at least 43 million vaccine doses annually, while the institute's optimal production capacity is around 25 million doses.



ENCOURAGING SIGNS

Despite the setback, there are encouraging signs as South African President Cyril Ramaphosa recently reaffirmed Botswana's position as South Africa's preferred long term vaccine supplier.

South Africa has already received millions of doses from BVI and expects continued monthly deliveries as production normalises.





VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The University is looking for qualified and experienced individuals for the below stated positions.

The positions are based at the BIUST Campus, Palapye.

SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

1. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN MECHANICAL, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:
- Teach and educate undergraduate and graduate students in the established academic discipline in the department.
- Undertake student tutoring and support.
- Build the knowledge base of the relevant field in the discipline through research and publication.
- Lead and manage certain teaching and research activities within the established discipline in the department.
- Be active in service to the profession, the university as well as actively involved in community engagement.
- Manage the efforts and performance of a research team.
- Be ambitious in terms of promoting personal professional development Work with colleagues on curriculum development and the advancement of the relevant discipline.
- Source external and internal research funding from national and international donors.

COMPETENCIES/SKILLS:
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills.
- Proof of outstanding interpersonal abilities, supported by references from at least two direct line managers.
- Mentoring and coaching.
- Negotiation, networking and relationship building.
- Organizational (planning, budgeting, time management, work prioritization).
- Research, critical thinking, analytical and problem-solving.
- Organisational awareness with an understanding of how to engage the organisation to get things done.
- Professionalism and adherence to good work ethics.
- Results and performance driven.
- Team player with strong dedication to BIUST's purpose and mission.
- Prepare and submit proposals, supervise projects and graduate students, synthesise information to design learning experiences, and go seek out research grants/ funding.
- Should be able to teach at least 5 of the following courses: a). Theory of Machines & Mechanisms, b). Manufacturing Technology, c). Fundamentals of Industrial Engineering, d). Engineering Mechanics, e). Design of Machine Elements, f). Energy Efficiency & Management.

Academic Qualification:
- A Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering or any related field from a recognized institution.
- The candidate must be registered with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) Botswana.
- The candidate must be registered with Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) as an Assessor and Moderator or eligible to register within one (1) year of assumption of duty.

Experience:
- At least six (6) years of post-doctoral experience in teaching, lecturing, research, or industry work in the relevant field, with a minimum of four (4) years dedicated to graduate supervision, including successful doctoral student mentorship
- Experience in teaching at tertiary level for at least 3 years
- A sustained and recent record of peer-reviewed publications and other research output over at least a six-year period (min. of 16 peer-reviewed publications of ISI journals / scopus or web of science indexed journals)
- Experience of obtaining external research funding

2. SENIOR LECTURER IN MECHANICAL, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:
- To teach, educate and supervise undergraduate and graduate students in the established academic discipline in the department and to build the knowledge base of the discipline through research and publication.
- To undertake teaching and research activities within the discipline of industrial engineering.
- To give leadership in the University, the School and the Department, and actively contribute to the development of the next generation of academics in the discipline.
- To play a leading role in improving the teaching and research infrastructure of the Department, School and University.
- To be active in professional and community service.

COMPETENCIES/SKILLS:
- Should be able to coach and mentor students.
- Should be able to communicate well both orally and in written.
- Should possess the skill of time management and be self-motivated.
- Should be a team player and also be able to work independently.
- Computer proficiency.
- Good knowledge of their academic discipline environment.
- Understanding of Higher Education environment.
- Ability to facilitate student learning.
- Ability to supervise research projects and graduate students.
- Should be able to teach at least 4 of the following courses: a). Industrial Systems, Operations & Services, b). Fundamentals of Industrial Engineering, c). Manufacturing Systems Modeling & Simulation, d). Manufacturing Systems Engineering, and e). Workshop Practices.

Academic Qualification:
- A Doctorate degree in Industrial Engineering or any related field from a recognized institution.
- The candidate must be registered with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) Botswana.
- The candidate must be registered with Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) as an Assessor and Moderator or eligible to register within one (1) year of assumption of duty.

Experience:
- At least two (2) years post-graduation experience in teaching and research at a tertiary institution of comparable standard. However, two (2) years post-doctoral relevant industrial/professional experience shall be equivalent to one year teaching experience.
- At least 8 publications in reputable refereed journals of ISI/ Web of Science or Scopus indexed journals.
- Experience in successful supervision of postgraduate students.
- Engagements in projects/services that benefit the University, the Profession and the Community.

Remuneration
The University offers an attractive package, commensurate with qualification and experience.

If you meet the requirements of the above stated position, please send your application letter and a detailed Curriculum Vitae including at least three (3) recent professional referees, to;

Director, Human Resources at the email address below.
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Diamond Crisis Triggers Retrenchments

Genesis HB is facing union allegations over retrenchment procedures as Botswana's diamond sector struggles with weakening demand and competition from laboratory grown stones.

GAZETTE REPORTER

Botswana's deepening diamond crisis is now escalating into a labour dispute, with companies accused of targeting union leaders and pushing retrenchments amid worsening industry conditions.

The latest confrontation involves diamond processor Genesis HB, which is facing allegations from the Botswana Diamond Workers Union that it is attempting to retrench workers without sharing key financial information needed for proper consultation.

DIAMOND PRESSURE

The dispute comes as Botswana's diamond industry grapples with one of its toughest periods in decades, driven by falling global demand and rising competition from laboratory grown diamonds.

According to IndustriALL, diamonds have long underpinned Botswana's economy, accounting for about 80 percent of export earnings and funding major public services.

> "The union says this prevents workers from assessing whether job cuts are truly necessary."

LOW DEMAND

However, the rise of synthetic diamonds, now estimated to control between 15 and 20 percent of the global jewellery market, has sharply reduced demand for natural stones.

Even major players such as De Beers have reported declining rough diamond sales while expanding into the lab grown diamond market.

RETRENCHMENT DISPUTE

IndustriALL argues that companies should be working with workers to manage the crisis rather than pushing retrenchments without transparency.

The BDWU says talks with Genesis HB collapsed in mid March after management allegedly failed to disclose audited financial statements, wage records, company structure details and board minutes. The union says this prevents workers from assessing whether job cuts are truly necessary.

UNION CONCERNS

It also claims that four of the seven employees targeted for retrenchment are union committee members, raising fears of victimisation.

BDWU chairperson Dominic Mapoka accused the company of trying to weaken organised labour, warning that the union will challenge the process legally if it proceeds.

IndustriALL regional secretary Paule France Ndessomin warned that diamond dependent countries are already losing jobs to synthetic stones, urging transparent and fair retrenchment processes that protect both workers and livelihoods.



Pic Credit; Botswana Police Service

Presidency Drawn Into Police Station Naming Dispute

A naming dispute between Marapong and Semitwe over a new police station has reached ministerial level after mediation efforts failed.

BONGANI MALUNGA

The Ministry for State President, Defence and Security has been called in to resolve a simmering dispute between the communities of Marapong and Semitwe over the official name of a new police station constructed between the two villages.

The disagreement threatens to delay the formal opening of the facility, which is nearing completion, and could further postpone residents' access to much needed policing services.

MINISTERIAL INTERVENTION

The matter has escalated to ministerial level after efforts to find common ground reportedly reached a deadlock. Last Friday, Minister Moeti Mohwasa met delegations from both villages, who each presented their cases in a bid to secure naming rights for the station.

The dispute centres on whether the facility should be named after Marapong village or adopt a neutral name proposed by the Semitwe community.

MEDIATION FAILED

The issue was referred to the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security after attempts by the Ngwato Land Board to mediate proved unsuccessful due to complexities surrounding land ownership and territorial rights in the area.

Representatives from Marapong argued that the project had always been presented as a Marapong development from its inception. They maintained that during the groundbreaking ceremony, community leaders were led to believe that the police station would ultimately bear the village's name.

MARAPONG CLAIM

According to the delegation, the chief of Marapong, Kgosi Bakani Mampori, was officially invited to the groundbreaking ceremony and was informed that the facility would be identified as the Marapong Police Station.

However, Semitwe leaders strongly challenged that position. Leading the Semitwe delegation, Kgosi Edward Joseph argued that the community has a legitimate claim because the police station is located within Semitwe and because local stakeholders were signatories to land board documents related to the project.

SEMITWE POSITION

"Our main issue is that this police station is situated in Semitwe and we signed land board documents, therefore this facility cannot be named Marapong Police Station when it is in our village," the Semitwe chief asserted.

With both sides firmly defending their positions, Mohwasa said government had taken note of all submissions and would deliberate on the matter before communicating its decision.

> "This police station is situated in Semitwe and we signed land board documents."

The minister indicated that feedback would be provided on June 8 and revealed that he would return to the area next week to bring the long running dispute to a conclusion.

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1. Tender documents containing details of the requirements are available via email: moeletsith@alexforbes.com and ntsomengc@alexforbes.com
2. Tenders must be structured in the same manner as detailed in the Tender document.
3. Telegraphic telephone, facsimile and physical tenders will not be considered.
4. Notwithstanding anything contained above and in the tender document, the Client is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender nor to incur any expenses in the preparation thereof.
5. Tenders shall be emailed to the email address stated below and shall be clearly labelled BPCSPF 01/ 2026.
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6. All tenders must be received by Alexander Forbes Financial Services on behalf of the Client not later than 12:00hrs on 18 June 2026.
7. A non-refundable deposit of P500.00 will be required upon collection of the Tender documents and all such payments shall be made payable to Botswana Power Corporation Staff Pension Fund.
8. Method of payment shall be by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Request for bank details for EFT payment shall be made to

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BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION STAFF PENSION FUND (BPCSPF)

DPP to Prosecute P100b Farce

The DPP has reportedly resolved to prosecute a perjury complaint linked to Botswana's discredited P100 billion scandal.

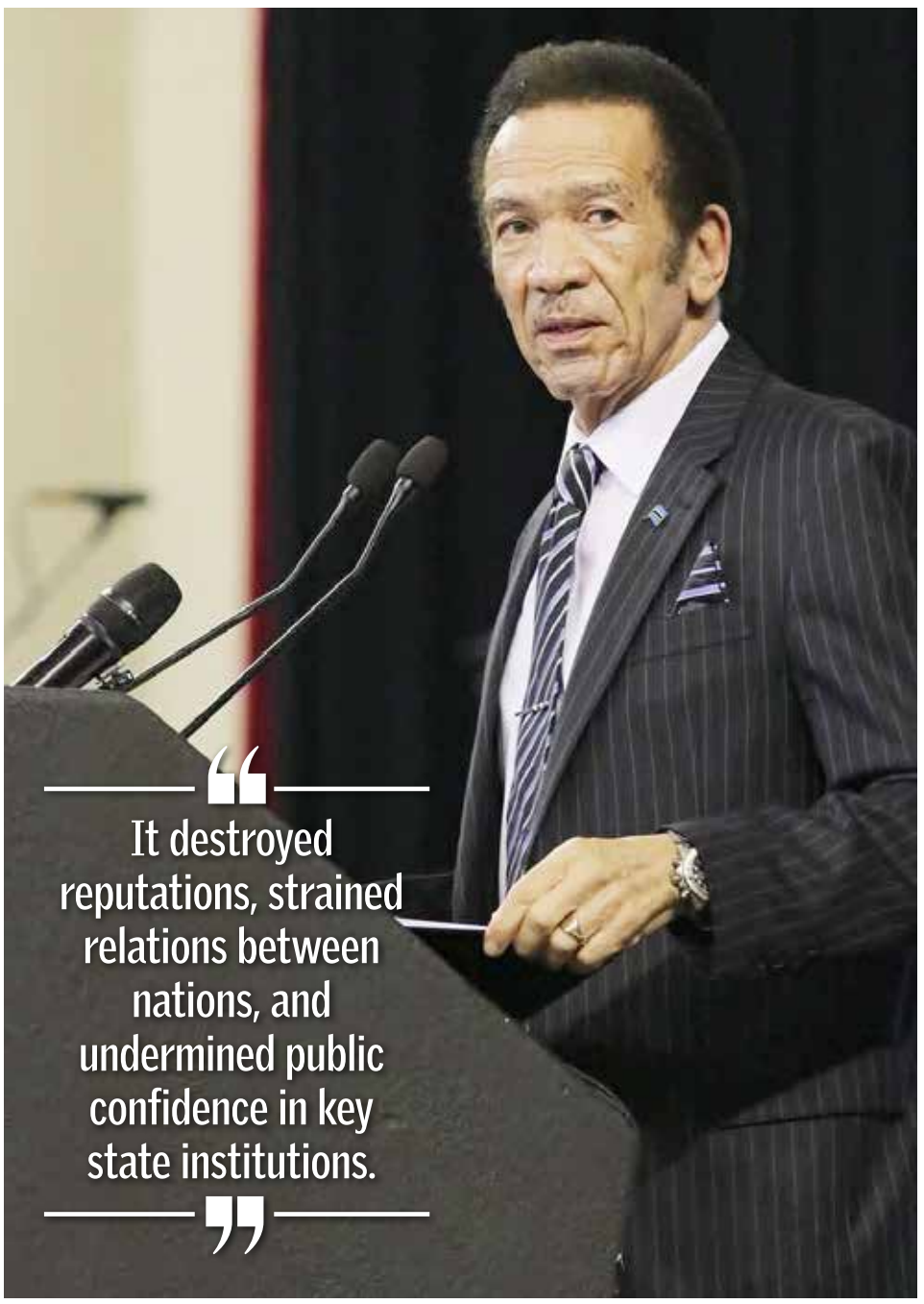
GAZETTE REPORTER

Sources say the Directorate of Public Prosecutions has resolved to prosecute in a perjury complaint stemming from the discredited P100 billion scandal, potentially opening the door to accountability over allegations that courts later found were built on fabricated evidence.

The decision marks a major development in a saga that saw some of the country's most prominent figures accused of involvement in what was presented as a massive financial crime, only for the allegations to later collapse in court as fabrication.

THE COMPLAINT

The complaint was lodged in March 2021 by former president Ian Khama against former Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime investigator Jako Hubona. Khama accused Hubona of giving false evidence under oath during investigations into the controversial P100 billion case.



The scandal implicated former DIS director general Isaac Kgosi, now late, intelligence officer Wilhelmina Maswabi and South African businesswoman Bridgette Motsepe Radebe, among others.

FABRICATED EVIDENCE

Once touted as one of Botswana's biggest corruption scandals, the case later unravelled after courts found that key evidence underpinning the allegations had been fabricated.

Claims that billions of pula had been siphoned from the Bank of Botswana into offshore accounts linked to the accused failed to withstand judicial scrutiny. Throughout the controversy, the Bank of Botswana consistently maintained that no funds were missing from its accounts.

REPUTATIONS DAMAGED

Khama has repeatedly argued that those responsible for advancing the false allegations must be held accountable.

"What was done under that false P100 billion case was malicious and damaging and cannot be left unpunished. It destroyed reputations, strained relations between nations, and undermined public confidence in key state institutions," Khama previously said.

The impending prosecution is expected to reignite scrutiny of one of the most controversial investigations in Botswana's recent history and could pave the way for further accountability over a case that left reputations shattered and institutions embarrassed.

GCC Mayor to Address Clerk Lockout Saga

Gaborone Mayor Oarabile Motlaleng says he will address allegations that he locked out senior council officials over a disputed furniture bill nearing P1 million.

GAZETTE REPORTER

Gaborone City Mayor Oarabile Motlaleng has expressed shock at reports surrounding the alleged lockout of senior council officials from their offices but has declined to comment further, saying he intends to address the matter at a press briefing.

The Mayor was responding to allegations that he on Monday locked Town Clerk Daniel Katjinotjiwa and Director of Operations Mosidi Batsalelwang out of their offices following a dispute over an unpaid furniture bill linked to his office.

MAYOR RESPONDS

Contacted for comment, Motlaleng would not be drawn into discussing the matter at this stage.

"I have seen the reports, but I prefer not to comment now as I intend to call a press briefing on the matter," he said.

THE DISPUTE

The alleged lockout has sparked controversy within the Gaborone City Council, with media reports indicating that a majority of councillors have condemned the Mayor's actions.

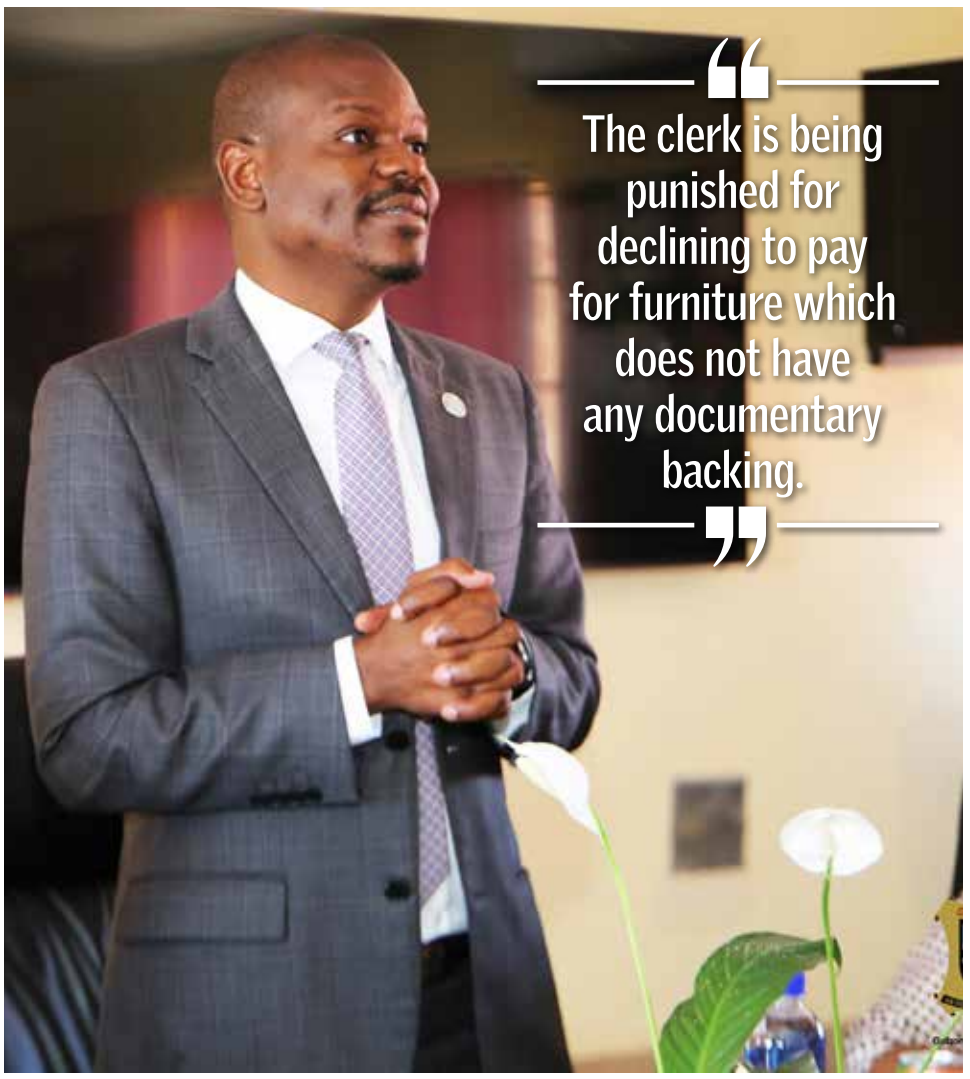
Councillors are said to have questioned both the handling of the dispute over the furniture procurement and the decision to deny the two senior officials access to their offices.

COUNCILLOR CRITICISM

Commenting on the developments, Botswana Democratic Party councillor Sejoe said the Mayor's actions were "uncalled for and abusive," arguing that public servants should not be subjected to such treatment over administrative disputes.

He said while council had agreed to the renovation of the Mayor's office, there was no approval for the purchase of office furniture.

"The clerk is being punished for declining to pay for furniture which does not have any documentary backing," Sejoe said.



AWAITING BRIEFING

Efforts to obtain comment from Town Clerk Katjinotjiwa were unsuccessful at the time of publication as his phone rang unanswered.

The Mayor's anticipated press briefing is expected to shed more light on the circumstances surrounding the dispute and the events that led to the alleged lockout.

Mohwasa Rubbishes Plot to Oust Gaolathe

Moeti Mohwasa has dismissed speculation that he is being positioned to replace Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, saying the claims are meant to divide the UDC.


Pic Credit; BW Presidency Facebookpage

BONGANI MALUNGA

Minister for State President, Defence and Security Moeti Mohwasa has dismissed claims that a long term political scheme is underway to position him as the future Vice President of the ruling coalition while sidelining current Vice President and Alliance for Progressives leader Ndaba Gaolathe.

Speculation surrounding Mohwasa's political future intensified following his recent endorsement as a prospective parliamentary candidate for Selibe Phikwe East. Political commentators have suggested that the move could be part of a broader strategy to make him eligible for the vice presidency in the future.

CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

Under Botswana's Constitution, the President can only appoint a Vice President from among elected Members of Parliament with constituency seats. Mohwasa currently serves as a Specially Elected Member of Parliament, making him ineligible for the position at present.

Speaking during an interview with Kealeboga Dihutso on Duma FM on Monday, Mohwasa dismissed the speculation as politically motivated and designed to create friction within the Umbrella for Democratic Change coalition.

POLITICAL RUMOURS

He argued that the rumours were being spread by individuals seeking to weaken relations between the Botswana National Front and the Alliance for Progressives, two key partners within the coalition government.

"We know that the spread of such rumours is deliberate. Some people are planting this as a means to cause divisions between the BNF and AP," Mohwasa explained.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

Mohwasa maintained that he enjoys a healthy working relationship with Gaolathe and said there was no basis for suggestions that the two leaders were on a collision course over succession politics.

The minister's remarks addressed growing political chatter over his rising profile within government. Political rivals have frequently pointed to the extensive security detail assigned to Mohwasa, arguing that it resembles that of a head of state or deputy president rather than an ordinary cabinet minister.

HIGHER OFFICE

Speaking at a political rally in Selibe Phikwe last weekend, Botswana Congress Party president Dumelang Saleshando interpreted the heightened security presence as a sign that Mohwasa is being groomed for higher office, a suggestion Mohwasa has consistently rejected.

Deposit & Lending Interest Rates

For the month of June 2026



Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rates (%) (Lowest-Highest)	Effective Interest Rates (%) (Lowest-Highest)	Minimum Opening Balance (Pula)
Current	Nil	Nil	Nil
Call	0.10% - 0.60%	0.10% - 0.60%	1000
Savings	0.15% - 5.50%	0.15% - 5.50%	100
91Day	1.00% - 3.50%	1.00% - 3.50%	1000
6 Months	1.76% - 4.01%	1.75% - 4.00%	1000
12 Months	2.05% - 6.25%	2.05% - 6.25%	1000
24 Months	2.25% - 6.25%	2.25% - 6.25%	1000
Over 24 Months	2.55% - 6.25%	2.55% - 6.25%	1000

Lending Rates	Nominal Interest Rates (%)	Average Effective Interest Rate (%)
MoPR	3.50%	3.50%
Access Bank Botswana Prime Lending Rate	7.16%	7.16%
Mortgage Facility	From ABB Prime +0.5% to ABB Prime +10%	From ABB Prime +0.50% to ABB Prime +10%
Overdraft Facility (Revolving Credit Lines)	From ABB Prime +1.0% to ABB Prime +20%	From ABB Prime +1% to ABB Prime +34.9%
Credit Card	Up to 32%	Up to 37.1%
Lease Loans	From ABB Prime +1% to ABB Prime +10%	From ABB Prime +1% to ABB Prime +10%
Unsecured Personal Loans (excluding overdrafts, mortgage and credit cards	From ABB Prime +1% to ABB Prime +25%	From ABB Prime +1% to ABB Prime +28.1%
Other Long-Term Loans	Not Available	

*Minimum Pricing Available

Effective from 1st April 2023, all commercial banks are authorized to set their own Prime Lending Rate (PLR). The Prime Lending Rate will now be referred to as the "Access Bank Botswana Prime Lending Rate". The Access Bank Botswana Prime Lending Rate is **7.16%** effective 14th May 2025.

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Letlhakane Sales and Service Centre	- 298 5011
Kanye Sales and Service Centre	- 544 6300
Shakawe Sales and Service Centre	- 687 5244
Francistown Branch	- 245 0000
Selebi Phikwe Branch	- 263 1000
Palapye Branch	- 494 1000
Maun Branch	- 682 0000
Mahalapye Sales and Service Centre	- 474 9399
Lobatse Sales and Service Centre	- 533 0341
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Type of Deposit Account	Foreign Currency	Nominal Interest Rates (Lowest-Highest)	Effective Interest Rates (Lowest-Highest)	Minimum Opening Balance (Pula)
Current	USD	Nil	Nil	Nil
	ZAR	Nil	Nil	Nil
	EUR	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GBP	Nil	Nil	Nil
Call	USD	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	100
	ZAR	1.95% - 2.50%	1.97% - 2.53%	100
	EUR	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	100
	GBP	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	100
91 Day	USD	0.00% - 1.40%	0.00% - 1.41%	1000
	ZAR	2.50% - 3.15%	2.52% - 3.19%	1000
	EUR	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
	GBP	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
6 Months	USD	2.35% - 2.85%	2.36% - 2.87%	1000
	ZAR	3.70% - 4.70%	3.73% - 4.76%	1000
	EUR	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
	GBP	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
12 Months	USD	2.85% - 4.50%	2.85% - 4.50%	1000
	ZAR	4.71% - 5.50%	4.71% - 5.50%	1000
	EUR	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
	GBP	0.10% - 0.25%	0.10% - 0.25%	1000
24 Months	USD	Negotiable		
	ZAR			
	EUR			
	GBP			
Over 24 Months	USD	Negotiable		
	ZAR			
	EUR			
	GBP			

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BPF Orders Social Media Gag Ahead of Congress

After months of factional disputes, the BPF has agreed to a mediated ceasefire that restrains public attacks as it prepares for a July elective congress.

GAZETTE REPORTER

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The directive follows a marathon mediation meeting held in Serowe on May 28, where rival factions within the opposition party agreed to suspend hostilities and adopt a compromise roadmap towards leadership renewal.

MEDIATION TALKS

The high stakes talks were led by Ambassador Olebile Gaborone and Mogomotsi Goms Kaboeamodimo, who brought together all major factions embroiled in the prolonged internal dispute.

The mediation process was described as intense but orderly, despite deep seated tensions that have, over recent months, played out publicly and in courtrooms, exposing widening cracks within the party structure.

SOCIAL MEDIA RESTRAINT

In a key resolution aimed at restoring discipline, the mediators urged all members of the Botswana Patriotic Front to refrain from issuing unauthorised public statements or posting inflammatory content on social media until the elective congress is concluded.

The move is widely seen as an attempt to halt reputational damage caused by factional exchanges that have intensified internal divisions and undermined attempts at reconciliation.

INTERIM STRUCTURE

A central outcome of the mediation was the establishment of a new 18 member interim committee to steer the party towards congress. The structure will be headed by retired Lieutenant General Gaolatlhe Galebotswe, who assumes the role of Interim President.

The committee is designed to reflect all three principal factions: the camp associated with Baisago, the group aligned to Member of Parliament Lawrence Ookeditse, and the faction led by Galebotswe.

LIFTED SANCTIONS

According to the agreement, executive positions within the interim arrangement will be distributed among the three blocs to ensure balance and prevent dominance by any single grouping.

In a significant gesture of reconciliation, all suspensions and expulsions imposed during the internal conflict have been lifted with immediate effect.

ROAD TO JULY

The decision effectively resets the party's internal disciplinary landscape, allowing previously disciplined members to rejoin structures as preparations for the congress intensify.

The elective congress is expected to take place during the President's Day holidays in July, setting the stage for what is anticipated to be a fiercely contested leadership battle.

The process leading up to the congress will be jointly supervised by the mediators and a committee of councillors to ensure compliance with the agreed roadmap and prevent a relapse into conflict.



DEPOSIT RATES

Type of Deposit Account	Nominal Interest Rate (Lowest - Highest)	Actual Interest Rate (Lowest - Highest)	Minimum Opening Balance (Pula)
Current	NIL	NIL	
Savings	-	-	-
Sesigo	1.75% - 2.75%	1.76% - 2.78%	P200. 00
Ordinary	1.75% - 1.75%	1.76% - 1.76%	P50. 00
SAYE	1.25% - 2.00%	1.26% - 2.02%	P200. 00
Fixed Deposits			
3 Months	0.80% - 1.00%	0.80% - 1.00%	1,000. 00
6 Months	1.40% - 1.75%	1.41% - 1.76%	1,000. 00
12 Months	1.85% - 2.20%	1.87% - 2.22%	1,000. 00
24 Months	2.25% - 2.55%	2.27% - 2.58%	1,000. 00
Over 24 months	3.35% - 3.80%	3.40% - 3.87%	1,000. 00
PRIME LENDING RATE	8.01% 8.01%	8.01% 8.01%	

LENDING RATES

Lending Rates	Nominal Interest Rate	Average Effective Interest Rate
MoPR	5.50%	5.50%
Prime Lending Rate	8.01%	8.01%
Mortgage Facility	Prime to Prime + 5.00%	Prime to Prime + 5.12%
Overdraft Facility (Revolving Credit Lines)	N/A	N/A
Credit Card	N/A	N/A
Eezi Auto	Prime +3.50% to Prime +8.0%	Prime +3.56% to Prime +8.30%
Lease Loans	N/A	N/A
Unsecured Personal Loans (excluding overdraft, mortgage and credits cards)	Prime +12% to Prime +22%	Prime +12.68% to Prime +24.36%
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BPF Oust UDC From Palapye Council

The BPF has taken control of the Palapye District Council chairmanship after David Ikanyeng was elected following a successful motion of no confidence against UDC councillor Kabo Ketshogile.

GAZETTE REPORTER

The Botswana Patriotic Front has wrestled control of the Palapye District Council chairmanship after councillors voted to remove Umbrella for Democratic Change councillor Kabo Ketshogile through a motion of no confidence and elected BPF councillor David Buffalo Ikanyeng as his successor.

The outcome is likely to spark political debate because the UDC commands the largest bloc in the council with 16 councillors, compared to seven for the BPF. The council also comprises four Botswana Congress Party councillors, four Botswana Democratic Party councillors, one Independent councillor and one Botswana Republican Party representative.

> "We are not in any war with the UDC. We are a party readying itself for state power."

COUNCIL NUMBERS

Given the UDC's numerical advantage, political observers say the result suggests that councillors from outside the BPF ranks may have supported the motion, pointing to possible fractures within the UDC caucus or the emergence of a new political alignment within the council.

Ketshogile's removal comes barely a week after he survived an earlier attempt to unseat him, highlighting the intense political contest that has gripped the local authority in recent weeks.

BPF WELCOMES

Following the successful motion, councillors elected Ikanyeng to the chairmanship, handing the BPF one of its most significant local government victories since the last elections.

BPF interim Public Secretary Modiri JoJo Lucas welcomed the outcome, saying Ikanyeng's election reflected the confidence councillors had not only in his leadership abilities but also in the party he represents.

"We are not in any war with the UDC. We are a party readying itself for state power," he said.

VOTE SCRUTINY

The circumstances surrounding the vote are likely to come under scrutiny in the coming days as attention turns to which councillors may have backed the motion against Ketshogile and what the outcome means for future cooperation among opposition parties at local government level.


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Botswana Growth Outlook Weakens Firms

Businesses cite fiscal strain, weaker government spending, and rising costs as economic headwinds, according to a Bank of Botswana survey.

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

Businesses in Botswana are increasingly viewing government spending as a major constraint on operations, reflecting what firms describe as the country's weakened fiscal position, according to the Bank of Botswana Quarterly Business Expectations Survey for March 2026.

"In addition, the exchange rate environment was viewed as unfavourable, partly due to adjustment costs and spillover effects associated with the July 2025 exchange rate policy changes," the report states.

The survey notes that firms also expect tighter financial conditions ahead, including higher borrowing costs and increased lending rates over the year to March 2027.

COST PRESSURES

According to the survey, businesses expect overall cost pressures to rise in the second quarter of 2026 compared to the first quarter. The report links this outlook partly to geopolitical tensions, stating that the war in the Middle East is expected to affect commodity prices, supply chains, and broader operating conditions.

Despite this, inflation expectations remain relatively stable. Firms anticipate inflation to stay within the 3%–6% objective range in 2026 and 2027, suggesting what the report describes as "well anchored" expectations.

> "Overall, firms perceived business conditions to be less supportive of economic activity in the first quarter of 2026 and expect this outlook to persist into the second quarter of 2026 and through to March 2027."

"The survey covers the quarter in which it is conducted (also referred to as the current period), the subsequent quarter, and the following 12 months," the report explains, noting that firms respond on business conditions, inflation, growth expectations, and performance outlooks.

GROWTH OUTLOOK

Firms were generally pessimistic about business conditions in the first and second quarters of 2026, as well as the year to March 2027.

Overall output is expected to expand by 1.7% in 2026, a recovery from a 0.7% contraction recorded in 2025. The report says this points to "a gradual stabilisation in growth momentum," broadly aligned with the Ministry of Finance's projection of 3.1% growth in 2026.

For the first and second quarters of 2026, firms anticipate modest growth of 0.9% and 1.4%, respectively.

Sectorally, pessimism was most pronounced in Construction and Real Estate; Finance, Professional and Administrative Activities; Retail, Accommodation, Transport and Communication; and Agriculture for the first quarter. Mining and Quarrying, along with Manufacturing, were assessed as neutral.

In the second quarter of 2026, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing and Finance, Professional and Administrative Activities remained pessimistic, while other sectors were mostly neutral.

SECTOR VIEWS

For the year to March 2027, firms in Construction and Real Estate; Finance, Professional and Administrative Activities; and Retail, Accommodation, Transport and Communication remained pessimistic. Mining, Agriculture, and Manufacturing were broadly neutral.

Overall, firms described business conditions as less supportive of economic activity across the survey horizon. The report links this outlook to constrained government revenue and reduced fiscal space, which has limited spending capacity, alongside subdued diamond export earnings and weaker domestic liquidity conditions.





Mining Summit Focuses Transformation Investment

Botswana's mining sector leaders will gather in Gaborone to discuss investment, beneficiation and industry leadership at a summit set for late June

GAZETTE REPORTER

Botswana's mining sector is positioning itself for transformation as global demand for critical minerals continues to rise. These issues will be examined at the Future of Mining Summit 2026, scheduled for 29–30 June at Boipuso Hall under the theme "Mining for Transformation: Economic Diversification & Shared Prosperity."

The summit organiser and Projects Magazine Editor Rearabilwe Ramaphane said the timing reflects global shifts in mineral demand driven by energy transition technologies. He pointed to emerging opportunities in the region.

"For Botswana, this presents a significant opportunity, particularly within the Kalahari Copper Belt, which has emerged as one of the world's most promising mineral exploration frontiers," he said in an interview.

INVESTMENT GAP

A key focus of the summit will be the financing constraints affecting early-stage exploration projects. Ramaphane highlighted structural challenges facing the sector.

"While Botswana remains richly endowed with mineral resources, exploration remains a capital-intensive and high-risk undertaking that often struggles to attract early-stage investment," he said.

Discussions will also assess the role of the Exploration Investment Company Botswana (EICB) in reducing risk and improving access to capital for exploration projects.

VALUE CHAIN

Participants are expected to debate the pace of local beneficiation and downstream development in Botswana's mining sector. The discussions will focus on regulatory, operational and market factors affecting industrialisation efforts.

"Despite Botswana's substantial mineral wealth, questions remain regarding the pace of local processing, manufacturing and downstream industry development."

Delegates will explore interventions required to accelerate value-chain development and strengthen industrial capacity.

LEADERSHIP LINE-UP

The Minister of Minerals and Energy, Bogolo Kenewendo, is expected to outline government priorities and investment opportunities, including updates on recent sector developments.

Industry participation will include Onalenna Candy Godie of Sandfire Motheo Operations, and Othusitse Seokamo of Botswana Ash, who will contribute to discussions on industrialisation and resource utilisation, including soda ash and salt production from Sua Pan.

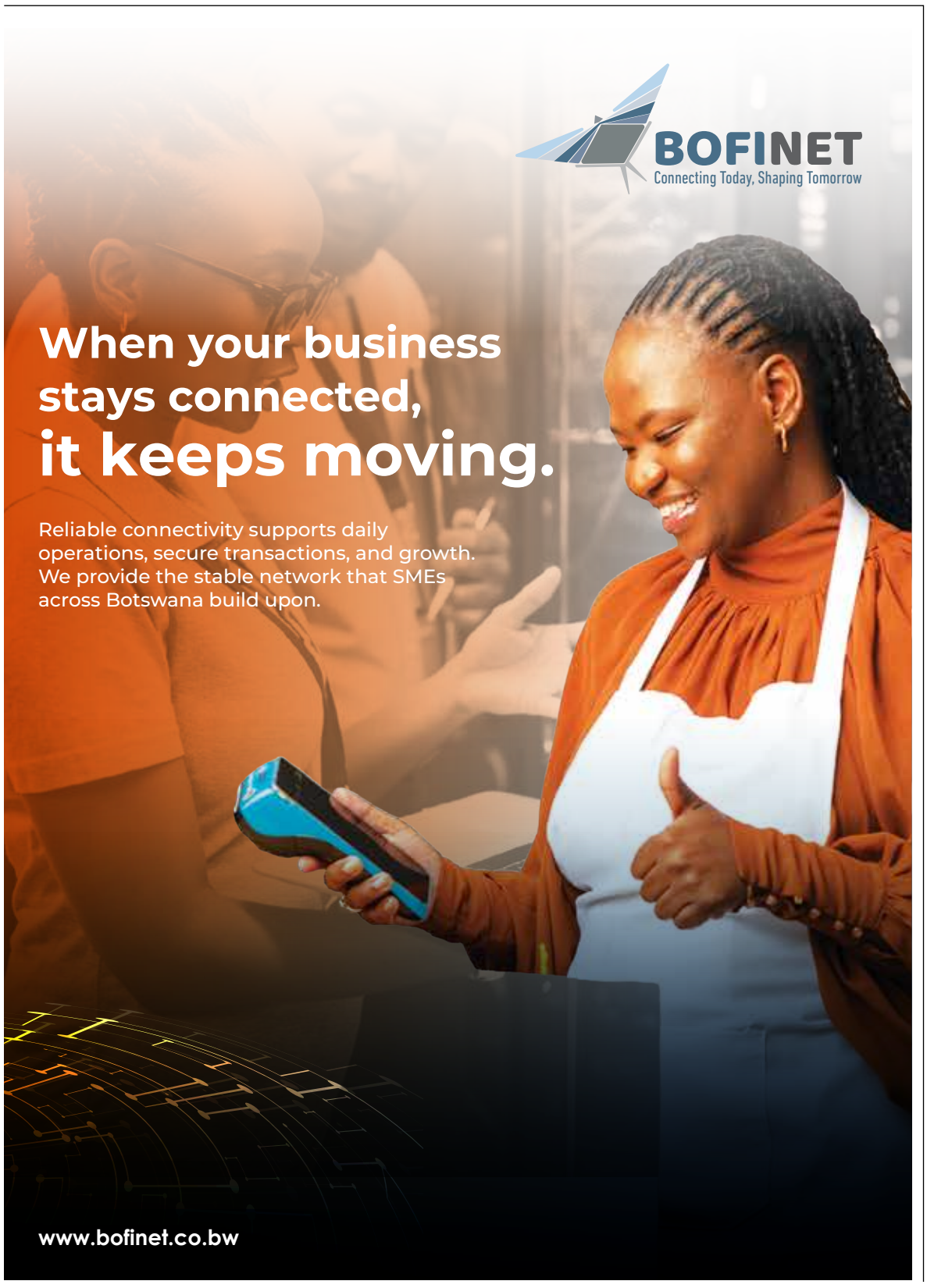
Financial perspectives will be presented by Lesego Osman of First Capital Bank Botswana, focusing on financing models for mining and infrastructure development.

Safety and operational sustainability will be addressed by Patricia Nkuna of Morupule Coal Mine, highlighting the mine's record of 25 years without a fatality.

YOUTH INITIATIVE

The summit will also feature a Young Professionals Initiative aimed at students, graduates and emerging professionals. The programme is designed to provide mentorship, industry exposure and networking opportunities within the mining sector.

As Botswana advances its economic diversification agenda, the Future of Mining Summit 2026 is expected to serve as a platform for dialogue among policymakers, financiers and industry leaders on the sector's future trajectory.



SPEDU Charts Industrial Shift

Agency tells Parliament it is repositioning as Botswana's industrialisation engine amid infrastructure gaps and policy delays



GAZETTE REPORTER

The Selebi Phikwe Economic Diversification Unit (SPEDU) says it is undergoing a structural shift from a facilitation office to an execution-driven investment platform. Appearing before Parliament, Acting Chief Executive Officer Othata Otsetswe said the institution now manages an industrial pipeline valued between

P5.9 billion and P6.8 billion.

"SPEDU today is fundamentally different from the institution that existed a few years ago," Otsetswe told lawmakers. "We are transitioning into a structured, execution-oriented industrialisation and investment platform."

The agency reported facilitating 157 enterprises worth P3.4 billion and supporting over 8,000 cumulative jobs. It also confirmed a record foreign direct investment of USD 45 million in the chemicals manufacturing sector. Manufacturing enterprises grew from 22 in 2020/21 to 60 in 2025/26, a 172 percent increase.

INCENTIVES SYSTEM

SPEDU said its incentive framework remains central to attracting investors. During the reporting period, 37 companies benefited from a 5 percent corporate tax incentive, while 58 companies accessed a 30 percent government offtake support mechanism.

However, Otsetswe warned that delays in formalising the offtake policy into law are undermining certainty. "The absence of full legal enforceability has resulted in inconsistent implementation across procuring entities," he said.

The agency also cited high electricity costs, delayed financing, and import competition as ongoing constraints.

LAND BANK

SPEDU's industrial land portfolio comprises 103 plots, including 28 heavy industrial sites and 74 cottage industry plots. Only 4 heavy industrial plots are fully developed, representing a 14 percent development rate, while over 92 percent remain unserviced.

Overall, just 7.8 percent of all land holdings are fully developed. The agency said this remains the "single largest structural constraint" to industrialisation.

GOVERNANCE REFORM

Otsetswe said SPEDU has strengthened governance systems through enterprise risk management, ESG frameworks, anti-corruption controls, and digital procurement systems. The Odoo platform has been introduced to improve oversight and investor tracking.

The institution also received cumulative government subventions of BWP 141.5 million over the reporting period, with historical operational costs absorbing up to 70 percent of budgets in some years.

"All identified audit findings were assessed as medium-risk findings, with no high-risk governance failures identified," Otsetswe said.

FUTURE STRATEGY

Looking ahead, SPEDU's 2026–2029 strategy targets 85 percent industrial land utilisation, expanded export-oriented clusters, and over P200 million annually in local supplier contracts.

"We have been transparent about our shortcomings," Otsetswe said. "But we have also demonstrated that SPEDU is no longer an institution defined by inherited limitations."

He added that the organisation is positioning itself as Botswana's leading regional industrialisation platform aligned with AfCFTA markets and green growth initiatives.

Export Earnings Fall Sharply

Botswana records steep declines in trade as diamonds and imports contract significantly in March 2026 data

GAZETTE REPORTER

Botswana's export earnings fell by 41.2 percent, dropping from a revised P5.6 billion in February 2026 to P3.3 billion in March 2026, according to Statistics Botswana's International Merchandise Trade Statistics Monthly Digest – March 2026.

The report shows that the decline was mainly driven by reduced exports of diamonds and copper, which fell by 46.9 percent and 24.0 percent respectively. Despite the contraction, diamonds remained the country's leading export commodity group, accounting for 62.0 percent (P2 billion) of total exports, followed by copper at 21.7 percent (P718.8 million). Machinery and electrical equipment contributed 7.3 percent (P242.6 million).

"The majority of Botswana's merchandise exports were destined for Asian markets, followed by shares to SACU and Europe (EU) regions in that order," the report states.

KEY MARKETS

Asia remained Botswana's largest export destination, receiving 37.1 percent of total exports. Diamonds and copper dominated shipments to the region, accounting for 71.6 percent (P879.4 million) and 28.1 percent (P345.2 million) respectively.

Within Asia, the United Arab Emirates, China and India were the leading destinations, receiving 11.2 percent (P372.2 million), 10.4 percent (P345.2 million) and 10.2 percent (P338.5 million) of total exports respectively.

Exports to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) accounted for 22.2 percent (P735.6 million). Within the bloc, diamonds, machinery and electrical equipment, and salt and soda ash were the main commodities. South Africa remained the largest recipient within SACU at 17.4 percent (P577.6 million) of total exports.

> "The majority of Botswana's merchandise exports were destined for Asian markets, followed by shares to SACU and Europe (EU) regions in that order."

IMPORTS FALL

On the import side, Botswana recorded a total import value of nearly P5 billion in March 2026, representing a 50.0 percent decline from the revised February figure of P10 billion.

"The overall drop was driven by a decrease in Diamond and Food, Beverages & Tobacco imports by 70.1 percent and 39.1 percent (P415.1 million) respectively," the report notes.

The main imported commodity groups were diamonds, fuel, machinery and electrical equipment, and food, beverages and tobacco. Diamonds accounted for 28.1 percent of total imports, followed by fuel at 16.4 percent, machinery and electrical equipment at 15.3 percent, and food, beverages and tobacco at 12.8 percent.

TRADE SOURCES

The SACU region remained Botswana's largest source of imports, contributing 62.8 percent of total imports. Key commodities from the bloc included diamonds, fuel, and food, beverages and tobacco, which accounted for 27.3 percent (P863.7 million), 18.1 percent (P572.0 million) and 17.1 percent (P540.1 million) respectively.

South Africa was the dominant supplier within SACU, accounting for 51.3 percent of total imports, while Namibia contributed 11.0 percent (P552.3 million).

"Diamonds were the leading imported commodity group, accounting for 28.1 percent of total imports," the report states.

The Sponsorship Paradox

The world's biggest sporting events sell sponsorship rights for hundreds of millions of dollars, yet some of the most memorable and eff ective campaigns come from brands that never paid for official access. From ambush marketing stunts to cultural storytelling, the real battle is not for sponsorship rights but for attention.



By Manuel Veiruapi Ruhapo | The Brand Paradox | The Botswana Gazette

FIFA's official sponsorship packages for the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada, and Mexico are reported to cost top tier partners in excess of $200 million. That buys you the logo, the association, the exclusive rights, and the legal protection. It also buys you the right to say, in your advertising, that you are an official partner of the FIFA World Cup.

And yet some of the most effective brand activations in World Cup history have been executed by brands that paid nothing to FIFA, received no official rights, and in some cases paid fines for the privilege of being associated with the tournament at all.

That says a lot about what sponsorship actually buys. And it says even more about what it does not.

> The logo on the stadium is not the campaign. The campaign is the campaign.

THE ATTENTION PARADOX

In 2010, at the FIFA World Cup in South Africa, Dutch beer brand Bavaria sent 36 women into the stadium wearing matching orange mini dresses. The dresses were branded. Bavaria was not an official sponsor. Budweiser was. FIFA filed criminal charges against Bavaria and had the women removed from the stadium.

Bavaria received global news coverage worth multiples of any fine it paid. The stunt was discussed in marketing circles for years. Budweiser, which paid hundreds of millions for official rights, was barely mentioned in the same breath.

This is the Attention Paradox: in a media environment where attention is the scarce resource, the brand that earns attention through ingenuity often outperforms the brand that buys attention through rights fees. The official sponsor pays for the right to be associated with the event. The ambush marketer pays for the story. And in a world where people share stories and scroll past logos, the story is worth more.

Nike has executed this logic at industrial scale. Adidas has been an official FIFA World Cup sponsor since 1970. Nike has never held that title. And yet in 2010, 2014, and 2018, independent research consistently found that more consumers believed Nike was the official sponsor than believed Adidas was. In 2010, Nielsen tracked online buzz for the month prior to the tournament. Nike held a 30.2% share. Adidas, the official sponsor, held 14.4%. Nike did not sponsor the World Cup. Nike sponsored the players, the teams, and the cultural conversation around the tournament. The distinction is precise and the result is instructive.

IRONY AMPLIFIES ATTENTION

There is a second dimension to this story that is less discussed. FIFA's aggressive enforcement of its sponsorship rights, the criminal charges, the stadium ejections, the legal threats, has consistently amplified the brands it was trying to suppress. The harder FIFA fought Bavaria, the more coverage Bavaria received. The more aggressively FIFA policed its official marks, the more the public became aware that non official brands were finding creative ways around the restrictions.

This is the Ironic Process Paradox at institutional scale. The organisation that fights its challengers with maximum force makes its challengers more visible, not less. The correct response to ambush marketing is not enforcement alone. It is making the official sponsorship so valuable and so visible that the ambush becomes irrelevant. FIFA has not consistently managed this. The result is a tournament where the official sponsors are often less memorable than the brands that gatecrashed

BOTSWANA'S WORLD CUP LESSON

The 2026 World Cup is being hosted across 16 cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Botswana brands will not be official FIFA partners. The entry cost alone makes that impossible. But the World Cup will be watched by millions of Batswana, and the conversation around it will be live on every social media platform in the country for the duration of the tournament.

The question is not whether Botswana brands can afford to sponsor the World Cup. The question is whether they understand that sponsorship and association are different things, and that the most effective associations are often built through creativity rather than rights fees.

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A local brand that builds a genuinely entertaining World Cup campaign, one that earns attention through wit, cultural relevance, or sheer audacity, can generate the kind of brand recall that official sponsors pay hundreds of millions to achieve. The mechanism is the same one Bavaria and Nike used: give people something worth talking about, and let the conversation do the work.

The Sponsorship Paradox is not an argument against sponsorship. Official rights have genuine value. The association with a trusted global event transfers credibility. The legal protection prevents competitors from free riding. For brands with the budget and the strategic fit, official sponsorship is a legitimate and powerful investment.

The paradox is this: the brands that treat sponsorship as a substitute for creativity consistently underperform the brands that treat creativity as a substitute for sponsorship. The logo on the stadium is not the campaign. The campaign is the campaign. And the World Cup, more than almost any other event on earth, rewards the brands that understand the difference.



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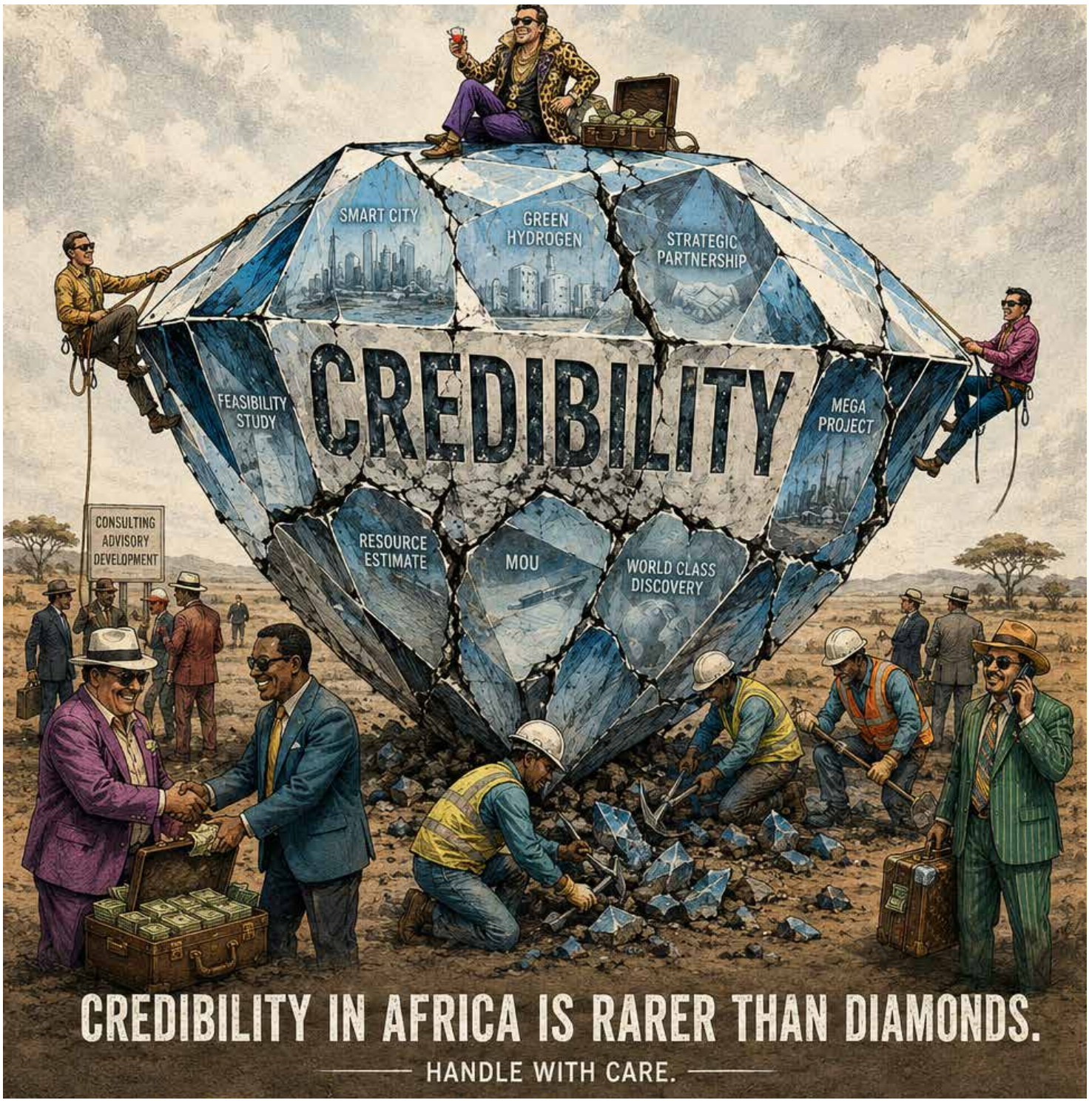

Botswana Has a Credibility Problem

A case for more scrutiny and less speculation.

A press release is not economic growth. Botswana's investment brand requires evidence, discipline and sharper scrutiny.

DOUGLAS RASBASH

When speculation becomes a national development strategy, Botswana has become a magnet for a particular type of investor. Not the investor who builds factories. Not the investor who employs thousands of people. Not the investor who exports products.

SPECULATION ECONOMY

Rather, the investor who issues announcements. Almost every month another headline appears. A green hydrogen revolution. A world-class uranium discovery. A transformational coal to gas project. A battery minerals opportunity. A smart city. A copper breakthrough. A manganese project worth billions. An electric car factory. A Mega air cargo hub. The announcements are often impressive. The presentations are polished. The projected revenues are enormous. The market valuations rise. Share prices jump. And yet years later, many projects remain exactly where they started: a headline.

This week's announcement by Giyani Metals provides another example of the phenomenon. The company unveiled a definitive feasibility study for its K-Hill manganese project, projecting US$1.6 billion in free cash flow over a 25-year life. The numbers are certainly attractive. Yet investors should note that first production is now anticipated in 2029. Earlier plans had envisaged production much sooner. The company has also experienced multiple management changes and strategic resets over recent years. Giyani is not unique.

JUNIOR PROMISES

Botswana's resource sector has become increasingly populated by junior exploration companies listed on foreign exchanges, many with share prices measured in cents rather than dollars. Names such as Tlou Energy, Botala Energy, ReconAfrica, Lotus Resources, Giyani Metals and numerous others have become familiar to investors and policy makers alike. Some may eventually succeed. Many will not. That is the nature of junior resource investing. It is the nature of speculation. Globally, the majority of exploration ventures never become operating mines. Most never generate meaningful cash flow. Some survive primarily through successive rounds of fundraising and optimistic announcements.

DEVELOPMENT CONFUSION

The problem is not speculation itself. Speculation plays an important role in financing high-risk ventures. The problem arises when governments begin confusing speculation with development. A feasibility study is not a mine. A memorandum of understanding is not an investment. A resource estimate is not a project. A press release is not economic growth. Yet Botswana increasingly appears vulnerable to exactly this confusion. Government ministers attend launches. Projects are showcased at conferences.

NATIONAL RISK

Official support is sometimes extended long before commercial viability has been demonstrated. The result is that the reputation of Botswana itself becomes tied to the fortunes of highly speculative ventures. When projects fail to materialise, it is not only investors who suffer. National credibility suffers too. The issue extends beyond mining.

The same pattern has appeared in proposals for smart cities, green hydrogen developments, gas-to-power projects, carbon initiatives and various other "next big thing" opportunities. Many involve impressive PowerPoint presentations. Far fewer involve bulldozers.

This raises an uncomfortable question. Does Botswana have sufficient institutional capacity to distinguish between genuine investment and promotional activity? Or has the country become a convenient jurisdiction where speculative ventures can obtain legitimacy through association with a respected government and a stable political environment? The danger is obvious. Every failed flagship project makes investors slightly more skeptical of the next announcement. Every missed deadline weakens confidence. Every unrealised promise damages the country's reputation as a serious investment destination.

> "A feasibility study is not a mine. A memorandum of understanding is not an investment. A press release is not economic growth"

CREDIBILITY MATTERS

Botswana has spent decades building one of Africa's strongest brands: stability, transparency and good governance. That reputation is enormously valuable.

More valuable even than diamonds. It should not be risked lightly. Loose diamonds and more opportunities will surface. Lose credibility then it is over for Botswana. The money will find other homes.

STRONGER SCRUTINY

The solution is not to reject speculative investment. Junior exploration companies have discovered many of the world's major mines. The solution is stronger scrutiny. More thorough due diligence. Government should distinguish clearly between exploration, feasibility, financing and implementation stages. Official endorsements should be based on evidence rather than aspiration. Announcements should be accompanied by transparent reporting on progress, milestones and delivery. That is the true test of government. Not layers of smothering public relations.

Most importantly, success should be measured not by press releases, market capitalisation or share price movements, but by jobs created, exports generated, taxes paid and infrastructure built. Botswana needs serious investors more than storytellers. Because in the end, economic transformation is measured, not imagined. And certainly not in penny stocks. Botswana's credibility is on the line.

Bo.Plug Targets Informal Trade

The new venture is testing branded workstations that aim to give informal traders safer and more structured trading spaces.





Bo.Plug has launched in Gaborone with professionally built workstations designed for informal traders and carrying space for brand advertising.

STREET TRADERS

The company began its Re A Go Plug'a activation on 25 May 2026, partnering with seven informal traders in the Central Business District and Main Mall to use the first workstations.

Bo.Plug Business Developer Bakang Sethole said informal traders serve thousands of customers daily but often operate from improvised and unstable setups that do not reflect the economic value they create.

LOCAL BUILD

The workstations are locally fabricated and are intended to give traders a more structured platform while allowing brands to use the units for visibility in high traffic areas.

The activation is expected to move into four more high traffic areas in Gaborone and involve eight additional traders. Sethole said each trader who signs up provides evidence of demand for the product.

CUSTOMER IMPACT

For informal traders, the model could address practical problems such as unstable trading setups, poor visibility and limited working space. For customers and city users, the workstations may also contribute to cleaner and safer trading environments.

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Orange Money Marks 15 Years

Customers using everyday digital transactions will be part of a P1.1 million promotion tied to Orange Money's anniversary.



Orange Botswana has launched the Orange Money Top'a o Pop'e promotion, offering more than P1.1 million in cash and prizes as Orange Money marks 15 years since its 2011 launch.

> "For customers, the campaign links routine transactions to possible rewards while reinforcing the role of mobile money in everyday payments."

CUSTOMER REACH

The campaign comes as Orange Money says it has grown from a mobile wallet into a digital financial services platform serving more than 1.3 million customers across Botswana.

Orange Money Commercial and Marketing Director Gazza Motswagole said the promotion is intended to reward customers while encouraging use of simple, secure and accessible digital financial services.

HOW TO ENTER

Customers can enter by using Orange Money to top up airtime worth P30 or more, buying bundles worth P20 or more, or subscribing to Konnecta through the Max It App or by dialling *145#.

The promotion includes daily and weekly cash prizes, monthly prizes and a grand prize of P150,000. Orange Money also plans nationwide activations, live draws, digital engagements and community experiences during the campaign.

EVERYDAY PAYMENTS

Motswagole said the platform's growth has been shaped by accessibility, its merchant and agent network, and a focus on customer needs. For customers, the campaign links routine transactions to possible rewards while reinforcing the role of mobile money in everyday payments.



Adesina To Chair Diamond Fund

A new chairperson is expected to guide a fund aimed at turning diamond wealth into broader benefits for Batswana.



Dr Akinwumi Adesina has been appointed chairperson of the Diamonds for Development Fund, a joint initiative of the Government of Botswana and De Beers Group aimed at supporting economic diversification and citizen participation in the diamond value chain.

PUBLIC VALUE

The appointment places the former African Development Bank Group president at the head of a fund expected to connect diamond wealth more directly with jobs, innovation and wider economic opportunities for Batswana.

Dr Adesina, who ended his second term at the African Development Bank in September 2025, has nearly 40 years of experience in African and global development. During his tenure, the bank increased its capital from $93 billion to $318 billion and supported platforms including the Africa Investment Forum and Mission 300.

DIAMOND BENEFITS

Minister of Minerals and Energy Bogolo Kenewendo said the appointment supports Botswana's aim to use diamonds as an anchor for transformation, diversification, beneficiation and citizen participation.

De Beers Group CEO Al Cook said Dr Adesina's governance experience, development background and global networks made him suited to shape the fund's support for Botswana's long term economic objectives.

NEXT STEPS

Dr Adesina said the fund should ensure that Batswana benefit directly from wealth created by diamonds. He is expected to assume the role on 15 June 2026, while independent directors are being finalised before the fund becomes operational.

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GUEST COLUMN

Queer, Present, Proud, Batswana

LGBTIQ+ Batswana are woven into the country's families, workplaces, churches and communities. This commentary argues that dignity, equality and recognition are not foreign concepts, but values already reflected in Botswana's society and laws.

BRADLEY FORTUIN.



NOT STRANGERS

Every June, LGBTIQ+ people become a topic of discussion. Suddenly, everyone has an opinion. Radio stations host debates. Politicians discover morality. Religious leaders sharpen sermons. Strangers online recycle arguments about culture, family values and what consenting adults do with their lives. Yet LGBTIQ+ people are not strangers to Botswana. They are family members, colleagues, classmates, neighbours, pastors, influencers and friends. While others debate whether they belong, they continue contributing to Botswana's economic, educational and social development.

ALWAYS PRESENT

LGBTIQ+ people share in everyday life. They celebrate birthdays, weddings and milestones, mourn losses, answer late night phone calls and support loved ones through difficult times. Some help relatives raise children, contribute to school fees and become breadwinners when families face hardship. They often carry their own struggles while continuing to support others.

HIDDEN CONTRIBUTIONS

The irony of homophobia, the author argues, is that many who publicly condemn queer people benefit from their labour and creativity. LGBTIQ+ people work as hairstylists, designers, makeup artists, photographers, musicians, event planners and tailors. Their creativity is embraced while their humanity is sometimes questioned. They are also frequently the friends offering emotional support, helping others navigate heartbreak, abuse, rejection and personal challenges.

> "We are not strangers. We are your families, colleagues, neighbours and friends."

DIGNITY MATTERS

Despite these contributions, LGBTIQ+ people are often expected to justify why they deserve dignity, safety and equality. Pride Month can become less about celebration and more about defending the right to exist peacefully. The author argues that heterosexual people are rarely required to justify their right to love, protection or recognition in the same way.

COURT GUIDANCE

Botswana's courts have already addressed these questions. In the LEGABIBO registration case, the courts affirmed that LGBTIQ+ people are entitled to constitutional protection and recognised that queer people form part of the rich diversity of any nation. The judgment rejected the notion that LGBTIQ+ people are incompatible with Botswana society and reinforced the principle that all citizens deserve equal protection under the law.

EQUALITY FIRST

The article argues that equality should not be confused with endorsement. Supporting the rights of LGBTIQ+ people does not require anyone to change who they are. Rather, it means recognising that all people deserve the same rights, safety and dignity. The author concludes by suggesting that national attention should focus on broader challenges such as poverty, gender based violence, corruption, unemployment, medical shortages and pressures within the education system.

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Can Botswana Manufacturers Compete Abroad?

Manufacturing and export markets: what "readiness" really looks like from a financier's lens.



BY BASIMANE TSHEPE, STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA ACTING HEAD OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL BANKING

This year's Local Manufacturing Summit theme, "Shaping the Future of Botswana's Manufacturing Sector: Exploring Export Markets," is, from a financing perspective, better understood as a test of readiness. It asks whether firms are structurally positioned to compete beyond a protected domestic market.

In Botswana, that question cannot be separated from the policy environment that has been deliberately built over time to push diversification.

POLICY INTENT

The Economic Diversification Drive (EDD), for example, has for years prioritised export development and value chain expansion across manufacturing, agriculture and services, with explicit focus on building globally competitive enterprises and improving export readiness frameworks, including quality standards and production capability upgrades.

More recently, government direction under NDP 12, presented in 2025, sharpened that intent further by positioning manufacturing as a key growth sector expected to drive industrialisation and job creation, with a stated objective of expanding its contribution and strengthening export orientation within long term national planning.

NATIONAL PRIORITY

The National Transformation Strategy then consolidated this direction by explicitly identifying manufacturing as one of the priority sectors for sustainable economic development, alongside trade, agriculture, logistics and financial services.

On paper, the direction is consistent: build production capacity, deepen value addition and grow exports.

BANKABLE CAPABILITY

But from a banking and enterprise financing perspective, the gap is rarely policy intent but rather translation into bankable capability.

Botswana's manufacturing base still contributes just over 5 percent of GDP, with employment and output concentrated in a narrow set of subsectors such as food processing, textiles and building materials, and a structural dependence on imported inputs remaining a constraint to scale.

EXPORT REALITY

This matters because export markets do not respond to intent or policy alignment. They respond to consistency, cost efficiency and reliability of supply.

This is where the financier's view becomes more practical than theoretical.

FINANCIER'S LENS

In assessing manufacturing businesses for expansion or export linked funding, the constraints are rarely about access to capital alone. They are usually about whether the business has moved beyond fragmented production into structured operations, including predictable working capital cycles, stable input supply chains, compliance with external quality standards and the ability to sustain production volumes beyond domestic demand cycles.

Export markets expose weaknesses that domestic markets can absorb. That is why government's focus on export led value chains, special economic zones and business environment reforms under the EDD framework is not just policy language. It is a recognition that scale requires system level support, not isolated interventions.

CLIENT EXPERIENCE

For Stanbic Bank Botswana, this is where the conversation sits in practice.

Over the past few years, engagement with manufacturing clients has consistently shown that the transition from "producing" to "export ready" is not linear. It requires alignment between three things that often do not move at the same pace:

THREE REQUIREMENTS

- production capability
- market access readiness
- financial structuring for longer, more complex cash cycles

SCALING SUPPORT

This is where programmes such as enterprise development support and structured business capability platforms have been more relevant than traditional financing conversations alone because they sit closer to the operational reality of firms trying to scale.

The Local Manufacturing Summit, in that sense, has functioned less as an event and more as a coordination point between policy ambition and commercial reality, where government priorities around diversification, export development and industrialisation meet the actual constraints of firms trying to execute.

EXECUTION CAPACITY

Ultimately, exploring export markets is not a directional shift for Botswana's manufacturing sector. That direction has already been set through successive national strategies.

The real question is more specific.

Whether enough firms are reaching the level of operational discipline, scale efficiency and financial structure required to actually participate in those markets.

From a banking perspective, that is where the future of the sector will be determined, not in policy articulation, but in execution capacity at firm level.

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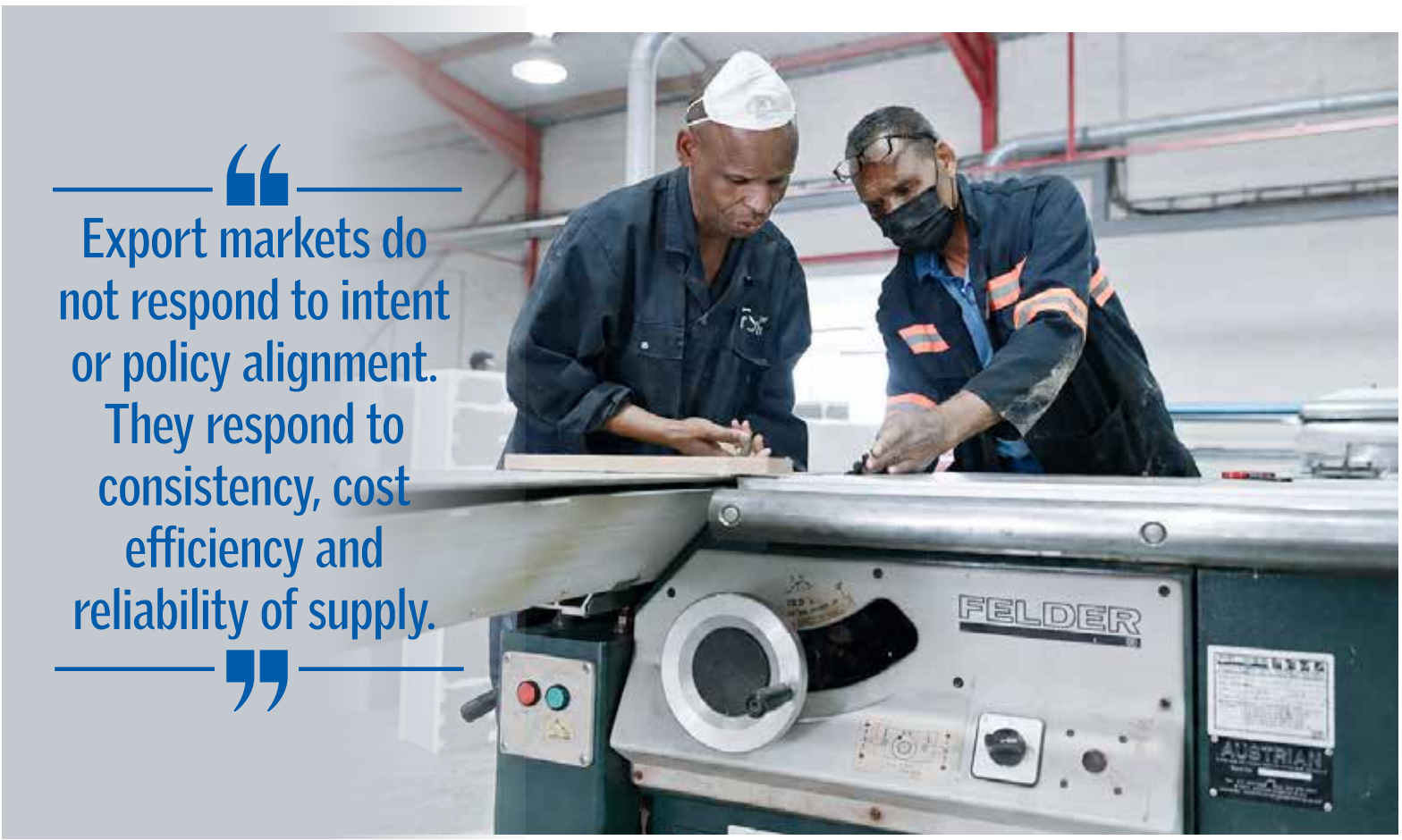

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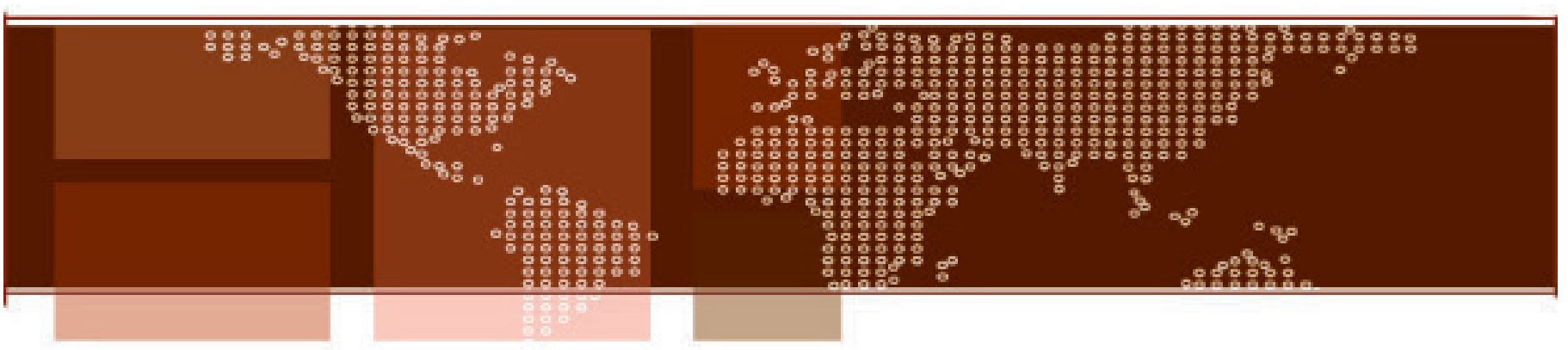

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (BNYC) BOARD AND THE NATIONAL GENDER COMMISSION (NGC)

The Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC) and the National Gender Commission (NGC) both under The Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, facilitated by the Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA), invites Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and interested candidates for consideration for appointment to the boards of the BNYC and the NGC.

1. Qualifications and Expertise Required
PEEPA invites people with the following skills, qualifications and competencies:-

Botswana National Youth Council: vacancies are available across the following regions: Francistown, North East, Chobe, Ghanzi, and Bobirwa and youth between the age of 18-28 are encouraged to apply.	**The National Gender Commission**: Appointments are sought to fill vacancies within the Commission across key priority sectors, including Academia, Youth, Persons with Disabilities, Shelters (places of safety for survivors of gender-based violence) and Sport.
Required competencies • Leaderships & institutional coordination • Community development and civic engagement • Public policy and governance • Financial management and grant oversight • Resource mobilisation and donor engagement • Legal and compliance	**Required competencies** • Gender equality and women's rights advocacy • Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response • Human rights and protection from violence • Policy development and gender mainstreaming • Social protection and community development • Research, investigation and data analysis on gender issues • advocacy and stakeholder engagement • Economic empowerment and inclusive development • leadership and institutional coordination
Cross-cutting competencies: Advocacy and stakeholder engagement, Leadership and institutional coordination	

2. Expressions of interest to serve on other boards
PEEPA continues to receive requests for candidates from other Ministries and therefore, individuals whose expertise is not listed above are highly encouraged to also submit their expressions of interest, accompanied by CVs, for inclusion in the Agency's database for consideration when other vacancies arise.

3. Data Protection Notice

3.1 By submitting your Expression of Interest (EOI) for the BNYC or NGC board vacancies, you acknowledge that the Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA) will collect, process, and store your personal data in fulfillment of its mandate to facilitate parastatal board appointments and manage the Board Candidates Database. Where processing activities fall outside this mandate, your explicit consent shall be solicited separately.

3.2 **Purpose of Processing**: PEEPA processes your personal information, including your CV, identification documents, and academic certificates, strictly to evaluate your suitability for these board roles and to conduct mandatory background verification checks with the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs.

3.3 **Database Retention & Timelines**: As outlined in Section 2 of this call, if your expertise does not match the current BNYC or NGC profiles, your data will be securely retained within PEEPA Board Candidates Database for a maximum period of **twelve (12) months** from the date of submission.

3.4 **Updating Your Records**: To ensure your profile remains accurate and competitive for future public enterprise and parastatal board vacancies, you are required to review and update your qualifications, contact details, and CV at least **once every twelve (12) months**, or whenever you achieve significant professional changes. Profiles that remain inactive or outdated beyond twelve (12) months period will be permanently and securely deleted from our system.

3.5 **Data Security & Sharing**: Your information will be handled with strict confidentiality in compliance with the Data Protection Act (2024). It will only be shared with authorized government stakeholders involved in the appointment process and will never be shared with third parties for commercial purposes.

3.6 **Your Rights**: You retain the right to access your data, rectify inaccuracies, or request the complete removal of your profile from the PEEPA Board Candidates Database at any time by contacting the Data Protection Officer via email at dpo@peepa.co.bw

4. **Authenticity, integrity and completeness of records and documents**

4.1 Candidates are responsible for ensuring the accuracy, authenticity, completeness, and integrity of all information and supporting documents submitted through the system. Applicants shall ensure that qualifications, contact details, employment history, signatures and curriculum vitae (CVs) are accurate and up to date. Any incomplete, or outdated information may result in removal from the database or other appropriate administrative action.

5. **HOW TO APPLY**
Submit the following documents via email to boards@peepa.co.bw:-

- **A letter of motivation** detailing your suitability for the role.
- **A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** outlining your qualifications, employment history, expertise, board experience (if any), professional memberships, and key achievements.
- **Certified copy of Identity Document (Omang/Passport)**.
- **Certified copies of educational and professional certificates.**
  Please note that hard copies will not be accepted.

Deadline for submission: Friday 12th June, 2026.

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Please note that PEEPA facilitates the recruitment process and submits recommendations to the Minister, who is the appointing authority. Applicants who do not receive communication from PEEPA within three (3) months after the closing date should consider their application for these specific positions unsuccessful.

Data Status for Unsuccessful Candidates: In line with our data retention policy and Section 2 of this advert, the profiles of unsuccessful candidates who meet general board eligibility criteria will automatically be transferred to PEEPA's secure Board Candidates Database for future consideration. If you do not wish for your data to be retained in the database after being unsuccessful for this role, you may exercise your right to erasure by emailing dpo@peepa.co.bw. **For further enquiries**, kindly contact **PEEPA** at **Tel: 3980000**.

Better Banking Wins Trust

BY SHADI SHOWA
HEAD OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, ACCESS BANK

Customer Experience (CX) is often discussed in terms of systems, processes, and service channels. But at its core, CX is about how customers feel at every interaction, every touchpoint with an institution. At the heart of CX is a deep human connection that is built on empathy, anticipation of needs, and the ability to consistently deliver when it matters most.

To make customers truly feel the organisation, every employee must be equipped to deliver the 'brilliant basics' consistently and effortlessly. When the basics are done exceptionally well, everything else follows. Much like a world class athlete, success comes from continuous training and disciplined execution.

SERVICE RELAY

In the Customer Experience department, every stakeholder functions like a member of a relay team. Processes are meticulously mapped to ensure seamless handovers across the customer journey; because we understand that when one team member stumbles, or the baton is dropped, the entire race is compromised. When it comes to our customers, there is no practice run. Mastering the 'brilliant basics' is our preparation, and every customer interaction is race day. And in the stands, watching every exchange, every handover, every moment of hesitation is our valued customer. While our team runs, it is the customer who holds the scoreboard. They may not know the mechanics of the race, but they always know how our service made them feel; whether it was worth watching, engaging with and worth coming back for.

> "At the heart of CX is a deep human connection that is built on empathy, anticipation of needs, and the ability to consistently deliver when it matters most."



This is why experiences must be designed around real customer moments, the moments of truth. These are interactions where trust is either earned or lost. They carry high emotional impact, influence loyalty, and ultimately shape trust in the institution collectively; these moments define the trajectory of CX metrics, providing the clearest measure of how well the Customer Experience department is delivering on its promise.

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ADVOCACY MATTERS

Over time, service quality reveals itself through advocacy; when customers confidently recommend us to their families, colleagues, and business partners. These referrals are more than compliments; they are proof that meaningful value is being delivered beyond transaction led interactions.



> "To us CX is not a function, it's a promise; one that is renewed with every customer interaction, every handover, and every moment a customer chooses to come back."

At Access Bank we are passionate about customers and anchored in the 'brilliant basics.' By applying the philosophy of human, we deepen relationships, strengthen our value proposition to deliver on our role as a trusted partner to individuals, entrepreneurs, and organizations alike. To us CX is not a function, it's a promise; one that is renewed with every customer interaction, every handover, and every moment a customer chooses to come back.

PROMISE RENEWED

Passion drives us. Compassion sustains us. Commitment keeps us consistent.



Beyond The Numbers

As LLR navigates a period of leadership transition, Rorisang Modikana argues that listed companies must move beyond compliance and build market trust through context, consistency and two-way engagement.

BY RORISANG MODIKANA, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LETLOLE LA RONA LIMITED

Disclosure and communication serve different purposes; and the distinction may matter more than we think. Since taking on the role of Acting CEO at Letlole La Rona, I have found myself returning to a question that is perhaps less operational than it is relational: how does a listed company engage the market in a way that is genuinely useful to those who follow it?

The strategic foundations at LLR are clear, and the team has both continuity and experience. But the question of how a company communicates (not just what it reports) is one I think is worth reflecting on more openly, particularly during a period of leadership transition.

BEYOND COMPLIANCE

Listed companies, ourselves at LLR included, invest significant effort in meeting disclosure requirements. Reports are filed, results are published, and regulatory obligations are met. And yet there is often a sense (one I do not think is unique to LLR) that the information available to the market does not always translate into a shared understanding of where a company is going and why.

I am not sure the answer lies in more disclosure alone. It may lie in a different quality of conversation, and it is one we continue to reflect on from both a governance and best practice perspective.

WHY CONTEXT MATTERS

The investors and analysts who follow listed property companies bring considerable knowledge to the table; this is without doubt. What is often most valuable to these stakeholders is context: understanding what the numbers mean in the specific environment a company operates in, what strategic choices have been made and why, and what the risks and opportunities ahead actually look like. Indeed, it helps them hold us to account. That kind of contextual engagement, however, is harder to achieve through reporting cycles alone.

For LLR, context is particularly important. We operate in Botswana's formal property market, which is still developing as an institutional asset class. We have been listed on the BSE since 2011 and our portfolio spans retail and industrial assets across Botswana in Gaborone, Lobatse, Mahalapye and Francistown. Like many companies in growing markets, we are conscious that our results are best understood alongside a clear picture of the market conditions and strategic decisions behind them; not in isolation from them.

QUESTIONS BRING DISCIPLINE

Good investor engagement, in our experience, is proactive rather than reactive. It does not wait for results season to explain context that has been building for months. It anticipates the questions that informed observers are likely to ask, and it addresses them honestly, including where the answers are uncertain or where the picture is more complex than a headline number suggests. We are not perfect at this, but put in the work to improve. Why? Because it matters. It is crucial to how – and this is our belief - to improving something that is perhaps underappreciated in how listed companies think about communication: that engagement is most valuable when it is genuinely two-directional. Investor and analyst questions (the hard ones in particular) are not a threat to be managed. They are a source of discipline. They surface assumptions that management may have stopped questioning. They reflect how the company is being read from the outside, which is not always the same as how it understands itself from within. It is about holding ourselves and each other to account for the ultimate benefit of the shareholder and stakeholder.

Consistency matters too. Trust between a listed company and its investors is not built in a single interaction or a particularly well-received results presentation. It accumulates over time, through a pattern of communication that is reliable, clear, and honest about both progress and setbacks. Companies that communicate well only when results are strong tend to find that the market discounts their narrative accordingly.

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BUILDING MARKET TRUST

For companies operating in developing markets, there is an additional layer to this. The investment case for a market like Botswana is not yet widely understood by all segments of institutional capital, and building that understanding is a long-term endeavour. It requires patience, a willingness to explain structural dynamics that may be unfamiliar, and an honest acknowledgement of the constraints alongside the opportunities. This is not a communications challenge that can be resolved in a single roadshow or annual report.

Increasingly, regulators and governance frameworks are recognising this. The trend across African exchanges is toward stronger expectations around stakeholder engagement, not merely disclosure compliance. The direction of travel is clear: listed companies are expected to communicate, not just report. How individual companies respond to that expectation will, over time, become a meaningful part of how they are assessed.

TRANSITION AND CONTINUITY

I am mindful that writing this as an acting CEO carries its own context. Leadership transitions are moments when the market reasonably asks questions about continuity and direction. My answer to those questions is straightforward: the strategy at LLR is intact, the team is stable, and our collective role is to continue building on the foundations that are already in place. But I also think transitions can be useful moments for reflection; an opportunity to ask not just what we are doing, but how we are doing it, and whether there are areas where we can do it better.

Investor engagement is one of those areas for us. We welcome the opportunity to engage directly; to discuss the portfolio, the market, and the questions that matter to those who follow us. This piece is offered in that spirit: as an opening to a more ongoing and substantive conversation and a commitment to keep learning and keep engaging. Always.



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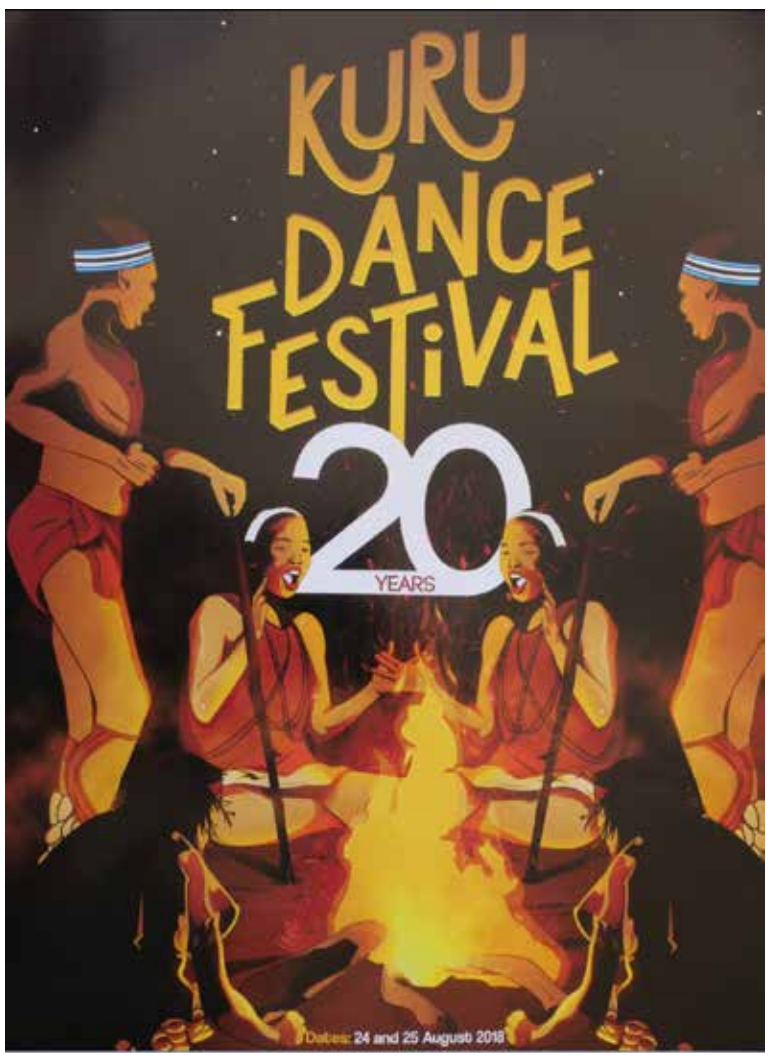

LEADERS SEEK KURU RETURN

Ghanzi leaders say reviving the Kuru Dance Festival could support cultural preservation, tourism and local economic activity.

BONGANI MALUNGA

For decades, the Kuru Dance Festival was more than an annual gathering in D'Kar village. It was a celebration of San heritage, a tourism attraction and a cultural bridge connecting Botswana to visitors from other countries. Today, community leaders in Ghanzi are calling on the government to help bring the festival back.

The last edition of the Kuru Dance Festival was held in 2023, with administrative and funding challenges preventing its return in recent years. Speaking during last week's commemoration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, Ghanzi District Council chairman Thabiso Kebadile stressed the need to revive the event.

REVIVAL CALL

"We have deserted an important aspect of amplifying the San culture by not hosting the Kuru Dance and Arts Festival. It's an event that was world renowned, it attracted the international community and they invested in our local economy in the area," said Kebadile.

For many residents, the absence of the festival represents more than the loss of a tourism event. Since its inception in 1997, the Kuru Dance Festival has served as a living showcase of San traditions, bringing together performers, artisans and cultural custodians to celebrate their identity through song, dance and storytelling.

LIVING SHOWCASE

The festival was also an economic driver for the region. International visitors travelled to D'Kar and surrounding areas, creating opportunities for local tourism operators, transport providers, caterers and accommodation establishments. Local artisans benefited from demand for traditional crafts, beadwork and handmade products, allowing them to generate income while sharing their culture with visitors.

Community leaders argue that the value of the festival cannot be measured only in economic terms. They believe the event played a critical role in preserving cultural knowledge and passing traditions to younger generations.

TSUTSUBE DANCE

Kebadile also highlighted concerns surrounding the Tsutsube dance, noting that many outsiders view it simply as entertainment without fully appreciating its historical and cultural significance within local communities.

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The Kuru Dance Festival carried deep sentimental and spiritual meaning for the San people. Traditionally staged in August, the event's timing often coincided with the full moon, adding a symbolic and ceremonial dimension to the celebrations.

> "The festival was also an economic driver for the region."

CULTURAL EDUCATION

During last week's commemoration, several speakers echoed calls for greater cultural preservation efforts, including the incorporation of culture and heritage studies into Botswana's school curriculum. They argued that educating young people about the country's diverse cultural traditions is essential for safeguarding them for future generations.

As Botswana continues to mark its cultural diversity, leaders in Ghanzi say the revival of the Kuru Dance Festival would restore a cultural event, support efforts to preserve one of the country's distinctive cultural expressions and help keep San stories visible to younger generations and visitors.







GOO-MOREMI BOOSTS GIRAFFE MONITORING

Goo-Moremi Resort has received tracking equipment from Save Giraffes Now to support giraffe conservation and visitor education.

For wildlife lovers and eco conscious travellers seeking conservation based experiences, Goo-Moremi Resort is positioning itself as one of Botswana's destinations linked to wildlife protection.

The resort has received advanced giraffe tracking equipment from the conservation organisation Save Giraffes Now, strengthening ongoing efforts to protect one of Africa's most recognised species while supporting the visitor experience. The donation, valued at more than P200,000, marks another milestone in a conservation partnership focused on wildlife and sustainable tourism.



CONSERVATION SUPPORT

The latest contribution follows the successful translocation of giraffes to Goo-Moremi Resort by Save Giraffes Now in September last year. Since their arrival, the animals have become an attraction for visitors interested in Botswana's natural heritage in a setting linked to conservation and environmental stewardship.

The newly donated equipment includes a quad bike, real time tracking technology and camera systems that will assist conservation teams in monitoring giraffe movements, collecting data and supporting the long term health and safety of the growing population.

TRACKING EQUIPMENT

Beyond conservation, the initiative offers tourists an opportunity to connect with wildlife in a more informed way. Modern tracking technology enables researchers and conservationists to better understand giraffe behaviour, while visitors are able to see how tourism activities support efforts to protect vulnerable wildlife.

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Botswana has long been recognised as one of Africa's safari destinations, and projects such as those at Goo-Moremi Resort show how tourism and conservation can work hand in hand. The combination of scenery, wildlife encounters and conservation initiatives creates an experience for travellers looking beyond a standard holiday.

HAND IN HAND

As giraffes continue to roam the landscape of Goo-Moremi, the project places the resort among tourism sites using conservation work to support visitor experiences while contributing to wildlife monitoring.

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VEETRO'S TARGETS REGIONAL EXPANSION

Vee Mampeezy has opened a third Veetro's outlet and says the brand has ambitions beyond Botswana.

BONGANI MALUNGA

Award winning musician Vee Mampeezy has taken another step in his business journey with the opening of a third Veetro's fast food outlet, while outlining plans to transform the homegrown brand into a regional franchise.

The latest Veetro's branch officially opened its doors at Bonnington Mall, adjacent to the Grand Palm Resort and Casino, marking the company's third outlet in less than a year. The Bonnington Mall branch joins the already established Game City and Block 6 outlets, which have helped the brand build a customer base since its launch last year.

LATEST OUTLET

The opening ceremony attracted supporters, business associates and customers who attended the latest milestone for the locally owned fast food venture.

Speaking during the ceremonial ribbon cutting event, Vee outlined a long term vision that extends beyond Botswana's borders. The musician said the company intends to follow the model of some African restaurant franchises by steadily expanding its footprint across Southern Africa and eventually into other regions.

REGIONAL VISION

"Our vision is for Veetro's to not be confined to Botswana's borders . So many high profile franchises set up shop and grew immensely in Botswana, they are beloved brands now. Our dream is to follow suit by venturing into foreign countries and become a big brand outside Botswana," he outlined.

The expansion plans signal a new chapter for the entertainer, who has increasingly diversified his portfolio beyond music and into entrepreneurship. While Vee has spent decades building one of Botswana's recognisable entertainment brands, he now appears equally focused on establishing Veetro's in the fast food industry.

BUSINESS FOCUS

According to Vee, the opening of the third outlet reflects growing confidence in the brand's business model and customer appeal. As Veetro's continues to expand locally, attention will turn to how the company approaches its planned regional growth.



"I OWE WILLIAM LAST"

After performing in Thamaga, Kwesta says a long discussed collaboration with William Last KRM remains unfinished business.

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

Celebrated South African hip hop artist Kwesta has revealed that he still owes Botswana's comedian, musician and content creator William Last KRM a collaboration.

Speaking to this publication after his performance at the Pacers Drip event in Thamaga over the weekend, Kwesta said several conversations about collaborations with Botswana artists have taken place over the years, but not all of them came to fruition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"I have met with a few artists from this side and we talked of collaborations," said Kwesta, whose real name is Senzo Mfundo Vilakazi. "It's just that the talks did not materialize. But I know who I owe. I owe William Last. He reached out to me and it's just that I got busy, but I'll get back to him and make sure I pay Botswana its debt."

The rapper delivered a robust performance backed by a live band whose smooth instrumentation added depth to an already energetic set. Fans sang along as he went through some of his biggest records, including Ngud', Spirit and Ngiyaz'fela Ngawe.

DRIP ENERGY

The crowd response appeared to leave a lasting impression on the award winning artist.

"I love it. I love the crowd, they were so super," he said. "I love the country. I've been here a couple of times. I liked the energy here at Drip and enjoyed every moment."

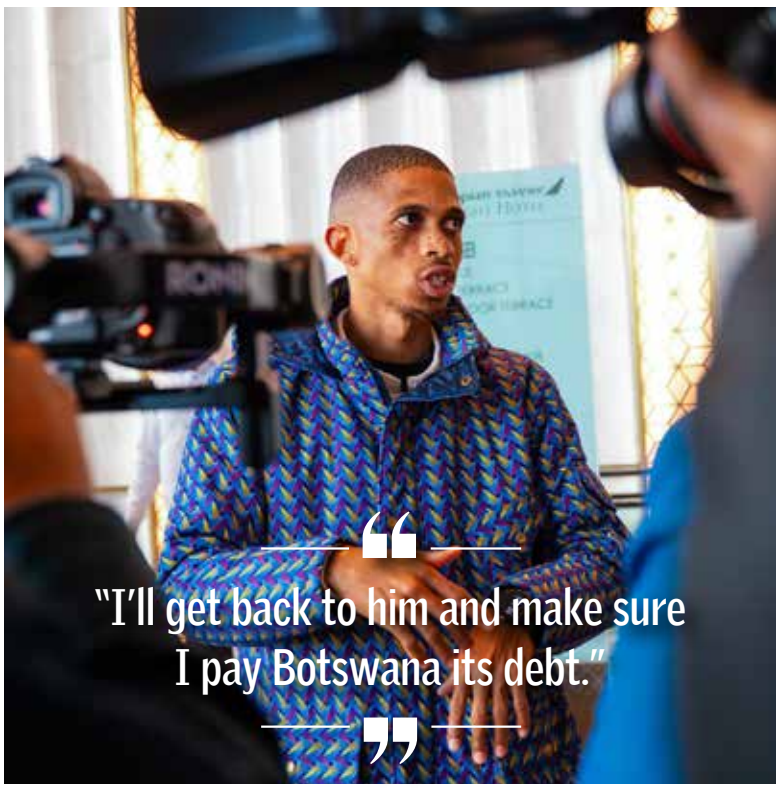
NEW MUSIC

Kwesta also revealed that he is preparing a new album to mark two decades in the music industry. Before then, fans can expect a steady stream of singles throughout the year as he builds momentum toward the project.

The rapper remains one of South Africa's most decorated hip hop artists, with a trophy cabinet that includes six South African Music Awards, four South African Hip Hop Awards, one MTV Africa Music Award and one Metro FM Award.

WILLIAM LAST

William Last KRM, born Bofelo William Molebatsi on March 8, 1996, is one of Botswana's biggest internet personalities. The comedian, content creator and musician rose to international prominence through viral comedy skits on platforms such as TikTok and Facebook, attracting the attention of global stars including Chris Brown and Chris Rock.



The Drip event also featured performances from Bantu, Nasty C and Khuli Chana, among others.

Is Marriage Losing Its Pull?

Love, money and shifting values are reshaping how young Batswana think about marriage and cohabitation.



TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

For generations, marriage has been regarded as the ultimate milestone in romantic relationships in Botswana, deeply rooted in culture, family values and tradition. But among today's young Batswana, that milestone is being re evaluated.

Changing economic realities and evolving social attitudes are pushing many to reconsider how commitment should look. Increasingly, couples are choosing to live together without legal marriage, or cohabitation, before deciding whether to formalise their union. For some, it is a stepping stone. For others, it is the relationship model itself.

CHANGING VIEWS

For a 31 year old Gaborone resident, whose name is known to this publication, living together before marriage simply makes sense.

"Marriage is a big commitment," said the individual. "Cohabiting gives couples the chance to understand each other's habits, finances and goals before making a lifelong decision."

COST PRESSURES

Other young professionals share similar views. Rising living costs, housing expenses and financial pressure are making shared living an attractive option. By splitting rent and household expenses, couples ease the burden of urban life while building what they hope will be a future together.

Not everyone is convinced.

YOUTH VOICES

Another young voice, Mpho ZainAftermath Dinoko, says marriage is no longer a priority for many young people in Botswana.

"I think there are those who believe in the union of marriage," he said. "But most prefer cohabitation more than they would prefer marriage , with the younger generation cohabitation is not similar to as it was with the older generation…"

FINANCIAL FACTORS

He added that financial stability often shapes decisions around commitment.

"Personal experience and finances is also a factor to consider for marriage, when people get financially stable they opt to marry , I think when I reach that stage i will consider."

LIVING TOGETHER

Still, he does not reject cohabitation.

"If I was in a serious relationship, I would consider to live with my partner before marriage. I don't see anything wrong with that because we will be learning each others weakeness and strengths," he said.

TRADITIONAL VOICES

Traditional voices argue that cohabitation weakens the cultural weight of marriage.

Kgosi Kefitlhile Kgwakgwe of Digawana village says living together without marriage is not a welcome development.

DIGNITY CONCERNS

"Marriage gives people that dignity," he said. "When people are married they are able to have children with ease and they can raise children with dignity. If one partner dies, it can raise issues of property ownership."

He also warned that unclear relationships can create tension around guidance and family involvement.

FAITH CONCERNS

Religious leaders are also uneasy with the growing acceptance of cohabitation.

Reverend Gaolape Mogotsi of the African Methodist Episcopal Church said marriage remains the preferred foundation for family life.

EXPECTATIONS

"Cohabitation it's not a good thing at all," he said. "It creates expectations on partners, but they haven't made the decision to stay together… That expectation will lead to fights and contribute to things like GBV and passion killings."

He added that emotional and financial expectations in cohabitation can become dangerous when they are not met.

"Cohabiting gives couples the chance to understand each other's habits, finances and goals before making a lifelong decision."

SHIFTING NORMS

Despite the tension between tradition and modern living, attitudes among young Batswana continue to shift. Social media, global influence and exposure to different lifestyles are reshaping what relationships look like.

Today, many young people prioritise compatibility, emotional maturity and financial stability over societal expectations of marriage.

"Is The Food Good Though?"

Patrick "Genirol" Kabamba has built a food content platform focused on meals, entrepreneurs and the stories behind local businesses.



BONGANI MALUNGA

Food content curator Patrick "Genirol" Kabamba has become a visible figure in Botswana's food content space. Whether a vendor is serving mokwetjepe from a food trailer or plating lobster in an air conditioned restaurant, Genirol uses his platform to put the spotlight on the product. In an era where social media visibility can shape a business, the 38 year old content creator has become one of Botswana's notable digital tastemakers.

Born in Zambia, Genirol arrived in Botswana in 1992 and never looked back. While his siblings eventually returned home, Botswana became the stage on which he would build a career spanning music, design, faith, entrepreneurship and food storytelling.

DIGITAL REACH

Today, with a combined audience of more than 66,000 followers across TikTok and Facebook, Genirol has carved out a niche that extends beyond food reviews. He has become a voice for consumers, a supporter of small businesses and an advocate for the people behind the meals.

Long before he was asking audiences whether a meal was worth trying, Genirol was immersed in Gaborone's creative scene. Starting his music career in 2012 under the mentorship of MSK Mosako, he emerged from the Suites Flats hip hop ecosystem in Phase 4, a cultural hub that helped shape local musicians and fashion brands such as Dlala Sportswear.

TALENT SPOTTING

His eye for talent became evident early. Among those he helped discover was Thato Jessica when she was just 16 years old. Years later, that same ability to spot potential would be redirected toward Botswana's food industry, where he now uncovers hidden culinary spots and introduces them to wider audiences through reviews and storytelling.

In 2015, he stepped away from music to focus on graphic design and brand promotion. Then, in 2021, after becoming a born again Christian, he reinvented himself again, this time as a faith based rapper. "During lengthy waits for the completion of music projects, I began experimenting with content creation, posting daily lifestyle vlogs and snippets from my day-to-day life. Unexpectedly, viewers gravitated toward one particular aspect of my content, cooking," Genirol told this publication in an interview.

COOKING ROOTS

The kitchen, however, was familiar territory. Genirol's culinary journey began at the age of 12 during what he describes as a rebellious phase. While the rest of the family attended church, he stayed home, which forced him to learn how to cook for himself and his family. What began as necessity gradually evolved into passion.

His mother's battle with high blood pressure also played a pivotal role in shaping his approach to food. Preparing meals that catered to her nutritional requirements taught him the importance of balance, care and attention to detail. Later, marriage added another dimension to his culinary education. Married for eight years, he regularly prepares meals that accommodate his wife's plant based lifestyle, further broadening his skills and appreciation for diverse diets.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Yet food is only one part of his content. Unlike many creators who focus on luxury dining experiences and visually appealing meals, Genirol's content is rooted in personal growth and community upliftment. His platforms explore topics such as mental health, gardening, dog care, cooking and entrepreneurship, creating a lifestyle brand centred on men's wellbeing and positive living.

His rise as a food content creator was driven by a simple observation. He noticed that many restaurants seemed more focused on atmosphere and entertainment than the quality of the food itself. The question eventually became the foundation of his brand and one of Botswana's recognisable food review catchphrases: "Is the food good though?"

HUMAN ELEMENT

While many food reviewers showcase meals and opulence, Genirol believes the real story lies in the people preparing the food and the journey that brought them there. His reviews are therefore as much about human resilience as they are about flavour. As a result, he has built a food movement centred on what matters most: the human element.

"I always try to pick the positive sides of people and also highlight the company and the person behind the company, then talk about the gifts that the company bears, the burdens and how the company came about," Genirol told this publication.

BUSINESS GROWTH

Genirol stated that the most rewarding part of his food content journey has been seeing the businesses featured on his platform experience growth.

One restaurant he reviewed, The Yellow Giraffe, had only three employees when he first visited the outlet. Since then, the business has grown to employ six people, driven by increased customer demand. Another outlet that benefited from his platform is Nicky's Kitchen, whose visibility and customer base grew following a viral social media review.

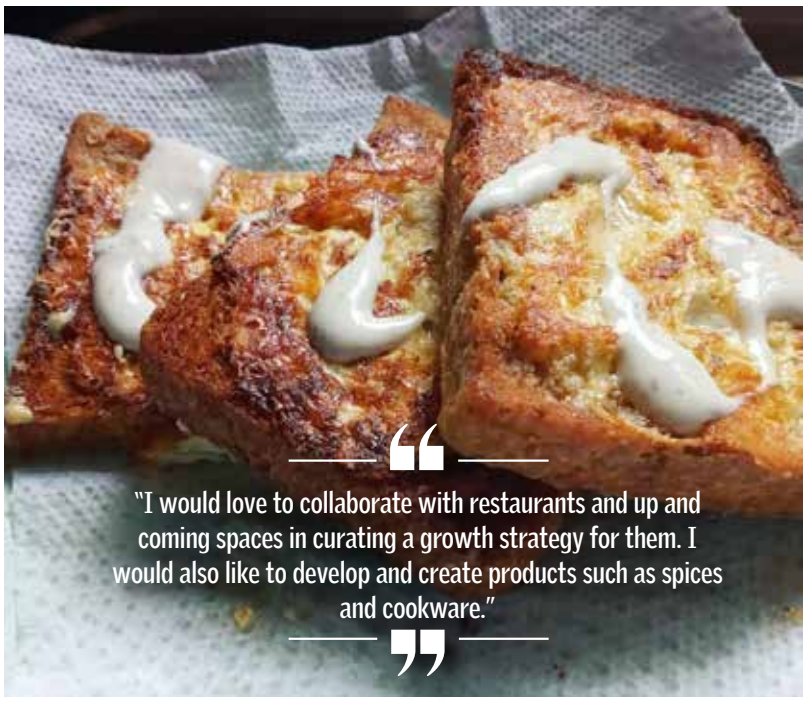
> "I always try to pick the positive sides of people."

FAVOURITE MEALS

According to Genirol, his top three favourite meals from all of his reviews are the regular wings from Crispy Cravings in Old Naledi, kebabs from Nicky's Kitchen and the Main Deck chicken liver breakfast.

On his future plans for the Genirol brand, he stated: "I would love to collaborate with restaurants and up and coming spaces in curating a growth strategy for them. I would also like to develop and create products such as spices and cookware." Genirol also plans to host a food event called Is the Food Good Though later this year. He hopes the event will bring together his core supporters while introducing the brand to a wider audience.





Understanding Purpose Limitation in Data Protection



Rebaone F. Ditlale- Lead Skills Consultant

Purpose limitation is a fundamental principle in the Data Protection Act No.18 of 2025 (DPA) that mandates that organizations collect personal data exclusively for specific, clear, and lawful purposes. Per the DPA, personal data "means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, or data subject…" Personal data has emerged as one of the most valuable assets in modern businesses, thus the guard against misuse. Continue reading as we elaborate on this principle.

Legal framework

In Botswana, the DPA emphasizes lawful and responsible processing of personal information. Organizations must ensure that data is collected for legitimate purposes and processed in a manner consistent with those purposes. Section 20 of the DPA states that "Personal data shall be collected for a specified, explici t and legitimate purpose, and shall not be further processed in a manner that is incompatible with the initial purpose..."

IMPORTANCE

Purpose limitation is important because it protects the privacy of individuals and promotes fairness in data processing activities. It fosters accountability by requiring organizations to explicitly explain why they need personal data and how it will be used. For example, a clinic collecting patient information for medical treatment should not later use the same information for unrelated marketing campaigns unless the patients have provided separate consent. Similarly, an employer collecting employee details for payroll administration should not disclose that information to external parties without lawful justification.

BEST PRACTICES IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing purpose limitation requires organizations to establish practical procedures and controls throughout the data life-cycle. It involves identifying the exact purpose for collecting personal information before any collection occurs. Organizations can communicate their purposes of collecting personal data openly through privacy notices, consent forms, and internal policies. Continuous employee training and awareness programs are critical. Staff members at all levels should understand their responsibilities regarding data protection and the importance of handling personal information ethically and lawfully. By adopting these best practices, organizations can maintain compliance and uphold the integrity of their data protection frameworks. Internal data protection audits should be conducted to ensure ongoing compliance.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with purpose limitation requirements can result in hefty fines of up to P50million. Information and Data Protection Commission may impose administrative fines or issue compliance orders. Section 83 (3) states that "an adm inistrative fine not exceed ing P50 000 000, or in t he case of an undertaking, not exceeding four per cent of the total worldwide an nual turnover of the pre ceding financial year, w hichever is higher, shall apply to a contravention of — (a) the basic principles for processing, including conditions for consent, under Parts IV to VI."

OUR SERVICES

The Data Protection Act (DP Act) mandates every organization to put strict safeguards regarding personal data and in that regard, we can assist with crafting Data Protection Policies in line with the said Act. Some organizations such as schools, hospitals, regulatory bodies etc, are required to have full-time Data Protection Officers (DPO). If you cannot afford a full-time DPO, we can act as your organization's DPO on contract basis. If you need training for your staff on the provisions of the Data Protection Act and other business courses such as Leadership & Supervisory Skills, Customer Care, Team Building as well as secondments of Tax, HR and DPOs, contact us at: +267 76 213 233 or +267 393 9435 or skills@aupracontax.co.bw. This article is general, and written advice or training is recommended if decisions are to be made. If you require to join our free WhatsApp groups or to know more about our services, please send us a text/ WhatsApp on the numbers above.

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

CASE NO. CVHGB - 003424 - 23

In the matter between
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED **Plaintiff**
and
BONNIE BONNO THABOLO **Defendant**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court on the 24th May 2024 the following immovable property of the abovementioned Defendant will be sold by means of public auction to the highest bidder by **Deputy Sheriff O. Mothibi** as follows:

DATE OF SALE : Monday 29th June 2026
VENUE : Lot 26467 Gaborone
TIME OF SALE : 1000 hours
TERMS OF SALE : All participating bidders are required to make an upfront payment of BWP 10 000.00 directly to the undersigned Attorneys, refundable only to those who did not succeed in the sale. Only cash or bank guaranteed cheques will be accepted. The detailed conditions of sale are available for inspection at the undersigned Attorneys' offices.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : The Defendant's title rights and interest in a certain piece of land being Lot 26467, Gaborone situate at Gaborone West measuring 493m² (Four Hundred and Ninety Three Square Metres) held under Deed of transfer No. 1378/2007 dated 12th July 2007 made in favour of Bonnie Bonno Thabolo together with developments therein, being a master ensuite, two bedroom 1 fitted, bathroom (toilet & shower), sitting room, dinning room, valenda plus bachelor pad, paved with electric fence.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

COLLINS CHILISA CONSULTANTS
Attorneys • Notaries • Conveyancers

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

Case No: **CCMVL-003311-25**

In the matter between:
OTACHA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD **PLAINTIFF**
And
WORLDWIDE COMMODITIES (PTY) LTD **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of the above Honourable Court of the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Zachariah Mashamaite to the highest bidder as follows;

DATE OF SALE : 19th June 2026
TIME OF SALE : 10.00am
VENUE : Worldwide Commodities,Tonota
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1 x Trailer Dropside Reg No. B 896 AMU,1 x Scania P420 Truck white in colour Reg No. B 180 AUU,1 x Ponidropside Trailer, 1 x Scania R420 Truck Reg No. B 356 ATB, 1 x Trailer Reg No. B 165 AIT.

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques.

DATE AT GABORONE THIS 22nd day of May 2026.

Deputy Sheriff Zachariah Mashamaite
c/o ,MASUKU LEGAL PRACTICE,
(Plaintiff's Attorneys)
Plot 128, Unit 7 1st Floor, Kgale Court**(GIFP)**
P O BOX AE 463 AEH GABORONE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHB 00000/20

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KENZIE ODIRILE MOLAPISI** who died at North West Province, South Africa on the 4th day of May 2020.

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.

The Executrix
Tshepo T. July
P O Box 327 AAH
GABORONE
Cell: 74048907

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. FT TL 183/2011** registered on the 30th **day** of **March 2011** in favour of **NOELINE SIMANGALISIWE NDABA in** respect of the following property:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 16430, Maun
SITUATE : at Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory
MEASURING : 1025m2 (One Thousand and Twenty-Five Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within twenty-one (21) days of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 29TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

MMOHE ATTORNEYS
ATTORNEYS. NOTARIES & CONVEYANCERS

Plot No. 3936, Peolwane Street
Minestone
P.O. Box 1860
FRANCISTOWN
Telephone No. 2441616

CHANGE A LAND USE

Owner of lot 17301, Gwest, Gaborone, would like to change land use from single -family residential to multi-family residential.

For any objections contact 71485127 or Gaborone City council, Physical Planning office on Tel: 3657400 or in writing, **Fourteen (14)** days of publication of notice.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) Of The Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

1. **GONTSE POONYANE** who is married to **KAGISO POONYANE**, in community of property on the 18th day of October 2019 at Bobonong in the Central District, intends to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change her property regime to out of community.

2. **GONTSE POONYANE** intends to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of **GONTSE POONYANE and KAGISO POONYANE**'s estate, should they have objections to the proposed change of matrimonial property regime, should inform the Applicant's Attorneys, **WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS** in GABORONE, before the expiration of three (3) weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED IN GABORONE ON THIS 25th DAY OF MAY 2026.

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WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS
Applicant's Attorneys
205 Independence Avenue, 1st Floor
GABORONE

2 FEMALE WORKERS WANTED

at Kgope lands. Call Ria Molatlhegi 72659376

PLOT 4240, UNIT6, JWANENG IS APPLYING FOR A CHANGE OF LAND-USE FROM SINGLE TO MULTI-RESIDENTIAL. ANY OBJECTIONS PHONE ISAAC TSWETLA 71 348 591.

TEBOGO TARGETS BIGGER GOALS



Says consistency remains the priority as he builds toward a major target later this year

GAZETTE REPORTER

Fresh from clocking 19.96 seconds to finish second in the men's 200m at the Rabat Diamond League on Sunday, Botswana's Letsile Tebogo says his focus is firmly on maintaining momentum as he prepares for what he describes as "something big" later this year.

Tebogo expressed satisfaction with his early-season form, noting that it reflects the level he has maintained since 2024.

"I'm excited," he told international media post his race. "It's a great start to the season. We are still on that form, 2024 when it started, so I'm happy with my performance for today."

STAYING CONSISTENT

The sprinter said the immediate objective is to remain focused and continue producing fast times as preparations intensify.

"The aim now is to stay focused and consistent in dropping some sub-20s because we are preparing for something big ahead of us," Tebogo said.

He added that his team is targeting steady improvement with every race.

"By September we want to be all gas no brakes. So we want to keep on improving on each race we get into."

ROME NEXT

Tebogo now turns his attention to the Rome Diamond League meeting scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday), where he is set to face a high-profile field.

Among his rivals will be Noah Lyles, who arrives with a season-best 9.95 seconds, Akani Simbine with 9.98 seconds and Ferdinand Omanyala with 9.94 seconds. Tebogo's season best stands at 10.10 seconds.

Beyond Rome, Tebogo is also looking forward to competing in Oslo and testing himself against emerging Australian sprint sensation Gout Gout.

"From here it's the Rome Meet, then Oslo. I can't wait to see what that young man is holding for me in Gout Gout. It's going to be really exciting. I'm really excited about it, can't wait to get into it and execute."

Botswana Junior Athletics Team Targets Oregon Qualification

The SACA Championships in Mauritius will provide Botswana's young athletes with a crucial opportunity to secure qualification standards for the World Athletics U20 Championships in Oregon this August

GAZETTE REPORTER

Botswana's junior athletics team departed for Mauritius on Sunday with a clear objective: increase the number of athletes qualifying for the World Athletics U20 Championships in Oregon, United States, later this year.

The team will compete at the Southern African Confederation of Athletics (SACA) Championships from June 5 to 7, where several athletes will be chasing qualifying times and marks for the global showpiece scheduled for August.

> "It will all depend on who will be consistent, who has that resilience and mental strength throughout the week."

Speaking post the team departure, Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) Chief Executive Officer Mabua Mabua said the focus extends beyond podium finishes.

"Our target is for them to qualify for the Oregon World U20 Championships in August," Mabua said. "Our intention is to increase the number of athletes. We are targeting times more than medals. We really want to qualify a big number for those championships, then medals will also come."

According to Mabua, Botswana's young athletes have been well prepared through regular competition both locally and in South Africa.

"They are ready. They have been competing in many competitions nationally and in South Africa," he said.

QUALIFICATION CHASE

Mabua noted that some members of the squad have already gained experience at a high level, with one athlete having been part of Botswana's World Relays team.

Three athletes have already secured qualification for the World U20 Championships: Same Mhutsiwa, Jack Newman and Junior Phatsima.

"I think there's a possibility that we can have three or four qualifying. We just hope that the weather will be in their favour," Mabua said.



He added that exposing athletes to stronger competition remains an important part of their development.

"We want to see them competing against the best in the world," he said.

FULL SQUAD

The men's Under-20 team comprises Wazha Matakule (100m), Jack Newman (100m and 200m), Lucky K. Chivero (100m), Junior Phatsima (200m and 400m), Warona Mokgosi (400m), Tsaone Dintwa (400m), Jayden Mathambo (400m hurdles), Lebogang Mugagu (1,500m) and Agang Magang (high jump).

The women's Under-20 squad consists of Same Mhutsiwa (100m and 200m), Oarabile L. Hines (100m and 200m), Wedu Matiwe (100m and 200m) and Ludo S. Mbekwa (long jump).

Botswana's men's Under-18 team includes Bokang Isang (100m), Reiniorus A. Geza (400m), Tawana Tema (long jump) and Ross Bale (high jump).

Game Onneile will represent Botswana in the women's Under-18 100m and 200m events.

The delegation is led by team manager Oarabile Diseko, while Kefentse Monare serves as head coach and Malebogo Mogano as coach.

BEYOND SCHOOLS

Mabua also reflected on the impact of the continued absence of school sports, saying the athletics community has responded by creating alternative platforms for young athletes.

"I think we needed a plan and I'm glad that there are new competitions that focus on the young," he said.

He noted that junior and senior athletes have often competed at the same events but indicated that efforts would be made to provide dedicated competition opportunities for different age groups.

"Going forward we will make sure that each have days to compete on their own," he said.

Mabua further welcomed the introduction of Under-14 competitions and acknowledged the role played by clubs and coaches in sustaining athlete development.

"We are also grateful to clubs and coaches who are dedicating their time and resources to produce more talent during this absence of school sport," he said.

As Botswana's young athletes prepare to test themselves against some of Southern Africa's most promising talent, the immediate goal remains clear: achieving the qualifying standards required for Oregon and expanding the country's representation on the world stage.



GALAXY RETAIN ORANGE FA CUP TITLE

Jwaneng Galaxy secure P800,000 and CAF Confederation Cup qualification after a 2–1 win over Mochudi Centre Chiefs, capping a final defined by redemption, individual awards, and contrasting post-match emotions

GAZETTE REPORTER

Jwaneng Galaxy defeated Mochudi Centre Chiefs 2–1 in the Orange FA Cup final played this past Friday, retaining the trophy and securing P800 000 in prize money as well as a CAF Confederation Cup entry ticket.

The victory reinforced Galaxy's domestic cup dominance, even as the club continues to rebuild after being dethroned from the premiership title by Gaborone United in two consecutive seasons.

"It is a stamp for redemption for the team mostly considering that they were dethroned from the premiership title by Gaborone United two seasons running," said football analyst Kagiso Mzambo Kgaogano in a brief interview after the match.

MATCH OUTLOOK

Stand-in coach Seemo Mpatane credited his side's discipline and preparation in overcoming a well-organised opponent.

"These are moments that we all live for in football and credit to the entire team for digging deep to get a positive result against a well-organised opponent in Centre Chiefs," Mpatane said.

He added that attention now shifts to continental ambitions. He said the performance comes as a result of all the hard work we put in at training. He noted that the focus now is on the next chapter, which is to concur Africa.

AWARDS DOMINANCE

Galaxy collected major individual honours alongside the trophy. Gift Moyo was named player of the tournament, while goalkeeper Goitseone Phoko received the goalkeeper of the tournament award.

Phoko also marked a personal milestone, earning his sixth Orange FA Cup championship medal.

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CHIEFS REACTION

For Centre Chiefs, the defeat extended their wait for FA Cup silverware despite strong support at the National Stadium as it was almost filled with back and white-traditional colors of the team.

Coach Miguel Corral Torreira described the result as disappointing given the importance of the fixture to his side's season.

"For us, it is obviously a disappointing result as winning the final was very important because it could have been a true reflection of the work we put in this season, but nonetheless that's part of the game," Torreira said.

He was nevertheless named coach of the tournament.

Gaborone Karate Open Expands

The Gaborone International Open Karate Championship continues to strengthen its position as Southern Africa's leading karate event, drawing an expanding field of international competitors and reinforcing Botswana's role as a regional sporting hub

GAZETTE REPORTER

The Gaborone International Open Karate Championship has grown into the largest karate tournament in Botswana and Southern Africa, according to organisers, cementing its status as one of Africa's leading karate events and a regular fixture on the continental calendar.

"This year's edition has already confirmed participation from Botswana, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia, with additional countries expected to join the competition," said Thato Peloewetse, member of the tournament organising committee. She added that the event has, over the years, become a consistent platform for elite competition and regional sporting engagement.



ATHLETE DRAW

The tournament has attracted a range of notable karatekas from across the world, helping to raise its profile and competitive standard. Among those previously associated with the championship are Hong Kong karate star Chris Tzman, Botswana's Sensei Ofentse Bakwadi, Estonia's Tavel, and South African competitor Morgan Moss.

Peloewetse say the presence of such athletes has reinforced the event's reputation as a stage where talent is tested and showcased at a high level.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Hundreds of athletes, officials, and supporters are expected to travel to Gaborone for the competition. The tournament is also seen as a contributor to local economic activity, particularly in hospitality, transport, and tourism-related services.

It further reflects Botswana's growing capability to host international sporting events with broad regional participation.

HOST OUTLOOK

As host nation, Botswana is expected to field a strong contingent as it competes on home soil. The championship continues to serve as both a competitive platform and a regional meeting point for karate development.



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BNOC WARNS OF SPORTS CRISIS

BNOC president says school sport absence threatens future talent pipeline as sustainability efforts gather pace

GAZETTE REPORTER

Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) president Tshepo Sitale has warned that the continued absence of school sport poses a significant threat to the country's future sporting success, describing the situation as a national crisis requiring urgent attention.

Speaking at the BNOC 2026 Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) over the weekend, Sitale said sport presents an opportunity for Botswana to diversify its economic prospects at a time when demand for key natural resources, including diamonds, has weakened.

TALENT PIPELINE

"Amidst the economic recession and the decline in demand for Botswana's natural resources such as diamonds, we endeavour to present sport as an opportunity for exporting national talent and promoting Botswana globally," Sitale said.

He pointed to performances by Botswana athletes in athletics, tennis, karate, swimming and equestrian as evidence of the country's growing sporting profile. Sitale highlighted a recent gold medal won by a Botswana athlete in equestrian at the Africa Youth Games in Angola.

According to Sitale, Botswana's overall performance at the Africa Youth Games was encouraging despite challenges linked to the absence of school sport programmes.

"We need to continue urging Government to return school sport, as we are losing talent at grassroots level," he said.

"The impact will be felt in the 2032 Olympics, where we may have a generation of young people who have not played sport. This matter is now a national crisis that requires attention from the highest office."

GROWING CHALLENGES

Sitale also raised concerns about an increase in doping cases and legal disputes within the sporting sector.

"Doping and legal lawsuits are now on the rise, and there is a need for education and stronger relations among stakeholders, be they athletes, administrators or National Federations," he said.

"We cannot continue to attract negative publicity and expect sport to grow through sponsors and the private sector."

The BNOC president noted that 2026 marks the midway point of the current sporting quadrennial, with Botswana preparing for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and the Youth Olympic Games, which will be hosted in Africa for the first time.

He said the country should build on recent performances, including its participation at the World Relays, which Botswana hosted earlier this year.

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

Beyond competition, Sitale outlined progress on sustainability initiatives being implemented by the BNOC.

The organisation is developing a sustainability strategy under the four-year Letlotlo Project, which is being undertaken in partnership with sustainability consultants Sporting Giants and is expected to run through to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

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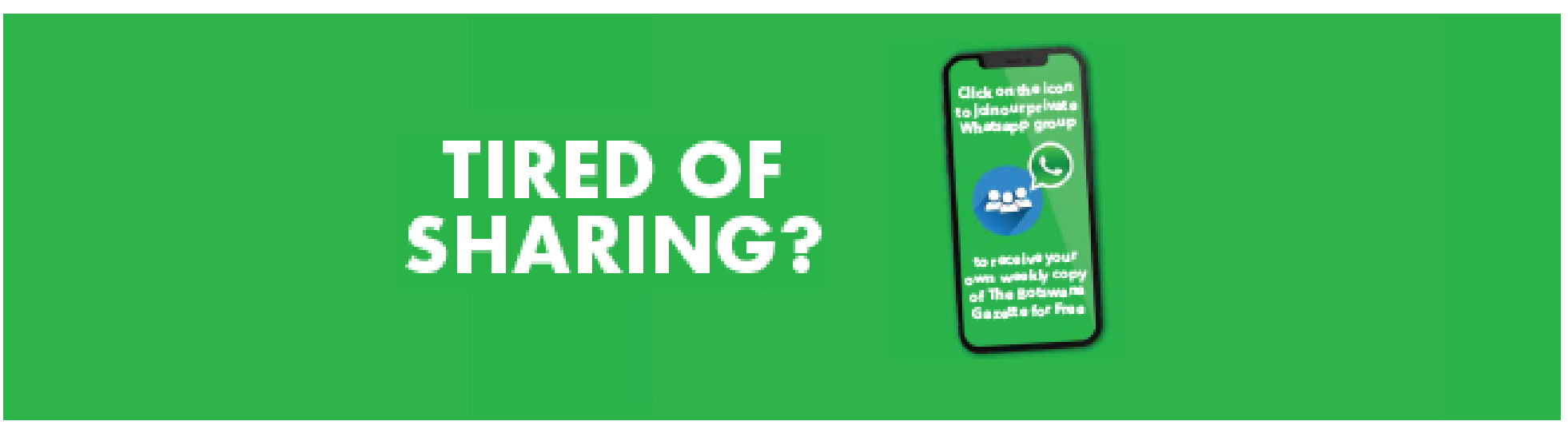
A 2024 carbon footprint assessment completed during the reporting period found that BNOC recorded total emissions of 832.93 tCO□e. Purchased goods and services accounted for 84.6 percent of emissions, while business air travel contributed 12.66 percent.

The findings will inform future emissions reduction efforts and broader sustainability planning.

The BNOC has also continued carbon literacy training for staff while promoting reduced paper consumption, digitisation, refillable water flasks, water stations and virtual meetings aimed at lowering travel-related emissions.

Concluding his address, Sitale urged sporting leaders to maximise available support despite economic headwinds.

"Depending on our response, we can either push forward or crumble, and I encourage all of us to choose to win."



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