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Vice President, Mr Slumber Tsogwane (centre) and Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng (right) welcoming back President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport yesterday. President Masisi found opportunity to promote Botswana's Kimberly Process secretariat bid while attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda after which he proceeded to Austria to discuss the same. The President's relentless campaign is best captured in the Setswana adage moseka phofu yabo ga swe lentswe, meaning importunity eventually pays off. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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Seretse Khama: Man of peace

By Baleseng Batlotleng

RAMOTSWA - Botswana's sovereignty is assured.

Among other notable bonuses is a voice that is respected internationally.

All this, is in no small measure thanks to Sir Seretse Khama's vision.

Here is a man who could have chosen to live a quiet life in Serowe as Bangwato Kgosi. Instead, he chose politics, at the time considered by many, to be a lowly position compared to being a royal.

Sir Seretse's commitment to the peace and stability of Botswana will always be remembered.

It was his determination that ensured Botswana became the success story that it is today.

A man of great candor, and an uncompromising believer in peace, Sir Seretse was. Zambia's founding president and a close acquaintance of his, the late Dr Kenneth Kaunda, became the first head of state to visit Botswana soon after independence.

He summed up Sir Seretse's character thus: "From the time I met you I realised Africa had a man of deep sincerity, an honest leader; an able and determined leader of his people."

Local historian Dr Jeff Ramsay concurs, saying Sir Seretse was able to incorporate the indigenous norms of free speech, free association into nation building and unity. The nation did not crack along ethnic lines like what happened elsewhere such as in the Congo who experienced ethnic violence.

For example, he matched the

Setswana concept of puso ya batho ka batho, (government of the people by people) to the new system of democracy.

Sir Seretse's wise diplomacy policy saw Botswana enjoy diplomatic relations, even with countries whose political philosophies were polar apart.

These included the then Soviet Union, US and China, said Dr Ramsay.

The support Botswana received from the international community made it difficult for South Africa's apartheid regime to attack the country, as the minority white government of the time, would very much have loved to.

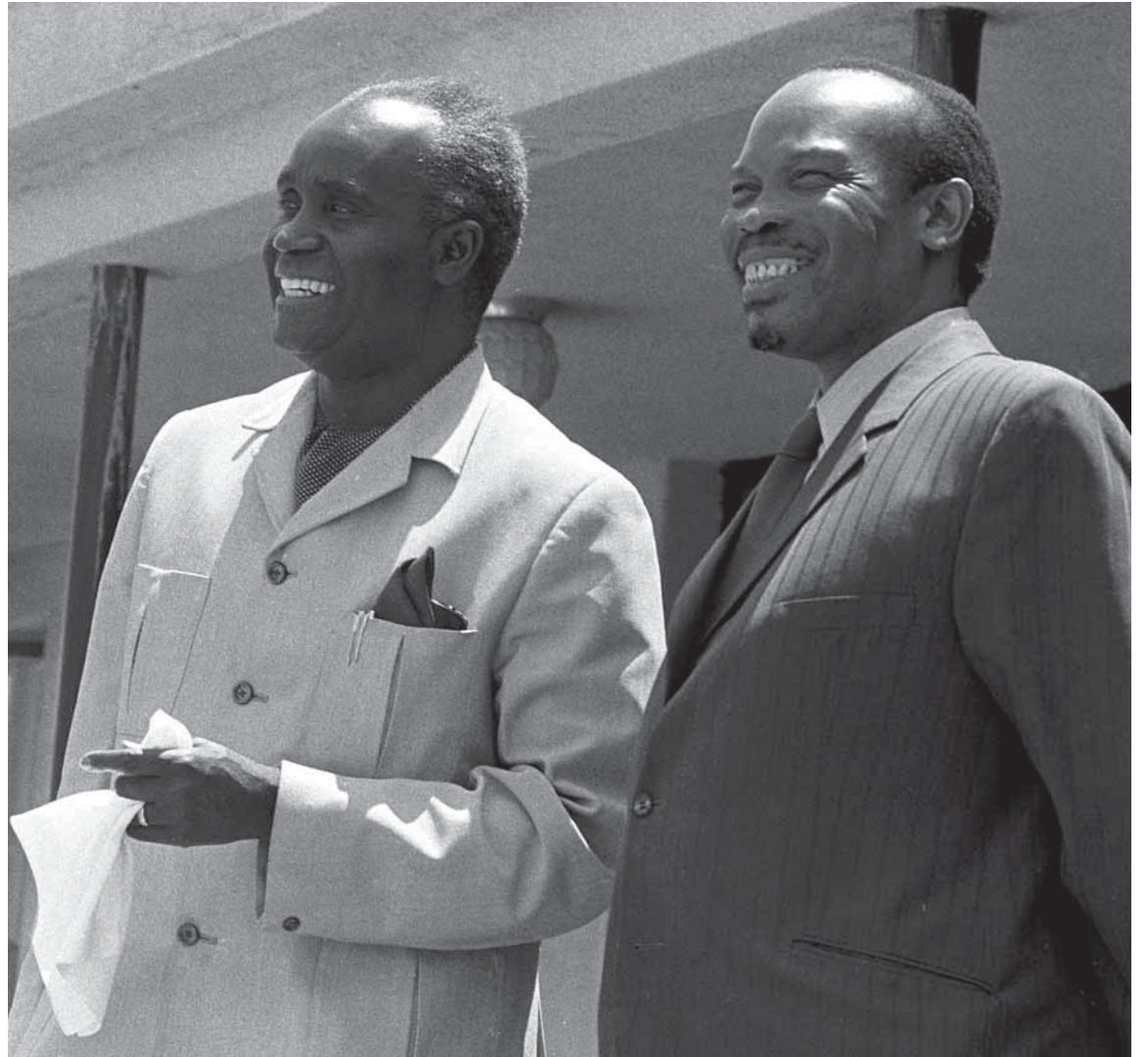
When white aggression grew in the 1980s with a new wave of refugees, including prominent people seeking refuge in Botswana, Sir Seretse worked hard to ensure everyone understood Botswana's non-aggression position.

He established non-racial policies at home and urged his neighbours to do the same.

All the while he maintained an open-door policy for genuine political refugees, says Dr Ramsay.

Political commentator Mr Solly Rakgomo says Sir Seretse thoroughly believed in restraint, hence his motto "Ntwa kgolo ke ya molomo," an equivalent of "to jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war".

With his country sandwiched between minority apartheid South Africa and Rhodesia's (later Zimbabwe) white minority rule of Ian Smith to the north and south, with Namibia to the west struggling for independence from white South Africa, Sir Seretse would not resort to violence.



Dr Kaunda (left), a close acquaintance of Sir Seretse during a visit to Botswana in 1972.

While he had to deal with haughty white and aggressive racist rulers whose countries completely blocked all access to the sea, leaving only Zambia, which required one to first cross the mighty Chobe

River, Sir Seretse stood firm on his principle, displaying great restraint.

However, he might also wisely have done so because he was aware that his military capabilities were inferior to those of the aggressors.

Such was Sir Seretse's belief in peace that it was not until 1977 that Botswana Defence Force (BDF) was established.

It was only after much aggression by the Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia that Sir Seretse announced Botswana would increase its military strength.

Its main security service would graduate from a paramilitary police unit to a defense force, to protect Botswana's borders. And he made it clear he wanted conflict with no one.

"His strategy of restraint and engagement and also his cautious diplomacy helped to maintain peace in the country and even across borders.

For example, it is said at the time Cuba was involved in the wars in Angola and Namibia, Fidel Castro asked Khama if he could use Botswana as a launch pad for liberation attacks against apartheid regimes in the regions, Sir Seretse gently declined," says Rakgomo.

He knew what the likely consequences would be. And they would have included much suffering for his people, so declined.

Indeed, the man had his critics who felt that he was cowardly, but he remained resolute in his non-aggression policy. He kept true to his quest for peace that he had made clear to the world in September 1969, when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly for the first time: "Because Botswana is part of a region that faces the threat of violent conflict, I want to lay particular emphasis on the need to find peaceful solutions to our

problems.

Southern Africa lives with the dangers of violent racial conflict. I want this afternoon to discuss the threat of racism as it affects southern Africa," he had said as he laid the foundation to a speech in which he clearly explained the dire consequences of perpetuation of the status quo.

And world leaders agreed with him, hence the support they happily gave to Botswana afterwards. Sir Seretse had already consolidated relations with independent African republics to the north, building on old personal relationships and starting with Zambia as shown by his state visits to the country in 1967.

He also forged relations with kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland in education, and made attempts to start negotiations with South Africa over customs union.

The last burst of political activity for Sir Seretse was the first ever summit of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) on April 13, 1980 in Lusaka where he sat as chair, having galvanised his friends from across Southern Africa to build the organisation. The bloc would deal with common challenges they faced, from economic deprivation to dealing with the monster of apartheid.

Only a month earlier, Zimbabwe had become independent, and here he was with his 'brothers', chairing a meeting after which he hoped the region would chart a new path for the development of its people. And he would have been right.

Evolving into SADC years later, after Sir Seretse had passed on, the bloc has grown tremendously and has achieved regional cooperation and is now working toward integration.

Sir Seretse died on July 13, 1980, 12 days after his 59th birthday. **BOPA**

Serowe celebrates Sir Seretse

By Tshiamiso Moseitlha

SEROWE - Poesy, song and dance, and a lot of sharing of anecdotes about his life will be the order of the day as Batswana will be celebrating Botswana's founding President Sir Seretse Khama at Serowe main kgotla come July 1.

Commemorated under the

theme: Sir Seretse Khama: a Visionary and Democrat, the day will give Batswana the opportunity to celebrate the late leader, Mr Bokopano Kediretse, who chairs Sir Seretse Khama Commemoration Association said in an interview.

The association had planned a series of festivities toward the day, which would culminate with

the laying of wreaths at the royal cemetery, he said.

He added that later in the evening there would be a launch of three books about Sir Seretse at Ikageng Girl Guide Center. Sir Seretse Khama, born July 1921, became the first president of Botswana upon its independence from Britain 1966.

He died on July 13, 1980. **BOPA**



Members of the Mafetsakgang regiment celebrating Sir Seretse Khama at the Serowe main kgotla during a previous event.

Govt to cushion consumers soon



Ms Serame during an interview on the sidelines of the ongoing 47th SACU meeting in Gaborone on Tuesday. She said like everyone else, government was concerned about the frequent increase on commodity prices and would soon be announcing measures to cushion the consumer. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Like everyone else, government is concerned about the impact of inflation on citizens.

To that end it will soon announce contingency measures to cushion consumers, Minister of Finance, Ms Peggy Serame has said.

Speaking in an interview on the side-lines of the ongoing 47th Southern African Customs Union (SACU) summit, Minister Serame said global economic growth forecast had been revised downwards owing to the risks associated with the war in Ukraine, which had resulted in increase of crude oil prices worldwide including in Botswana.

Already, the national Consumer Price Index had reached a whopping 11.9 per cent, she said.

"It is worth noting that the current economic performance is of great concern to the entire SACU region, and each member state is looking at how best to address the economic implications brought about by the war," she said.

Meanwhile the latest Bank of Botswana Monetary Policy Committee Report indicates inflation increased from 9.6 to 11.9 per cent in the months of April to May, which is way above the Bank's medium-term objective range of 3-6 per cent.

The increase in inflation mainly reflects the upward adjustment

in domestic fuel prices effected on May 13, and the latest, on Tuesday this week.

The report says the current high levels of inflation are mainly driven by supply-side factors, which contribute approximately 6.1 per cent to the prevailing inflation.

"There is significant risk that inflation could remain elevated due to factors that include: potential increase in international commodity prices beyond current forecasts; persistence of supply and logistical constraints to production; economic and price effects of the ongoing Russia/Ukraine war and the uncertain COVID-19 profile," says the report.

Further, according to Statistics Botswana, the rise in inflation between April and May mainly reflects the upward adjustment across sectors.

The transport category increased from 23.6 to 31.5 per cent with notable increase in the annual price changes for 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' from 6.1 to 8.3 per cent.

The report also indicates an annual price increase on furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance from 4.4 to 5.2 per cent.

Restaurants and hotels rates also increased from 4.2 to 4.7 per cent, while clothing and footwear increased from 3.5 to 3.8 per cent.

The report further says that housing, water, electricity, gas

and other fuels increased from 7.9 to 8 per cent.

However, the upward pressure on inflation was partially offset by inflation falling with respect to alcoholic beverages and tobacco from 5.3 to 4.7 per cent as well as communication from 0.7 to 0.4 per cent. **BOPA**

Govt, De Beers Group extend agreement

GABORONE - The Government of Botswana and De Beers Group have extended their existing agreement for sale of Debswana's rough diamond production by 12 months until June 30, 2023. A press release from De Beers Group says following further positive progress toward a new agreement being made in the first half of 2022, the two parties have agreed on the one-year extension to enable finalisation of the ongoing discussions. **BOPA**

Safer working space laws coming

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Botswana is reviewing its labour laws to make the working environment safer, as per recommendation of the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) committee on application of standards, labour and home affairs minister Minister Ms Anna Mokgethi said here Monday.

She was briefing the media on the proceedings of the 110th session of the International Labour Conference she recently attended in Geneva, Switzerland alongside business and labour movement representatives.

"We have to move with speed to conclude this process and report to the ILO accordingly," she said.

One of the major highlights of the conference, held from May 27 to June 11, was the addition of safety and health to fundamental principles and rights at work, she said.

"This means we will have to comply with ILO conventions on occupational safety and health in practice and in law," Ms Mokgethi said.

She added however, that government was already complying with ILO Conventions on occupational safety and health.

Government was fully committed to the development of a national policy on occupational health and safety, which her ministry was working around time to finalise, she said.

A labour delegation representative, Mr Thusang Butale said the conference, among others, touched on skills mismatch and lack of employment opportunities for young people.

He called for expedited implementation of the employment policy, saying it was not helping the unemployed young people in its current form.

Mr Butale said there was need for dialogue toward implementation of the policy, and to ponder how that would affect the country's employment landscape.

From the business delegation, Mr Dichabe Molobe said there was need for Botswana to learn from the ILO conference and called on the country to open its economy.

"Let us not freeze amidst the pandemic and do our best to open the economy in all fronts," he said. **BOPA**

Malpractice suits bleed government

By Kabo Keaketswe

PALAPYE - At one point or another, all medical experts will face a malpractice suit.

This is a situation where a patient or relatives allege professional negligence resulting in injury (including death) and demand compensation against a health practitioner or health service provider.

Of recent, the Ministry of Health has been inundated with such cases, minister responsible, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said at the ministry's summit held in Palapye on Tuesday.

So big was the problem that over the last six years the ministry had been slapped with claims amounting to more than P600 million.

It was time something was done, he said.

However, he warned it would not be an easy fix.

"On first glance it may appear that [it is] an issue of negligence, [which] may mean bringing to book all those accused... so that they may never repeat it."

However, on closer examination, the issue was more complex than anyone may have initially thought "because it involves the need to respect individual rights and preserving lives of both the individual and the public," he said.

The sad reality was that in health care, there were no second chances.

The one mistake a healthcare practitioner made could lead to litigation, resulting in a huge payout to the complainant or even jail term for the practitioner.

Now, the country had a real problem coming: its healthcare workers may opt to practice defensive medicine, said Dr Dikoloti.

That was a situation where the healthcare provider became overly concerned with possible litigation and adopted unnecessary over-diagnostic approaches.

This was completely unnecessary as it was clear that in many of the cases that the ministry lost, it was not because anyone had been negligent as alleged, but for failure to provide adequate evidence to support their case.

The minister therefore, called upon all to introspect and chart a new chapter in medical practice for the country, identify gaps that needed to be closed as well as shed off obsolete practices. **BOPA**

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Day 92 Bokspits

'Too much power rests with president'

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

BOKSPITS - The constitution of Botswana invests too much power in a sitting President, and it is time that changed, a Bokspits resident Ms Hezel Magalie told the commission Tuesday, as started its first of several consultative meetings in Kgalagadi South.

She submitted that the constitution was in fact contradictory as while on the one hand it gave the impression that no one was above the law, the same document outlawed prosecuting a sitting president, on the other.

She thus called for scrapping of

the provision.

Besides supporting Ms Magalie's stance against presidential immunity, another resident, Mr Matthews Gaeimelwe called for the removal of the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) from the Office of the President.

On retired presidents' packages, he proposed that the assistance should be cut by 60 per cent arguing that the present-day arrangement bled government coffers substantially.

Khawa village representative, Ms Mita Kelehile prayed for recognition and equality of all

tribes in Botswana including in Ntlo ya dikgosi.

On direct election of the president, she said: "A tautona a itlhophelwe, mapalament le tautona ba tlhophololwe ha ba sa dire tiro e ba e tlhophetsweng," she said meaning the president, just like MPs should be voted out for non-performance.

She also called for translation of the law into all languages spoken in Botswana.

Ms Margaret Sekopodi who represented the people of Middlepits, said the elections date should be enshrined in the constitution.

She went on: "We say no to nominations of councillors and MPs."

She also said there was need to recognise customary law as well as review the constitution every 20 years.

The disparate ethnic groups found in Kgalagadi South wanted its name changed to Molopo District, she said.

Residents of Bokspits, Straizendum, Vaalhoek, Rappelspan, Khuis and Khawa supported this view. Ms Kago Sethibo of Khuis said fellow residents wanted Sections 77, 78 and 79 of the constitution of Botswana expunged to allow for tribal equality.

"Re batla gape gore go nne le kemedi ya ba-na-le bogole kwa palamenteng le gore lenyalo la



Mr Gaeimelwe



Ms Sekopodi



Ms Tyatgat

Setswana le lemogiwe ke molao-motheo," she submitted, meaning people with disability should be represented in parliament.

In contrast to earlier speakers Gachibana residents, through their representative, Ms Magdeline Gouws, said the current method of employing the president should not change. They also called for equal bride-price across all tribes, and representation for all in Ntlo ya Dikgosi.

"A bogadi bo lekalekane lefatsheng lotlhe le Bogosi ja merafhe ka go farologana e bo nne le kemedi e e lekanang kwa Ntlong ya Dikgosi," she said.

With regard to same sex marriage Ms Gouws said her community would not entertain the idea one bit. Rappelspan residents submitted that the constitution

should be reviewed every 10 to 20 years.

Their representative Mr Frederick Matthys also told the Commission they desired that 60 should be the qualifying age for old-age pension, and retirement age reduced to 55 years.

"We propose that capital punishment should be maintained and, corporal punishment reinstated," he added. A representative for Streizendum, Mr Hendricks Magalie, proposed Sections 77, 78 and 79 of the should be removed.

"We also want equal representative for different tribes at Ntlo ya dikgosi," he said.

Ms Elizabeth Martin of Bokspits expressed concern over use of inappropriate terms to refer to People with Disability (PWD).

"We are not People Living with Disability (PLWDs), we are People with Disability," she chided. Besides proposing for renaming of Kgaladadi South District to Molopo, Ms Janet Tyatgat wanted the constitution to exempt retired officers from paying tax.

Earlier, Kgosi Charles Hendricks of Bokspits thanked President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi and the government for their efforts at reviewing the constitution.

Now in its 22nd week, the commission will, in a week-long series of meetings, consult with residents of Tsabong, Werda and Makopong. **BOPA**



Bokspits residents, Kedibonye Setswalo (left) and Petrus van Staden dancing to polka music following the end of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Review of the Constitution kgotla meeting on Tuesday. Speakers proposed that Kgalagadi South be renamed Molopo District to encompass other groups that live there. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



Ms Magale



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Operating businesses in silos unprofitable

By Aubrey Maswabi

GABORONE - Traders have been warned that they can not operate businesses in silos and expect to be profitable and sustainable.

Speaking at the launch of Traders Hub, a Fairgrounds Holdings initiative, in Gaborone yesterday, Minister of Entrepreneurship, Mr Karabo Gare said business people needed one another for survival. He said the initiative was much

appreciated, especially after two years of relative economic slowdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was time for everyone to be creative and increase pace for the economy to recover, said the minister.

Mr Gare said the initiative would ignite entrepreneurial interest among hub participants as well as Botswana Consumer Fair attendants in general.

Minister Gare said the hub's objectives included provision of a platform for local producers to sell commodities over a seven-day period and gave them an opportunity to amplify their products and brands.

It would act as a link between traders, buyers and value chain participants as well as a platform for local producers, buyers

and key value chain players to interact, exchange ideas and build valuable linkages that could propel their businesses, he said.

Mr Gare said the initiative supported the ministry's mandate of providing guidance in creating sustainable linkages and market access for enterprises while also stimulating entrepreneurship development in the country.

"Your plan to mobilise at least 50 local companies from various sectors value chains to participate at the Traders Hub, during Botswana Consumer Fair recognises the need and advisability of creating platforms for all participants to benefit," he said.

The minister said the initiative also supported the ministry's efforts towards implementing the Reset Agenda priorities,

especially mindset change and approach to business and opportunities as well as encouraging interactions and exchanges within major value chains.

Minister Gare said the initiative would also contribute to government's plans of improving food security and economic diversification.

Fairgrounds Holdings CEO, Ms Gorata Gabaraane encouraged supporting and sponsoring organisations to invite and enable businesses within their portfolios to participate meaningfully at the Traders Hub so as to reap the full benefits.

She said the hub would be strategically positioned during Botswana Consumer Fair at the entrance of Ditshupo Hall for easy access and visibility. **BOPA**

Ministry soon to undertake child labour survey nationwide

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Botswana is on the verge of undertaking a nationwide survey to assess issues of child labour.

The survey would address child labour matters which were a major concern worldwide, explained a Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs official, Mr Claude Mojafi at a press conference in Gaborone Monday.

Mr Mojafi, who is the ministry's labour advisor, said the survey would inform strategies for addressing issues of concern.

He said the ministry periodically conducted inspections where questions on child labour were posed.

There had not been any alarming information, he stated.

Mr Mojafi said the only major problem encountered was inadequate capacity to cover all workplaces.

"The issue has been discussed at length and it was resolved that employees and employers should form bargaining committees to discuss issues and resolve them," said Mr Mojafi.

Earlier, labour minister, Ms Annah Mokgethi had briefed the media on the 5th global conference on elimination of child labour held in Durban, South Africa May 15-20.

She said the conference's goal was to accelerate progress on ending child labour after years of reversal due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other global vulnerabilities.

Ms Mokgethi revealed that the conference came up with the Durban Call to Action, which included six commitments.

Among them were the need to end child labour in agriculture which she said could be done through increasing investment in the economic and social development of rural areas as a strategy for reducing poverty.

Another commitment, the minister said, was to strengthen the prevention and elimination of child labour, including its worst forms such as forced labour, modern slavery and trafficking in persons and the protection of survivors through data-driven and survivor-informed policy and programmatic responses.

Ms Mokgethi said there was a call to realise children's right to education by ensuring universal access to free, compulsory, quality, equitable and inclusive education.

Yet another commitment was the need for social protection, increased financing and international cooperation for the elimination of child and forced labour, she said. **BOPA**



Ms Gabaraane (left) and Mr Gare at the Traders Hub launch in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Gare called for creativity and increased pace towards economic recovery. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse



Mr Molobe and Ms Mokgethi (right) during a press conference on the 110th session of the international labour conference and the 5th global conference on the elimination of child labour in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Toteng misplaced in Maun West - residents

By Portia Ikgopoleng

TOTENG - Toteng rightly belongs in the Ngami constituency instead of Maun West as is currently the case, the village's residents told the delimitation commission Tuesday.

Presenting on behalf of residents during a consultative meeting, Mr Baitlamedi Motsamai said Ngami constituency should start from Toteng stretching to Nokaneng while Komana up to Nxaraga, Maun and Xhaxhaba in the Okavango Delta should be in Maun West.

Commenting, Ms Eteng Nkakobang proposed that demarcation revert to the 2014 boundaries where Toteng fell under Ngami constituency.

"We do not want to be under

Maun West because we feel we belong more in Ngami.

The people we share the same culture with are all in Ngami at Bothatogo, Sehithwa and Bodibeng," she said.

Adding his voice to the discussion, Mr Gabriel Kazapua argued that Toteng was misplaced in Maun West constituency.

The people of Toteng were Baherero and related better with people of similar descent residing in Bothatogo, Bodibeng and Sehithwa, all in the Ngami constituency, he said.

Komana-Toteng ward councillor, Mr Zahorerua Maoveka echoed the same sentiments saying Toteng rightfully belonged to the Ngami constituency because its inhabitants shared culture

and traditions with other Ngami villages.

Toteng's Kgosi Charles Motshozo said the delimitation commission report should emphasise residents' demand to be returned to the Ngami constituency.

Commission chairperson Justice Mokwadi Gabanagae informed the meeting that the recent census put the population of Maun West constituency at 51 785 compared to 40 506 in the previous one.

He said it was crucial for people to express their views pertaining to their constituencies because they understood them better.

A number of speakers suggested that Maun, which currently has two constituencies, have an additional one. **BOPA**



Mr Molebatsi (second right) and other officials during a tour of Batawana Beef Abattoir on Tuesday.
Photo: Esther Mmolai

Abattoir eyes on Middle East

By Esther Mmolai

TOTENG - The director of Batawana Beef Abattoir, Mr Gavin Godfrey has appealed to the government to assist in securing a transit permit from the Namibian government to export beef to the Middle East.

Mr Godfrey made the request to the Assistant Minister of Agriculture, Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi, who was touring the plant to appreciate its operations.

He revealed that they had secured a lucrative market in countries such as Liberia and Gabon, but it was impossible to reach customers.

He said efforts to use the Namibian route had not borne fruit because of the area's red zone status.

"Our biggest challenge is to export our meat through Namibia and I plead with you to engage the Namibian government on the issue, because once we get the transit permit, we will make more profit and pay our farmers better," he added.

Mr Godfrey further explained that they could use the Zambian route to reach East Africa, but it was too costly.

He said COVID-19 had affected them as they lost their local market, especially the tourism sector, due to the fact that there were no tourists to cater for.

He, however, expressed optimism for a return to normalcy, revealing

that the abattoir was in a good position to increase its slaughtering capacity. In response, Mr Molebatsi said the ministry was aware of the issue and assured them that they would engage the Namibian government further.

He noted that it was the government's priority to create a conducive environment for business to strive to create employment opportunities, transfer skills and pay tax.

He also hailed the abattoir for being a step ahead in securing markets that government found difficult to access because there were a lot of requirements to meet.

"I was not aware that there was an enterprise from Botswana exporting beef to Middle East. I am very excited about what you are doing because it is in line with the government's agenda of having a private sector-led economy," he added.

Mr Molebatsi urged management to work jointly with government to compare notes and to also buy animals at better prices, as the Ngamiland farming community had peculiar challenges.

Batawana abattoir manager, Mr Jan Stander said they had employed 50 people, noting that they had a processing plant for de-boning, packing and boxing to meet quality control requirements. Mr Stander said there was no market for bones, but the abattoir exported skins. **BOPA**

Vehicle ownership dwindles

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The number of first time motor vehicle registrations is on a downward trajectory.

This is according to the Statistics Botswana transport and infrastructure statistics briefs for quarter four of 2021, released this month.

The new vehicle registration ended the year with 10 063 vehicles, which was a decrease of 4.1 per cent, as compared to the previous quarter, where 10 494 vehicles were registered, the report says.

During the second quarter of the same year, a total of 10 398 vehicles were registered, while 12 740 were registered during the first quarter of 2021.

In a five-year period, the lowest number of vehicles registered in a

quarter was in the second quarter of 2020, when the country registered only 5 381 vehicles, while the highest registration in a quarter was in fourth quarter of 2019 with 18 770 vehicles.

The Statistics Botswana report stated that passenger cars made up the bulk of the total of first registration followed by vans.

It, however, says the majority of those first registrations were used vehicles, while new and rebuilt vehicles constituted only 19.4 and one per cent respectively.

The report further said most of the registered motor vehicles were from Japan and South Africa.

During the same quarter, Toyota was the most popular make in the first registrations followed by Mazda and Honda respectively, although the Japanese model's registrations had declined, it says.

The Statistics Botswana report also said that during the same period, the volume of goods transported through rail went down by 19.6 per cent from 279 868 net tonnes in quarter three to 224 938 net tonnes in quarter four.

It said a total of P41.9 million in revenue was generated in the transportation of goods through rail in the quarter under review.

The report also said the revenue generated from goods transported into, out and within the country constituted 93.6 per cent of the total, while goods transported through the country generated a small proportion.

As for air transport, it says a total of 11 149 aircraft movements were recorded, which is 8.4 per cent decline from the previous quarter, most of which movements were domestic. **BOPA**

BMC takes care of transport expenses

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Ngamiland farmers will no longer incur costs of transporting livestock from quarantines for slaughter as expenses will be taken care of by the Botswana Meat Commission, Maun branch.

Assistant Minister of Agriculture, Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi told farmers' associations during an engagement meeting in Maun on Tuesday that government had decided to share costs with farmers who would be required to pay only when transporting livestock to quarantines.

He said the decision was in response to farmers' outcry that transporters were making a kill at their expense.

It was also reported that farmers preferred to use the middle man instead of bringing their animals

to the quarantine as they believed that caring for animals was a challenge.

Mr Molebatsi believed that the move would motivate farmers to bring more animals to the quarantines and save themselves from economic ruin.

Although he informed the gathering that the ministry could not address all their challenges at once, they had agreed to prioritise them according to inflation points.

The gathering was also apprised about the recent rationalisation of the ministries and that Ministry of Agriculture would now focus on crop and animal production with a mandate to ensure food security in the country.

To achieve that, Mr Molebatsi said they realised the need to realign some functions because the ministry could not achieve anything with the current state of affairs.

"As the ministry leadership, we had to introspect and see what needed to be stopped, what needed to be improved to ensure the effectiveness of the ministry as well as to make hard choices in order to pick up Botswana," he added.

Mr Molebatsi said they had merged all research units as there was a lot of duplication of functions.

The ministry, he said, had also corrected the mistake of promoting high breed seeds over indigenous ones.

The ban on imports of some vegetables, he said, had also worked wonders for the country as horticulture farmers have been motivated to ensure continuous and adequate supply of vegetables to meet national demand.

The assistant minister also shared other priority areas such as assisting farmers with reproductive

technologies and distribution of semen across the country.

He expressed concern that the cattle population has declined and noted that efforts were underway to revamp non-functioning Artificial Insemination centres across the country so that farmers could access services closer.

Farmers' associations were also commended for working as units to easily access services as well as benefit from government programmes.

When sharing their challenges earlier, Mr Moalosi Sebati from Hainaveld Farmers Association called on government to take care of buffalo fences, noting that their current status was worrisome.

Hainaveld farmers, he said, were determined to take commercial farming to greater heights, but were frustrated by the fence, which he said was currently down and leading to the incursion of

both wild animals and cattle into prohibited areas.

Mr Sebati, therefore, called for electrification of the fence.

He also called for an establishment of a leather plant in the district, noting that they produced a lot of hides, but it went to waste.

The plant, he said, could also help to create employment opportunities for the locals.

Maun East area Member of Parliament, Mr Goretsetse Kekgonegile appreciated the assistant minister for engaging farmers, noting that traditionally, the Ngamiland community depended on agriculture for survival.

The agriculture sector, he said, used to contribute meaningfully to the Gross Domestic Product, but currently it was contributing less than five per cent, hence the need to take the sector seriously. **BOPA**

Kuke-Bere water supply project commences

By Malebogo Lekula

KUKE/BERE - A P19 million water supply project for Kuke and Bere communities has commenced.

Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) project manager, Mr Moeti Matswiri, told kgotla meetings in Kuke and Bere recently that the project, awarded to Ceego Engineering Services, would be completed within six months.

Some components of the scope of work, he explained, would be to convert the existing unplasticised polyvinyl chloride (UPVC) designs to high density polyethylene (HDPE) to use trenchless technology and installation of motor control centres for operation of boreholes.

Furthermore, he said they would fence borehole compounds, test and commission pipelines as well as install solar power to boreholes.

On other issues, Mr Matswiri said the water supply for both villages had been inadequate for a long time, but they had resorted to bowing water as a short term strategy.

Mr Matswiri said Kuke had about 1 226 people and their current water demand was at 100 cubic metres per day while Bere with a population of about 874 had a water demand of 73 cubic metres per day.

For his part, Ghanzi North MP,

Mr John Thiite implored Kuke residents to be patient with the implementation of government projects.

He said delay was due to insufficient funds and the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic that emptied government coffers.

MP Thiite encouraged residents to appreciate the little that government was providing since the focus was on resuscitating the economy.

He said implementation of projects had to be prioritised.

Meanwhile, Ghanzi South MP, Mr Motsamai Motsamai, applauded government for addressing the water shortage woes that had long besieged the constituency.

He pleaded with the contractors to deliver the project within time, scope and budget.

Mr Motsamai also requested for the installation of a treatment plant since communities decried the unpleasant taste of water from their water points.

Kgosi Montshonyana Xoage of Kuke appreciated launch of the water supply project, saying it would push for the completion of community projects that had been lagging behind due to water shortage.

He also pleaded with legislators to consider the distribution of electricity in their village, especially in government institutions for easy provision of services.

For his part, Kgosi Leneke Xharai of Bere said the water shortage was worsened by sharing of portable water with their livestock.

He, therefore, pleaded with the council management to consider re-connecting community boreholes for watering their

livestock.

In remarks, Ghanzi District Council chairperson, Mr Jeremiah Tibi, embraced the water project.

He said, 'it is not only vital for natural life, but also a natural resource that is at the core of sustainable development.'

Mr Tibi implored communities

to be aware that water was a finite resource that needed to be managed well and also pleaded with the village development committees and other community members to work cordially to protect all government properties in their localities from theft and misuse. **BOPA**



Kgosi Xharai (centre), Mr Motsamai (second left) and WUC technical team members during a tour of a low yielding borehole that waters Bere community. WUC has commenced a P19-million water supply project for Kuke and Bere communities. Photo: Malebogo Lekula

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Illegal drugs reach primary schools

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The age of illicit substance usage in Botswana has reportedly dropped from the junior school level to primary school level.

This was revealed by the Botswana Substance Abuse Support Network (BOSASNet), Counsellor and Media Coordinator, Mr Wazha Dambe in an interview recently.

He said one of the cases, the

centre was dealing with involved an eight-year-old, addicted to Methcathinone or cat.

"It is a very big concern, it is possible that drugs are being distributed to that age level".

Mr Dambe said although

most illicit substance users were youth, the incident of a young child added a unique dimension in illicit drug distribution in the country.

However, he said marijuana was still the most common drug, adding that there was a steady increase in hard drugs such as crack cocaine (madaena) and Methcathinone or cat as well as few cases of heroin and crystal meth.

"It appears that there is an increase of illicit substances," he said, added the problem of alcohol abuse in the country.

Mr Dambe said the centre received about 25 clients per month on average, from across all classes of the society.

However, he said over 70 per cent of their clients were men, while a lot of females did not seek counselling, which he said was a concern because other clients revealed that there were lots of ladies in crack houses around Gaborone.

For his part, Botswana Police Service spokesperson, senior superintendent Near Bagali concurred that illicit drug use was a problem in the country, but said the situation was however under control.

He said drug traffickers included Batswana and people of other nationalities, revealing that the police arrested 42 people last year, while 14 were arrested in 2020.

Supt. Bagali said in the past five years, the highest number of drug traffickers recorded was in 2017 with 72 people arrested.

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) world drug report for 2021, last year alone, around 275 million people had used drugs, up by 22 per cent from 2010.

The report said demographic factors project that by 2030 the number of people using drugs will rise by 11 per cent around

the world and by 40 per cent in Africa.

It further said illicit drug trade also continued to hold back economic and social development, while disproportionately impacting the most vulnerable and marginalised, as well as threatening security and stability in some parts of the world.

It said that drug markets were temporarily disrupted in most parts of the world during the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have recovered quickly.

"Nevertheless, the pandemic has triggered or accelerated some preexisting trafficking dynamics," it said.

These, the report said included larger shipment sizes and increased use of land and waterway routes, private planes, air cargo and postal parcels and contactless methods for delivering drugs to consumers.

On June 26, the world commemorated the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, under the theme: Addressing Drug Challenges in Health and Humanitarian Crises".

The day was commemorated to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs pose to society according to UNODC.

BOPA



Mr Modukanele (centre) handing over a certificate of the borehole donated by DWD Technologies Group to Ms Ditsie in Jwaneng on Tuesday. DWD Technologies Group drilled and equipped the borehole at the tune of P750 000. Looking on is Mr de Wet. Photo: Olekantse Sennamose

Assistance to meet national obligations welcome

By Olekantse Sennamose

JWANENG - A gesture to donate an eight cubic metre borehole worth P750 000 by DWD Technologies Group and Gem Drilling has been applauded as it came at the right time when government was in need of the private sector support amid COVID-19 consequences.

Appreciating the gesture, the Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Sethabelo Modukanele said even though the COVID-19 pandemic might have abated, government was still reeling from its financial consequences.

The consequences, he said had even forced shifting of national priorities; with the main focus being saving the lives of citizens through vaccine procurement.

"The current state of affairs therefore, means that government will welcome any gesture by the private sector to help meet national obligations of providing basic amenities such as water," he said during the handing over ceremony at Jwaneng on Tuesday.

Mr Modukanele said that such assistance by the private sector would enable government to quickly shift back to its initial development plans.

He said with such assistance, the Jwaneng Town Council (JTC) would now be able to resuscitate its parks and greening activities, which it was forced to suspend as a cost containment measure in the face of competing social needs.

The assistant minister also

advised the JTC to consider sharing the water with neighbouring communities, at a cost to generate revenue as councils had been encouraged to work towards reducing reliance on the central government for project funding.

Mr Mdukanele said the gesture by DWD Technologies Group was exactly what government had been encouraging the private companies to do.

"This donation stands out as a good example of what government has been advocating for; partnership between government and the private sector towards the development of this country," he said.

He therefore encouraged other companies to come on board and assist in providing reticulation services and water storage receptacles from the borehole to targeted areas in town.

On behalf of the donors, DWD Technologies Group director, Mr Rudie de Wet said that they were privileged to have assisted JTC, and indicated that it was not the first related project they had handed to the community.

He cited the handing over of another borehole at Betesankwe settlement, which had a dire challenge of water shortage, as well as other projects across the country.

"As a company, we have also been drastically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but despite all that we have tried by all means to assist communities. We retained our employees throughout the pandemic and

after it abated. We increased our staff because we are aware that in our society, employing an individual is also indirectly helping their dependents," he said.

Mr De Wet said that as a company, giving back to the community was dear to their hearts and that they would be happy if the borehole could be used to help communities even beyond Jwaneng Township.

In her word of acceptance, Jwaneng mayor, Ms Olga Ditsie said the town had decided on the amusement park as a way of providing people with a place for entertainment, but due to high water bills they could not maintain it or other parks around town.

She said that the borehole would now enable JTC to resuscitate its parks, especially in support of the environmental regeneration strategy, which seeks to make Jwaneng green.

For his part Gem Drilling managing director, Mr Rudah Kereng also thanked DWD Technologies Group for having acceded to partnering to help the town, saying that the company had been supportive even to upcoming citizen owned companies.

"Personally, they have been helpful to my company in as far as imparting skills such as technical ability, so helping is part and parcel of their culture," he said.

Furthermore, he said that was the spirit that his company had learnt from them. **BOPA**



Mr Dambe

Madiba pupils donate to needy learners

By Onkarabile Moeng

MAHALAPYE - Madiba Senior Secondary School's Development Studies (DVS) pupils have embarked on a charity project aimed at donating toiletry and sanitary pads to learners in need.

To achieve this, the pupils have partnered with Basadi ba Dignity and Young Married Women in Christ organisations, which on Monday contributed some sanitary pads and toiletries towards the charity project.

Explaining the objective of the project, the school's DVS senior teacher, Mr Dimpho Khutsafalo said the project, which formed part of the pupils' final examination results, was also meant to promote team work among teachers, learners, and the community to produce good academic results.

"Through this project, we intend

to instill spirit of volunteerism among learners so that they can grow with it and use it throughout their lifetime because the project is also aimed at giving back to the school, as a form of social responsibility since pupils also contribute towards helping those in need," he added.

Mr Khutsafalo also said the initiative promoted self-reliance amongst Madiba school learners and staff as they acquired entrepreneurial and managerial skills.

In her welcome remarks, the school head, Ms Masego Gaorengwe thanked the two organisations for contributing towards the project and expressed hope that, with time, something big would happen.

"It is not every time that the needy can come forward and ask for help, therefore it is for the society to identify and help them," she said. **BOPA**

Wellness committees critical for productivity

By Keamogetse Letsholo

KASANE - Workplace wellness committees should be used to encourage healthy living and wellness.

Speaking at a wellness day event hosted by Botswana Defence Force (BDF) at Pandamatenga Military College recently, Kgosi David Mafikizolo called for revival of wellness committees in the workplace, saying it was government's wish to see people living a healthy lifestyle.

He said programmes offered by the committees helped in reducing health care expenses and promoted wellness.

He noted with concern a tendency by some people to ignore their health while some delayed seeking medical assistance.

He reminded his audience that absence from work due to ill health affected productivity in the workplace.

Kgosi Mafikizolo thus advised on the need to regularly visit health facilities for testing and screening for diseases.

He said the theme: A healthy Body, a Healthy Mind Amid COVID-19, challenged all to introspect and to start taking care of their health.

On other issues, Kgosi Mafikizolo complained of the increasing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) cases in Pandamatenga and called on those aggrieved to seek guidance and counselling before they could resort to violence.

In his welcome remarks, the course coordinator for intake 78 of 2022, Major Ishmael Dibebe said hosting a wellness day at a time when the world was struggling with COVID-19 gave hope as it revitalised and rejuvenated participants.

He said the event was organised to provide a platform for various stakeholders to teach on living healthy lives, HIV/AIDS management in the BDF and mitigation of Non-Communicable Diseases.

Major Dibebe said the wellness activity had also included blood donation to mitigate the country's blood bank deficit.

On the importance of keeping the body active, Warrant Officer II Oabile Tamora said physical training was critical as it conditioned the body for work.

He said physical training also helped reduce body weight, noting that failure to control weight could lead to heart diseases and obesity.

Constable Neo Mosupiemeng shared about the newly introduced Gender and Children Production Office in the Botswana Police Service.

She said this year the office recorded five cases of assault common, three of assault occasioning, three unlawful wounding one of threat to kill, one of murder and one of rape and one of failure to comply.

Cst Mosupiemeng implored men to comply with child maintenance court orders and to desist from physically abusing their partners.

A nurse in charge at Pandamatenga Base Clinic,

Major Kabelo Sentsho informed the audience about family planning methods and how they should be used to avoid unwanted pregnancies that resulted in illegal abortions and maternal deaths.

Major Sentsho said it was essential to give the BDF intake information on contraceptives in order for them to make informed decisions on when to start families after completing their training. **BOPA**



BDF members donating blood during the Military College Wellness day in Pandamatenga recently. Photo: Keamogetse Letsholo



PUBLIC AUCTION SALE SELIBE-PHIKWE

Sale



The Botswana Unified Revenue intends to conduct an open public Auction Sale at the Selibe -Phikwe Regional office (Industrial site) on the **06th -07th July 2022**.

Viewing Date: 04TH-05TH July 2022 | **Time:** 0900HRS-1500HRS

Below is a list of the goods that will be available for Sale.

LOT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	RESERVE PRICE	LOT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	RESERVE PRICE
1-42	Assorted Party Decorations	200.00	223	Nikura Food Processor	150.00
43-61	Second hand clothes + Open View decoder	200.00	224	Agiz Star Cutlery set (72 pieces)	300.00
62-71	New clothing + Open View decoder	200.00	225	3 carpet mats	100.00
72-80	Second hand shoes	200.00	226	Traffic Cones	100.00
81-84	Sleeping Comforters	50.00	227	Car Led Lights	500.00
85-87	Duvet Set	250	228	Car Audio Devices & Accessories	200.00
88	4 Window Curtains	100.00	229-233	Set Car Mat (each)	50.00
89-100	Bucket Hat (Assorted Colors)	300.00	234	Bicycle Tube & Accessories	50.00
101	New Handbags + Electric Kettle + Open view Decoder	200.00	235	Phone/Watch Batteries	100.00
102-103	Used Hand Bags + Electric Kettle + Open View Decoder	200.00	236	Car Led lights	500.00
104-124	3 Electric Kettle + Cutlery Set (each)	150.00	237	Silicon (2boxe)	500.00
125	2 Canister + Cutlery Set	150.00	238	Benz engine Fan	400.00
126-133	Vase + Cake Stand + Baking Tray (each)	300.00	239	Isuzu Sunroof & Bonnet	1000.00
134	Ponding Set (Ceramic)	150.00	240	Lead light Bar	100.00
135-215	10 Open View Decoder (each)	500.00	241	Sport light	200.00
216 -219	Bale Clothing (each)	500.00	242	Bonnet Covers	200.00
220	26 Pieces Stainless steel	500.00	243	Assorted clothing	200.00
221	22 Pieces Stainless Steel cookware set	400.00	244	Motor Vehicle Kia Cerato	10000.00
222	6 prices Jingyifa Cookware set	400.00			

Method of Payment: Only done through Point of Sale (POS), swiping or Cash will be accepted as method of payment.

Conditions of Sale

- The Auction will be open to Botswana Citizen and wholly citizen owned companies.
- There will be no viewing of items on the Auction date.
- Prospective bidder will be expected to bring/provide a valid copy of National Registration /Company Certificate and Contact details
- Goods will be offered to the highest bidder after payment of the bid price within 24 hrs from the time the offer is announce to the winner.
- Goods will be sold with Reserve Price and only bids equivalent or above the reserve price will be considered.
- Goods will be sold as is "i.e. without any form of warranty or guarantee hereto attached.

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Ditsamaiso tsa palamente di tlaa sekasekwa

Ka Kehumile Moekejo

MOSHUPA - Melawana e e tsmaisang dipuisanyo tsa Palamente e tlaa sekasekwa mo kgweding e e tlang go netefatsa gore serodumo sa Palamente se a boela.

Se se builwe ke motsamaisa dipuisanyo tsa palamente, Rre Phandu Skelemani kwa phuthegong ya lenaneo la go isa Palamente kwa bathong kwa Moshupa ka Mosupologo.

Rre Skelemani a re ba lemogile fa Batswana ba ngongorega ka boitshwaro jwa mapalamente mangwe ntswa maiteko a go kgalema a dirwa gangwe le gape.

“Tota Batswana ba a ngongorega gore bangwe ba mapalamente ga ba tlotlane e bile ga ba buisanaye sentle kwa palamenteng.

Ka 2019 re ne ra rutuntsha mapalamente ka tsamaiso le boitshwaro jwa kwa palamenteng mme go a bonala seemo se boetsa kwa morago.”

Rre Skelemani a re puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya go gasa dipuisanyo tsa palamente mo maranyaneng e le maiteko a go atumetsa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng, selo se a reng jaanong se sengwa boleng ke boitshwaro jwa mapalamente mangwe jo bo fapaanang le botho jo Batswana ba itseweng ka jone.

“Fa re ne re dirisa setho sa rona se re tswang kgakala ka sone melawana e e tsmaisang palamente e ka bo e sa tlhokege.

Ga re tlhokane le melawana gore re tlotlane.”

E rila e mo kgwa dikgaba, Kgosi Malepa Orekgeng wa Ntlhantle a re go tshabisa ditlhong gore mapalamente ba bo ba sa itlotle e bile ba sa tlotle setshaba se se lebelelang dipuisanyo tsa bone kwa Palamenteng.

A re mo malatsing a gompiano Palamente e reediwa le ke bana, ka jalo go botlhokwa gore mapalamente a tlotlane.

“Maitsholo a mapalamente mangwe a tshabisa ditlhong e bile a a fatlha, ga a supe setho sa Batswana.”

A re go botlhokwa gore mapalamente ba rutuntshiwe mo go tseletseng ka boitshwaro le tlotlo jaaka ba tshwanetse go dira e le baemedi ba setshaba.

Rre Felix Bome le ene o ne a iteela mafoko ao kobo moroko, a tlhalosa gore mapalamente a tshwanetse go nna sekao mo baneng ba ba reetsang dipuisanyo tsa bone.

A re ba tshwanetse ba tlhaloganya gore ba tlhophetswe go ya go emela setshaba ka neelano le tlotlo e seng go tlotlolola seriti sa Motswana.

“A re tlotlaneng go lo ko palamenteng...lo batsadi, lo bomme le borre, a re tshwaraneng sentle.”

Mopalamente wa Moshupa/Manyana Rre Karabo Gare ene o ne a leboga Rre Skelemani le badiri ka ene go bo ba sedimoseditse batho ba kgaolo ya gagwe ka fa palamente e tsamaisiwang ka teng.

O ne a tlhalosa gore e re ntswa kabakanyo ya madi e buisanngwa e be e dumalanwa ke mapalamente, go na le diemo tse di patikang gore ditumalano tseo di fetogelwe mme se, se ame ditlhabololo.

O ne a fa sekai ka segajaja sa COVID-19 se se tseletseng ka go tlhotlhora sekgwama sa puso, mme ka go dira jalo se ame ditlhabololo.

Rre Gare gape o ne a tlhalosa fa tsamaiso e sa letlelele botona go phuthologa go akgela le go botsa mo dikgannyeng dingwe fa go tshwantshangwa le mapalamente a a emetseng dikgaolo fela. **BOPA**



Sengwe sa ditlhophisa tsa mmimo wa Polka tse di neng di iteisanya borathana go ipatlela phatlha kwa makgaolagannyeng a a tlaa tshwarwang kwa Ghanzi. Ditlhophisa di ne di gaisanya gape ka mmimo wa Namastaap. Senepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Ga a sha legong ga sala molora

Ka Cathrine Simane

TSABONG - Go ne go sha legong ga sala molora jaaka ditlhophisa tsa mmimo wa Polka le Namastaap di ne di iteisanya borathana go ipatlela phatlha kwa makgaolagannyeng a dikgaisanong tsa bodiragatsi tsa setshaba tse di tlaa tshwarwang kwa Gantsi ka Phukwi.

Ditlhophisa tse di ne di thulane kwa Tsabong mo Kgalagadi Borwa ka mafelo a beke ka setlhogo se se reng; Dikgwebo tsa Botaki le Bodiragatsi, Tsela ya go Godisa Ditlhabololo le Itsholelo.

Remmogo go tswa Ghanzi se ne sa feta ka tse di tsididi ba longwa serota ke Ales sa Mondlek go tswa Khuis, maemo a boraro a gapiwa ke Honey Polka go tswa Kanye fa maemo a bone a tserwe ke Bly Geseen go tswa Khawa.

Mo mminong wa Namastap setlhophisa sa Khoesip go tswa Tsabong se ne sa ikgapela maemo a ntlha, maemo a bobedi a ikgapelwa ke Khara Koen go tswa Lokgwabe, setlhophisa sa Khobasen go tswa Ghanzi sa ikgapela a boraro fa a bone a gapilwe ke Vastrap kwa Ghanzi.

Molomaganya ditirelo tsa lephata

la Tlhabololo Banana, Bong, Metshameko le Ngwao, Rre Moeti Godisamang a re dikgaisanyo tse di tlhamilwe go rotloetsa, go godisa, go tsosolosa ngwao, go amogelana le go lemoga motswako wa ngwao e e nonneng e bile e farologanye mo lefatsheng leno ka bophara.

A re mmimo wa Polka o setse o godile go ralala lefatsho fa go tshwanngwa le mo nakong e e fetileng ka ditlhophisa tse di neng di gaisana ka 2011 di ne di le tharo mme palo eo e tsholetsegile go ya kwa go masome a mararo fa Namastaap e ne e le nngwe go tswa Lokgwabe mme mo nakong eno di supa.

A re dikgaisano tsa Polka le Namastaap di ne di kopantse badiragatsi go tswa dikgaolong tse di farologanyeng di akaretsa Legare, Bokone Bophirima, Borwa le Kgalagadi/Gantsi.

Rre Godisamang a tlhalosa fa ditlhophisa tse nne tse di gaisitseng mo mminong wa Polka le Namastaap di ka ikgapela P30 000 maemo a ntlha, P25 000 a bobedi, a boraro P22 500 fa a bone e le P20 000 kwa makgaolaganyeng kwa Gantsi.

O ne a supa fa gape mhama wa

bodiragatsi, botaki le ngwao o ka nowa moro ka o felela o araba selemo sa letlhoko la ditiro.

A re batakhi le bone ba oba letsogo go tokofatsa matshelo a bone le gone go tlhamela ba bangwe ditiro.

A re lenaneo la ga Tautona la tlhomo ntsha le tlaa thusa mo kgodisong ya dikgwebo tse dipotlana.

O tlhalositse gore bommampodi ba ba tsereng maemo a ntlha ba tlaa ya Gaborone ka malatsi a boitapoloso a ga Tautona mme ba nnelwe dietsele jaaka ba tlaa bo ba natefisa mo meletlong eo.

Mo mafokong a gagwe mongwe wa baatlhodi ba Polka Mme Pana Badenhorst o ne tlhalosa fa mmimo oo o godile e bile boleng jwa one bo setse bo le kwa godimo.

A re se se itumedisang ke gore badiragatsi ba setse ba o tsaya tsia, a supa fa ba ne ba tsile dikgaisanyong ba itlhokoditsetse go nna bafenyi.

Mme Badenhorst o ne a supa mmimo wa Polka kwa tshimolodisong ya one o ne o supa lorato ka jaana o binwa go itumetswe e le tsele nngwe ya go intsha bodutu mme mo nakong eno ba itshetsa ka one.

O boletse fa mo nakong ya gompiano batlhokakutlo le bone ba ne ba tseletseng dikgaisanyo, selo se a supileng fa se supa neelano le kgatlhego e tona mo merafeng e e farologanyeng ka jaana le bone ba dirile bontle ka go ikgapela maemo a lesome le boraro mo ditlhopheng di le masome a mararo.

Mopalamente wa Kgalagadi Borwa, Rre Sam Brooks o ne a supa fa dikgaisanyo tseo di le botlhokwa ka di gwetlha gore ditlhophisa di ipaakanye mo go tseletseng go sireletsa ditlente tsa bone.

Rre Brooks o ne a gakolola ba ba sa fenyang gore seka ba itlhoboga mme ba ye go baakanya diphoso.

O ne a kgothatsa ba ba tlaa ntshang tlhogo go ntsha ga tshwene mo legatong le le tlang. **BOPA**

Dikomiti ga di sale ditsamaiso morago

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

SEROWE - Mofusa mokwaledi wa khansale-potlana ya Serowe, Mme Motshidisi Mmolawa a re ditsamaiso dingwe tse di sa salweng morago ke dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo di a tshwenya.

O ne a bua jaana ka Mosupologo fa dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa Serowe tse di leng disha mo go tlhophiweng di fiwa ditluto tsa ditsamaiso tse ba tshwanetseng go di sala morago.

Mme Mmolawa a re go le gantsi dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo ga di tsamae sentle mo dikgannyeng tsa go tsaya boikarabelo.

O supile fa bontsi jwa dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tse di fetileng di ne tsa seka tsa tsaya ka tlhoafalo kgang ya gore ba tsise bosupi jo bo neng bo tlhokwa fa go dupiwa dibuka.

O ne a itsese dikomiti tseo fa di direla setshaba mme dithoto tsa morafe di le mo diatleng tsa bone, ka jalo ba tshwanetse ba dire tiro ya bone ka manontlhotlho.

A re ba tshwanetse ke go kopa thuso mo go bommaboipelego ka ba dira thata le bone.

Mme Mmolawa o ne gape a kopa dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse go dira mmogo ntsheng le dikgogakgogano ka di busetsa tiro

kwa morago.

Modupi wa dibuka tsa khansale potlana ya Serowe, Mme Engelinah Letshabo le ene o ne a supa fa e le badupi ba dibuka ba itemogetse fa dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse di sa tshware madi le dithoto tsa setshaba sentle.

A re go le gantsi dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo ga di kwale madi a ba a amogetseng go tswa gologongwe mme ba felele ba nna le a a tshaelang fa go dupiwa dibuka, ka jalo a re madi a tshwanetse a kwalwe a bo a direlwe diresiti.

O ne a re dikomiti di tshwanetse di nne le lenaneo la gore di tsile go dira eng mo ngwageng go itse gore

ba tlaa dirisa madi jang.

O kopile dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa metse go baya dibuka tsa bone sentle fa go babalesegileng go itsa gore di mele maoto kgotsa di senyenge.

A re o itemogetse gape gore dikomiti di tlogela bangwe ba nna mo matlong go sena ditumalano.

Mme Letshabo o ne a kopa dikomiti tseo go itlwaetsa go dira ditumalano ka mokwalo gore e tle e nne bosupi fa dibuka di dupiwa.

O ne a kopa dikomiti, bogolo jang motshwara madi go baya madi otlhe kwa polokelong gore ba seka ba nna le tlhalelo epe ya madi fa ba dupiwa. **BOPA**

Ba ga Mokgalo-o-thebe ba a itshunuka

Ka Kehumile Moekejo

KANYE - E tlaa re Lwetse a tlhola malatsi a le masome mabedi le boraro baemedi ba bogosi jwa ga Ngwaketse ba bo ba le kwa Lesotho ba ile go batlela Kgosi Malope II sego sa metsi.

Modulasetilo wa komiti e e rulaganyetsang nyalo ya ga Kgosi Malope le moletlo wa go ipelela dingwaga di le lesome a tlhomilwe kgosikgolo o boletse phuthago ya bobegadikgang kwa Kanye ka Labobedi fa patlo e tlaa salwa morago ke mokete ka le le latelang, fa mohumagadi a tlaa gorosiwa kwa Kanye kgwedi e e latelang e supa.

Rre Otladisa Koosaletse a re meletlo e, ke mengwe ya ditiro tse ditona tse di tlhokang morafe go ema ka dinao.

“Re solofetse gore tiro e e tshologelwe ke batho ba le bantsi, ka jalo re tshwanetse ra e ipaakanyetsa. Tiro e, e tona e bile e tlhoka thotloetso ya morafe ka kakaretso.”

O rotloeditse morafe wa ga Ngwaketse go ikamanya le dikomiti ka go farologana gore tiro eo e atlege.

“Maikaelelo ke go bona gore dithulaganyo di dirwa ka tsela e e siameng e e nang le morero. Re rotloetsa le ba-na-le seabe ka go farologana go tsenya letsogo mo tirong e.”

E re ka jaana mokete wa go ipelela dingwaga di le lesome Kgosi Malope a tlhomilwe kgosikgolo ya Bangwaketse o ne wa tlosolosiwa ngogola, Rre Koosaletse o supile fa le one o tlaa nna ngwaga ono kgwedi ya Phalane e tlhola malatsi a le matlhano.

A re Bangwaketse ba tshwanetse ke go tlotlomsa mokete o ka go ipelela ditiro tse Kgosi Malope a di dirileng a le mo setilong.

“Re tshwaetse re mo tlotlomsa ka ditiro tse a di dirileng e le mong wa rona mo dingwageng tse some tse. Re tshwanetse ra lebogela gore Bangwaketse ba ka fa tlase ga bogosi jo e leng gore ba ka ipelafatsa ka jone mo Borwa jwa Afrika.”

A re kwa ntle ga go timola matlhotlhapelo

a a bakilweng ke bolwetse jwa COVID-19 mo dingwageng tse di fetileng, moletlo oo gape ke ipelafatso ya diphithhelelo tsa ga Kgosi Malope, ka tse a di kgonneng le ditiro tse a neng a di rotloetsa morago ga go tlhomiwa kgosikgolo.

A re mo dikgwageng tse di lesome e le kgosikgolo, Kgosi Malope o ne a tlhomiwa mothusa modulasetilo wa Ntlo ya Dikgosi, a bo a tlosolosa dikgafela le moletlo wa letsatsi la ngwao.

A re ka thotloetso ya gagwe, ditshupo tsa temo-thuo di ne tsa boela mme leobo la kgotla kgolo la atolosiwa.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Koosaletse o akgoletse kgosikgolo thotloetso ya gagwe mo go agelelweng ga mabitla a Mmalekwa, kwa go boloketsweng magosi a ga Ngwaketse, baruti ba kereke ya Lontone le masole a pele teng.

O boletse gore mo go ipaakanyetseng moletlo oo, go tlaa nna le ditiro tsa matlhagola tsela ka go farologana di akaretse go bolotsa



Kgosi Malope II

mophato, ditshupo tsa dikgafela, letsatsi la barui ga mmogo le lobelo lo lo itsegeng ka leina la Kgosi Malope II Marathon.

A re maikaelelo ke go kokoanya madi a a tlaa thusang mo tirong eo, mme gape ba kopantse le go batla barotloetsi.

E rile a tswa la gagwe, Kgosi Thatayaone Makaba a supa fa dipaakanyo tsa tseo ya ga Kgosi Malope di tswelsetse sentle mme ba

tswelsetse ka go rerisanya le batsadi le ba-na-le seabe ka go farologana.

O tlhalositse fa gape mephato ka go farologana e tswelsetse ka go ipaakanyetsa go keteka moletlo wa go bewa ga ga kgosikgolo.

“Re eletsa gore letsatsi leo re itshupeng ka go dira bontle, le go leboga Modimo gore rraarona Kgosi Malope a bo a na le dingwaga di le lesome e le kgosikgolo.” **BOPA**

Moretlwa o santse o tlaa lela - Kgosi Seretse

Ka Tshiamiso Moseitlha

SEROWE - Banana ba ba sa direng gope ba rotloeditse go batla ditsela dingwe tsa go dira dikgwebo tse di potlana go itshetsa go na le go tlhola ba gobeya mo mekgwatheng le go nwa majalwa.

Kgosi Serogola Seretse o buile jalo kwa thuto-puisanyong tsa malatsi a mararo kwa Serowe. Go ne go tsile banana ba le makgolo mabedi go tswa mo Serowe le tikologo.

A re e le ba bogosi, ba duba thankga ya go lwantsha bothlokatshebe jwa banana.

A re ditsheko tse dintsi ke tsa banana ba ba senyang, ba ba thubang matlo ba utswa dithoto.

A re ba tlaa tswelela ba letsa moretlwa go fitlhelela banana ba tsena mo tseleng.

O boletse fa go ngomola pelo go bo dingwaga tsa bone di santse dile kwa tlase, mme maina a bone a le mo dibukeng tsa mapodisi tsa meloto.

A re le gone go tswa menwana go tsile go ba senyetsa isago ka gore ga ba kake ba thapiwa gope.

Kgosi o boletse fa mapodisi a tlogela ditiro tse dingwe jaanong a tlhola ba alotse banana ba ba ikaeletseng go amoga batho dithoto.

O ba rotloeditse go adima masimo mo masikeng, ba leme ba rue go na le go nna fela ba solofela fa ba ka thapiwa.

Rre Botshelo Nthaga, mongwe wa banana o boletse fa dithuto tseo e le go arogana maele a botshelo, le go ba tlhatlhelela ka fa ba ka kopang dithuso ka teng mo pusong.

Rre Nthaga o boletse fa maikaelelo e le go fetola ka fa ba akanyang ka teng.

Bontsi jwa banana ba boletse fa go tlhoka lefatshe la kgwebo go ba beile ka fa mosing.

Ba boletse gape gore ba ba setseng ba na le dikgwebo, dingwe di phuthame ka ntata ya go tlhoka kitso ya go ipapatsa le go di tsa maaisa.

Fa a ntsha la gagwe, mokhanselara e bile e le mogwebi go tswa Gaborone, Mme Motamma Horatius o rotloeditse banana go tsena mo dikgwebong go na le go baya matshelelo a bone mo pusong fela.

Mme Horatius, yo o kileng a tsenelela Big Brother Africa o boletse banana gore ba seka ba kgojwa marapo ke sepe.

O boletse fa palo ya banana e le yone e ntsi mme gape ke bone ba gateletsweng ke letlhoko la ditiro, ka jalo o ba rotloeditse go ema ka dinao go dira dikgwebo go itshetsa.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Reference is made to **PVT-Recruit Vacancy 1/2022**, which closed on the **10th June 2022**.

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NB: We acknowledge and appreciate all applicants for showing interest to be the shield of the nation. However, we regret to inform you that applicants who are not shortlisted must regard themselves unsuccessful.

Thank you.

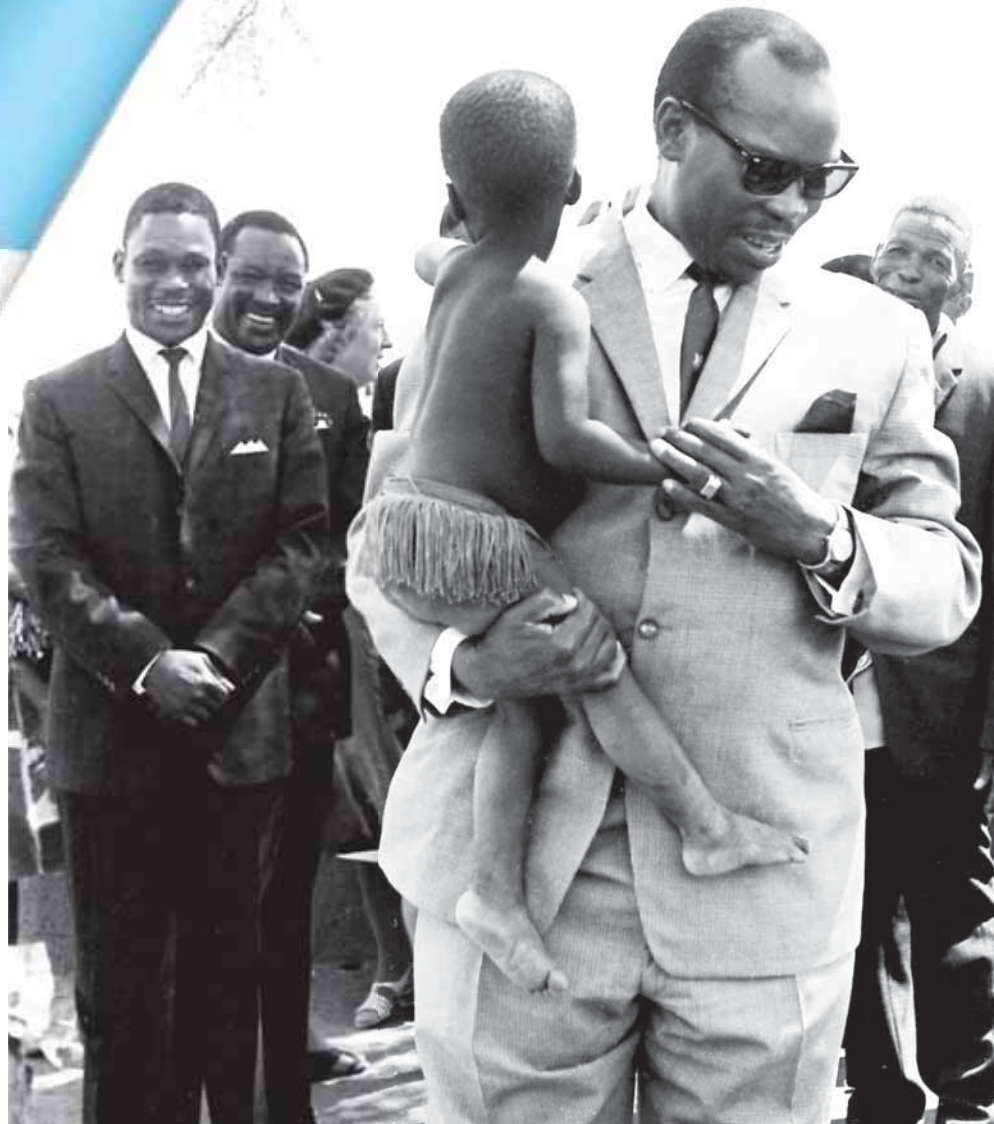
For Enquiries call: 366 2135 / 74 735 532 / 71 373 483

Sir Seretse Kh

Born on July 1, 1921 in Serowe

At the time Botswana became
stewardship of state resources,

Sir Seretse also believed in pea
so doing he ensured Botswana
of today enjoys. Sir Seretse bel
Conference (SADCC) which has



Sir Seretse visiting Tlokweng in 1967.



As part of the House



Sir Seretse arriving at Tlokweng Kgotla in 1967.



At the Lusaka Non-Aligned Conference in 1970.



Sir Seretse being briefed by Mr Christopher Quill Hermans the first governor of Bank of Botswana in 1976. Behind them is Mr Festus Mogae (later third president of Botswana).



Sir Seretse accompanied by Commissioner of Police Lieutenant Colonel Fredrick Carrington at Gaborones Airfield to board plane to Commonwealth Conference in 1969.

Botswana: History in pictures

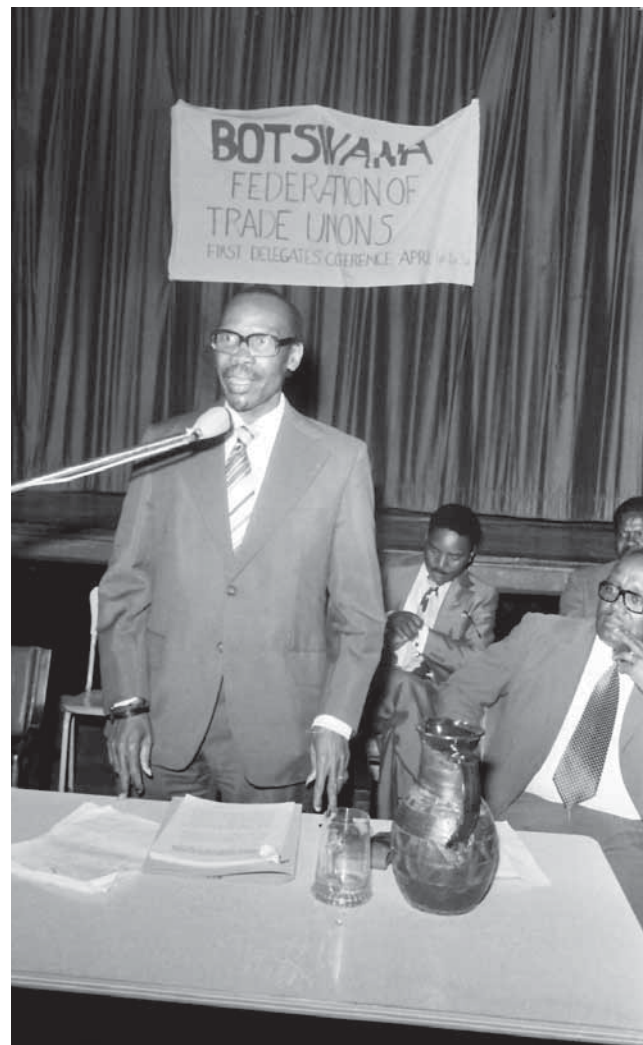
Sir Seretse believed in and promoted multiracial, multi-party democracy.

When Botswana became independent, in 1966, it was one of the world's poorest nations and under Sir Seretse's leadership, prudent policies and shrewd leadership Botswana quickly grew economically and rose to become one of Africa's fastest developing countries.

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Meeting of Chiefs meeting in 1968.



Addressing one of the federation of trade union meetings in 1977.



Sir Seretse addressing a BDP conference in 1975.



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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHGB-000104-21

IN THE ESTATE of the late EBRAHIM AHMED NHAMJEE who died at Gaborone West Plot 17640, Gaborone, Gaborone District, in the Republic of Botswana on 24th day of March 2021.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the twenty-one (21) days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 23rd DAY OF JUNE 2022

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CERTAIN: Piece of land being **Lot 18695, Francistown** MEASURING: 389m² (**Three hundred and eighty nine square metres**)

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All persons having to object to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

Dated: 21 June 2022

ADDRESS
P O BOX 11023
TATITOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000126/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **THONA KEIKANETSWE MORWAAGOLE** who died at Maalatswang ward, Bokaa, Kgatleng District, Botswana, on the 22nd February 2018.

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

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000030/18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **EDWARD KHUDUBEGO MALALA** – ESHFT 000030/18 who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District on the 08th May 2017.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2022

Kefilwe Malala

Executor Dative

P O Box 10188

Palapye

Kealeboga Malala

Executor Dative

P O Box 133 AEJ Gaborone

AND TO: Master of the High Court

Private Bag F13

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His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana and the Chairperson of SACU Summit, Dr. Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi will be hosting the 7th SACU Summit of Heads of State or Government. The Summit will be preceded by the 47th Meeting of the SACU Council of Ministers on 28th-29th June 2022.

Date: 30th June 2022

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1 FARM WORKER wanted at Maanege lands contact: 72 871 649

FARM WORKER WANTED. Apply to Phasilina Masalila Moremi P O Box 80584 Gaborone.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION, NOTICE is hereby given that the owner of plot-4719 at Gabane wishes to erect a boundary wall for his residential plot. Any objections from neighbours please contact the Mogoditshane Sub-District Council, Building Control Office. Benedict Ototeng- 74 272 740

TAIAN CONSTRUCTION WISH to build double storey on Lot 34280 Block 8 Gaborone. Contact Mr Chen on 71269488

GAOLATLHE F. NCUBE wishes to inform plot owners of Plot nos; 739, 821, 822, 852 and 1492 in Matebeleng, of his intention to change use of his horticulture plot to residential use. For comments contact physical planning, Kgatleng district council at 5773200 within 14 days of this publication.

I, MPHOKEBITSANG, owner of plot No. 1309, Gamodubu located in Kweneng, would like to notify whoever it may concern of my intentions to change land use from single to group living. For comment/ objection, contact building control office in Molepolole/ These numbers Archie 71 891 362 / 73 891 362.

CHANGE OF LAND USE owner of plot 37450 in Mogoditshane, notify change of land use from multi to single residential. For queries: Contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning 3166646

OWNER OF COMMERCIAL plot number 30513, Kanye 'CBD' informs plot neighbours that she wants to erect perimeter boundary wall. Objections to be forwarded to Kanye building control office : 5446057 within 14 days of this publication or kindly contact GTM Architects (Pty) Ltd : 72 237 919 for more clarification.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000123/21

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **EULIE B P SEWANE** who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **07th May 2021.**

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

Dated at on..... the..... Day of 2022

The Executor

Stoney Uzibe Sewane

Po Box 550398

Gaborone

Tel: 74101011

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2013)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT

1. ZIBANI KGATLHEGO and **CHRISTINAH KGATLHEGO**, married out community of property on the 16th May 2015, in Gaborone, wish to change their property regime to in community of property.
2. The parties intend 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 the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

ZIBANI KGATLHEGO, cell:72534131

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1ST PUBLICATION

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- f) All work carried out in accordance with mines quarries and machinery act and ISO18001.

Desired Candidate Profile:

- Trade Certification of Electrician with at least three years apprenticeship.
- Familiarity with managing work through ERP Systems such as SAP is a must.
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Interested applicants who meet the above criteria are required to submit a detailed CV together with a certified copy of their certificate(s), and references to asavacancies@gmail.com. or mail them to P.O. Box 1937 Gaborone or submit at Plot 14390 Gaborone West Industrial.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHGB-000104-21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **EBRAHIM AHMED NHAMJEE** who died at Gaborone West Plot 17640, Gaborone, Gaborone District, in the Republic of Botswana on 24th day of March 2021.

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

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VACANCY

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Minimum Requirements

- Certificate in Business Administration or Certificate in Human Resources Management
- 1 year work experience in Human Resources or Business Administration will be an added advantage
- BGCSE Certificate with credit (Minimum grade C) in English and Mathematics
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office family of programs; Microsoft Word and Excel knowledge is essential.

Competencies

- Sound verbal and written communication skills
- Strong Interpersonal skills
- Ability to multi-task under pressure
- Customer service orientated
- Organising and maintaining schedules
- Trust worthy and high level of respect for confidentiality
- Organised
- Self motivated

Closing date for applications is 07 July 2022.

Interested candidates should send a comprehensive CV, certified copies of Educational Certificates; Omang (ID) and References and a covering letter to:

The Human Resources Manager
P O Box 40328 Gaborone



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- Good computer skills
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- Good writing skills

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- Planning & organizing Green Houses.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement Requirements: **Procurement of Consultancy Services**

RFP-10-2022- Road User Risk Awareness Survey for MVA Fund

PPRA registration: **Code 317- Other Consultancy Services-** Sub code: 01 (Management Consultancy Services) or 02 (Education Research Consultancy)

Prescribed Reservation Schemes: **100% Locally registered Citizen owned Companies**

Tender Fees: A non-refundable fee of P150.00 standard and P75.00 VAT inclusive for youth owned companies in Botswana
Tenders Closing: **28th July 2022**

RFP-11-2022- Development of Records Management Strategy (2023 – 2027) for MVA Fund

PPRA registration: **Code 139 Miscellaneous Services-** Sub code: 06 (Library and Archives Services)

Prescribed Reservation Schemes: **100% Locally registered Citizen owned Companies**

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Department of Road Transport and Safety

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY REGIONAL SUPPLIER DATA BASE

1. TITLE

PROVISION OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES, SERVICES AND WORKS TO DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY REGIONAL OFFICES; GABORONE REGION, LOBATSE REGION, MAUN REGION, FRANCISTOWN REGION & PALAPYE REGION

2. BACKGROUND

The Government of Botswana through Department of Road Transport & Safety (DRTS), under the auspices of Ministry of Transport & Public Works is responsible for Vehicle Registration & Licensing, Driver Examination, Vehicle Examination and promoting Road Safety. This is done through the acquisition of various Supplies and outsourcing of services to the Department at Regional level.

3. INVITATION

Calls for expression of Interest from interested 100% citizen-owned, locally registered and reputable companies who qualified for Preferential Scheme benefits of Local Procurement Scheme (LPS) to join the Department Regional Supplier Data Base for financial year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

4. ELEGIBILITY

- 100% citizen-owned companies
- Locally registered Companies
- Youth (18-35 years) or Disabled (submission of disability certificate for people living with Disability if applicable) or Women registered Companies

5. SELECTION PROCESS

Interested parties would be expected to submit the following;

- Valid Tax Clearance (subject to verification online) or Exemption by BURS.
- Certified copy of Valid Trade License.
- Certified copy of Omang/ID for the Director
- Company Bank Accounts details (attach confirmation letter from the bank)
- Detailed Company profile with location, plot number, addresses-email, physical and the contacts.

SUBMISSION DETAIL

One (1) Original of Expression of Interest shall be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked:

"Expression of Interest for the provision of Various Supplies, Works and Services to Department of Road Transport & Safety for Financial year 2022-2023 & 2023-2024" and address to: Regional Manager, Department of Road Transport and Safety.

Proposals MUST also be marked name of the Region that covers the area of your trade and submit to that particular Regional Office i.e Gaborone Region; DRTS

Procurement Office No 29/30
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Procurement Office No 16
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Maun Region: DRTS
Procurement Office
First Floor
Roots Tower Office, Old Mall

Palapye Region; DRTS
Procurement Office No 17
Industrial Site

Francistown Region; DRTS
Procurement Office
Sunshine Plaza, Marang Super Spar

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Telephonic, telex, faxed and email submissions will NOT be considered.
For all queries relating to this expression of Interest please contact the following Officers;

Gaborone Region DRTS- Mr Thero Kesenogile/Malanga Mbako @ 3988613/14
Francistown Region DRTS – Mrs Rosemary Mathiba @ 2415052
Lobatse Region: DRTS- Mrs Tidimalo Motshabi @ 5330080 / 5330907
Maun Region: DRTS- Ms Mercy France / Mrs Peggy Olefihle @ 6861749/6860851
Palapye Region; DRTS- Mrs Rosinah Mmapeta @ 4921687

Notwithstanding this, the Department of Road Transport & Safety is not bound to accept any submission nor give reasons for rejection of any submission and will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in preparation of the Expression of Interest.

NOTE

Registration will start two (2) days after first publication. The bidder will be required to register his/her submission in a register under relevant Local Procurement Scheme target group (Youth, Women, Disabled), Manufacture/producer and miscellaneous category before putting it in the Tender box at their respective Regional offices.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS : 18 JULY 2022

TIME : 1630 HRS

Second Supplementary

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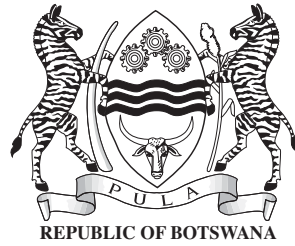
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MINISTRY OF LAND, AND WATER AFFAIRS REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (FIRMS)

Country: Botswana
Name of Project: Botswana Emergency Water Security and Efficiency Project
Project ID No: P160911
Consulting Services: Development of Botswana's Water Resources Drought Preparedness and Management Plan towards Early Warning
Tender No: MLWA/DWS/ 0011/03062022
Development of Botswana's Water Resources Drought Preparedness and Management Plan towards Early Warning

The Government of Botswana has received a loan from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Botswana Water Security and Efficiency project and intends to use part of the funding to finance a consultancy for the **Development of Botswana's Water Resources Drought Preparedness and Management Plan towards Early Warning**

Background

The Department of Water and Sanitation Services (DWS) under the Ministry of Land and Water Affairs in the Republic of Botswana intends to engage an experienced consultant to carry out the **development of Botswana's water resources drought preparedness and management plan towards early warning**. Botswana is vulnerable to drought and this adversely affects her food, water and energy nexus seriously impairing the rural economy and social structures. Extreme droughts and Climate Change such as the 2014 – 2016 drought periods are increasingly seen as important challenges to achieving sustainable growth, economic development, improving agricultural production, meeting domestic and commercial/ industrial water supply needs in Botswana. Drought conditions in the country often remain unnoticed until water shortages become severe and impacts become evident as they progress over time. There is a growing worry over such reactive drought management approaches that are largely based on crisis management. It is also worth noting that such approaches only address drought impacts rather than the underlying causes for the vulnerabilities associated with the impacts.

With the assistance of the World Bank Group (WB) in partnership with The Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GDFRR), DWS has received great assistance in terms of capacity building and expert knowledge exchange programs through the USA based National Drought Mitigation Centre (NDMC) using a Composite Drought Indicator (CDI) System. Through this support, DWS is now able to produce autonomously a prototype of Botswana's drought monitoring CDI Maps. The prototype will need to be further institutionalized, add more variables that speaks to the water sector (surface water, groundwater and water quality aspects), expanded to include local validation processes and communication to citizens. Therefore, this project works towards the Development of Botswana's Water Resources Drought Preparedness and Management Plan for Early Warning to enable the sector to proactively monitor drought risk development and enhance the country's preparedness, adaptive capacity and build resilience.

Selection criteria: only firms that meet the below criteria will be short listed

Eligibility:

- **For local Consultant** they must be registered with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board in the following categories:
 - **Code 120 ICT Technical Support Services** Sub code- 01 Systems Development Services and maintenance services
- and

- **Code 306 Water Engineering Services** Sub code -02 Water resource planning

- The Consultant must submit notarized or certified copies of Certificate of incorporation or Proof of Registration of the consulting firm, Company Directorship
- Submit Company's Tax Clearance Certificate from its country of operation
- Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications and references must be attached. In case of Joint Ventures (JV) a Copy of the JV Agreement is required with all parties in the JV required to submit all compliance documents.
- **Must demonstrate availability of relevant skills among staff related to the assignment:** Evidence of relevant skills for;
 - **Project Team Leader** (Minimum of MSc in Water Resources Management, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resources Management, Meteorology, Hydrology, hydrogeology, Environmental Science, Climate Change and Sustainable Development with extensive experience of 10 or more years on similar projects in a national/regional context and having done a similar or related project/s in the SADC region and in at least one similar scale project at the same level or responsibility with a supporting team that includes;
 - **Climate Change Specialist:** Minimum of MSc Climate Change and sustainable development/Climatology or equivalent, and must have at least 10 years' working experience in the water sector that relates to climate risk, climate adaptation, vulnerability reduction and capacity development. He/ She should have proven experience and knowledge of the framework and modelling on Climate Change as well as drought monitoring or modelling.
 - **Hydrologist;** He/she should have a Minimum of BSc Geology/ Hydrogeology; at least 10 years working experience in groundwater supply, planning, modelling and development and having worked in at least one similar scale project at the same level or responsibility. MSc Hydrogeology/ IWRM/ Geophysics/ will be an added advantage
 - **Hydrogeologist;** Minimum BSc Geology/ Hydrogeology/ Hydrology/ Water Resources Management/IWRM/equivalent; at least 10years working experience in Water resources planning, modeling and development/ hydrogeology and having worked in at least one similar scale project at the same level or responsibility. MSc Hydrogeology/ Hydrology/ IWRM/ Geophysics will be an added advantage
 - **Water Systems Programmer/ GIS or IT Specialist:** Master's degree in Hydro informatics or equivalent and must have at least 10 years working experience. He/ She must have excellent experience in GIS/Visualization/remote sensing, and knowledge in modeling, programming (including but not limited to, Python), computer hardware & software with experience on a similar project.
 - **Drought Impact Specialist:** Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources Sciences/Meteorology or equivalent, with at least 10 years of working experience and having worked on at least 1 similar project.
 - **Drought Policy and Management Analyst:** Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or equivalent, with at least 10 years' experience and having worked on at least 1 similar project.
 - **Communication Specialist (National):** Bachelor's degree in Communications, Social Sciences, Humanities, or Public Relations or any related field and must have at least 5 years' experience in Community Consultation in Botswana.
 - **Social Sciences Expert (National):** Master's Degree in Social Sciences/Sociology or related field with at least 5 years' working experience

Consultancy Firm:

The consulting firm should have at least 15 years' experience in the water sector, covering water resources management, drought preparedness and management plans and/or development of decision support systems/tools and/or design of Water supply schemes and/or development of operating rules for water supply projects and/or hydro-metrological studies/investigations and climate change investigations. The consulting firm should have done at least 5 projects in the above disciplines.

The consultant should demonstrate experience in the following:

- Drafting of Drought preparedness and management plans and or reviews
- Expertise in Hydro-metrological investigations
- Expertise in Hydrological and Hydrogeological modelling
- Integrating different water resources management tools/ systems
- Expertise in Data visualization techniques enabling communication of technical results to decision makers.
- Development drought preparedness and management decision support systems
- Expertise in socio economic and environmental issues in relation to water resources planning, supply and demand management.

Shortlisting of the Consulting firms will be carried out according to the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Projects Funding (IPF) Borrowers (Regulations), revised July 2016 ("Consultant Guidelines").

A complete version of the Terms of Reference is available on request at tbaoleki@gov.bw or tmosate@gov.bw may be collected at DWS Block A office 101 from the 24th June 2022 at 0800hrs to 1245hrs and 1400hrs to 1600hrs

Submission of EOI

Interested parties are required to submit one **(1) original and three (3) copies and a soft copy (PDF Format) on a CD of the Expression of Interest document in one sealed envelope marked "Expression of Interest for the Development of Botswana's Water Resources Drought Preparedness and Management Plan towards Early Warning"** addressed to:

The World Bank Projects Coordinator, Ministry of Land and Water Affairs, DEBSWANA House, Ground Floor Reception Area, East Wing, Main Mall, Private Bag 00434, Gaborone, Botswana

Expression of Interest documents are to be hand delivered to the above address before or by **10:00hrs** Botswana Local Time on the **27th July, 2022. LATE SUBMISSIONS and EOI NOT IN ENGLISH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**, neither will submissions received via telephone, telex or facsimile.

Queries relating to the issue of these documents may be addressed to **Mr Thabo Baoleki Department of Water and Sanitation, Private Bag 0029 Gaborone, Botswana, Email: tbaoleki@gov.bw, Tel 3607116 Fax: 3903508 or Ms. Lebogang Tawana, Email: lltawana@gov.bw**

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, The Government of Botswana reserve the right to accept or reject any or all applications or to cancel the entire proceedings without giving any reasons whatsoever.

**Lebogang Tawana
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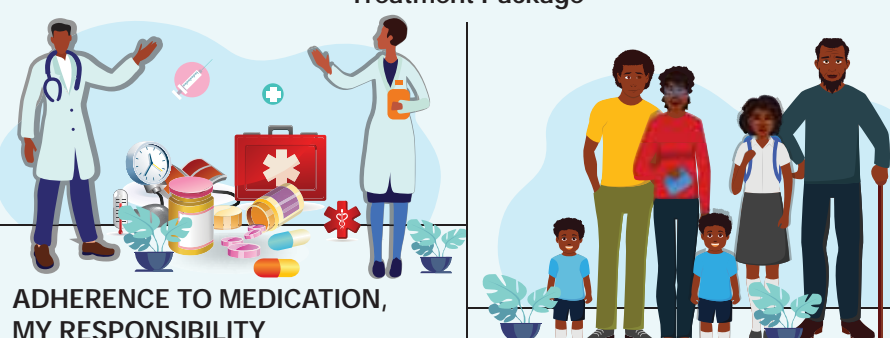
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- PMTCT (Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission - Protect my child from HIV infection.
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Dikhwaere and Choral	02 July 2022	Gaborone - Maitisong	1600hrs
Fashion Show Grand Finale-Dressmaking, Modeling and Hairdressing	09 July 2022	Francistown - Blue Jacket Street	1630hrs
Traditional Instruments, Comedy, Theatre/Drama, Poetry and Mogolokwane	09 July 2022	Palapye - BIUST	0900hrs
Polka Dance and Namastap	09 July 2022	Ghanzi Senior Secondary School	0900hrs
Contemporary Music and DJ	09 July 2022	Maun Sports Complex	0900hrs
Traditional Song & Dance - Setapa, Tsutsube, Hosanna, Phathisi, Seperu, Diware and Sebirwa	09 July 2022	Gaborone - UB Indoor Sports Arena	0900hrs
Church Service	10 July 2022	Boipuso Hall	1000hrs
National Art, Basket and Craft Exhibition	12 July 2022	Gaborone - National Art Gallery (Museum)	1800hrs
Awards Ceremony	18 July 2022	Gaborone - UB Indoor Sports Arena	1400hrs



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Delegates sample culture

By **Pako Lebanna**

GABORONE - The enchanting vocals of experienced female vocalist Maxy KhoiSan and the similarly named young Khoisan vocal duo, plus traditional Tswana cuisine on offer gave delegates at the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Council of Ministers a feel of Botswana culture on Tuesday night.

During the welcome reception at BotswanaCraft in Gaborone, Minister of Finance Ms Peggy Serame said as host of the 47th meeting of the SACU Council of Ministers and 7th Summit, Botswana had purposely organised the reception with a Setswana

theme to offer visiting delegations a cultural palate of the host nation.

The reception was attended by delegates from the SACU member states of Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini.

She urged attendees for this week's events to work together for the common good of the union. The events were preceded by a meeting of the SACU Finance and Audit Committee and SACU Commission last week and would culminate with a Summit of the heads of state and government on today.

Maxy belted out popular music from her 20-year catalogue of music that is well known to Botswana music lovers, and at

the minister's behest, repeated her rendition of the patriotic composition Re Batswana.

As Khoisan also added their own new hits such as Marabele, to the night's soundtrack, delegates were served a traditional palate including national dishes such as Bogobe le Seswaa, Mosuthlwane, Morogo wa Dinawa and other local foods.

Hosted by Botswana this week, SACU is the oldest existing customs union in the world. It was first established in 1910 when the newly configured Union of South Africa, worked with the British High Commission territories-Bechuanaland Protectorate (Botswana), Basutoland (Lesotho) and Swaziland (Eswatini) to form the Customs Union Agreement.

After the High Commission Territories gained independence in the mid-1960s, the Customs Union Agreement was updated, and renamed the Southern African Customs Union in 1969,

with the now Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland remaining the core members.

Namibia formally joined as the fifth member after independence from South Africa in 1990 but had effectively been a part of the union a century earlier, following the League of Nations mandate to annex the territory then known as South West African from German control, handing it over to South Africa, in the aftermath of World War I.

Historically, through the 1910 and 1969 agreements, SACU was administered by South Africa, but with the apartheid state paving way for democratic government in 1994, and the formal establishment of diplomatic relations with her neighbours, efforts were made to reform SACU.

Finance and Trade ministers of the five states met between 1994 and the year 2000 to discuss such reform. That led to

a Secretariat being established in Windhoek, Namibia for day-to-day administrative purposes; a Council of Ministers that meets quarterly; the Commission, an administrative body of senior officials; plus a Tribunal made up of an independent body of experts reporting to the Council.

The union works to maintain free interchange of goods and services within member states, common external tariff on imports from third parties as well as revenue sharing on imports and excise duties plus harmonized customs policies.

With revenue share being proportional to the size of the economy, and South Africa accounting for by far the largest share of the SACU gross domestic product (GDP), there has been concern raised from other member states that South Africa continues to enjoy a much larger proportion of the revenue sharing formula. **BOPA**

MRS Botswana receives Famous Award

By **Chenzimu Manyepedza**

GABORONE - MRS Botswana 2021/22 Queen Ambrosia Samboko has received the most Famous award at the ongoing MRS Universe crown competition in Seoul, South Korea.

In an interview, Founder of MRS Botswana Brand Kgalalelo Lesetedi said the award appreciated

and recognise her strength, as well as her ability to interact well with the other 90 contestants from around the world vying for the coveted MRS Universe crown on July 1. The award is a significant achievement toward the competition's final judgment.

She said other activities the queen participated in and would add to the final judgment included her Gender-Based Violence project presentation and a parade in a national costume.

Lesetedi said the costume which is red in colour with a touch of diamonds crystals symbolised the love and prayers she received from family, friends, and other well-wishers since her crowning as MRS Botswana as well as the value of the country's diamonds towards citizen empowerment and other developments.

Contestants will also engage in cultural and artistic exchange activities through their visit to some of Korea's villages.

One of the challenges that the Queen faced, according to Lesetedi was the missing wardrobe that was misplaced at one of the airports.

However, she stated that measures to assist the Queen in completing the task were in place.

She also stated that Samboko had received counselling regarding the situation and she was confident that she would attend all scheduled activities.

"Although this are sad news, we are happy that we managed to locate one bag.

We are still searching for the other one and we are hopeful that our Queen will pull through," she said.

Meanwhile, her fans and well-wishers have sent messages of support and encouragement through the MRS Botswana Facebook page for the Queen to keep her head high despite the challenges. **BOPA**



Lesotho Minister of Finance, Thabo Sophonea (second left), his Botswana counterpart, Peggy Serame (centre), eSwatini's Neal Rijkenberg and Minister of Environment and Tourism, Phildah Kereng (second right) dancing with the sensational Maxy KhoiSan during the 47th meeting of the SACU council of ministers dinner in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



Samboko

Kwaito legend honours Dj Ski

By **Ketshepile More**

GABORONE - Kwaito legend Thebe will today perform at an appreciation party for David 'Dj Ski' Molosi, hosted by Legends of the Ol' Skool.

In an interview with event organiser, Nigel Motlogelwa, said the event to be held at Cresta Hotel in Gaborone was one of appreciation concerts to legends who contributed immensely to the music scene of the country. "This year we will be honouring Dj Ski, recognising him as the legend who played a great role in our music scene over the years, both in

Botswana and South Africa," said Motlogelwa.

He said all artistes will be performing free at the charity event, including Thebe. He however said the legend, Dj Ski will not be performing as the night will be about him and would just enjoy the moment. He further indicated that all proceeds from the concert will be handed to Dj Ski.

Some of the DJs who will be performing alongside Thebe are those who have worked with DJ Ski one way or the other in the music industry.

An appreciation party for DJ Ski would not be complete without

T.H.A.B.O. You cannot mention T.H.A.B.O's name without any association to DJ Ski. DJ Ski played a role in the radio turned presenter's kwaito career, producing hit after hit. T.H.A.B.O will be the M.C of the night.

Daddy Skizo's music career spans back to the 1980s and 1990s. He became instrumental as a renowned producer, and artist for Kalawa Jazzmee Records, where he produced big acts such as Alaska, Trompies, and Brothers of Peace (BOP). Skizo continues to be a significant contributor to the music scene with his immense experience and wisdom. **BOPA**

Zebras debutants hungry for success

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The senior national football team debutants have vowed to work hard to ensure Botswana reaches COSAFA Cup final.

Mogomotsi Mpote's new charges see the championships, billed for Durban, South Africa from July 5 to 17, as an opportunity to prove their mettle and gain permanent spot in the team.

Eleven Angels player, Monty Enosa, said in an interview that his mission was to help the country reach the final.

"The call up on its own was motivation, therefore I need to work very hard and convince the technical team that I was not a mistake," he said.

Enosa said preparations for COSAFA Cup were going well. He said other players had given him a warm welcome.

Extension Gunners player, Obusitswe 'Booster' Gbadise said he was grateful for the opportunity to don the national team jersey at senior level.

Should he be given a chance in the first eleven, Gbadise said he would not disappoint, promising

to do his best to ensure the country gets desirable results.

"Honestly, I am hungry for success and my desire is to remain in the senior team, which I know would be determined by my performance," he said.

For his part, Morupule Wanderers' Thobo Seeleko said being called to the senior national team duty was a dream come true, adding his ambition was to lift the COSAFA Cup trophy.

"I like what I see in the national team. They have welcomed us debutants and it is for us to work very hard and come up with results," he said.

Mpote said he had called new and experienced players to ensure continuity.

He said there was need for the Under 20 and 23 players to be introduced to intensive competition.

Mpote said the intention was to have a 'conveyor belt' where the upcoming players would be prepared to take the baton from aging players.

"The Under 23 will be playing Olympic qualifiers next year, so I am optimistic that COSAFA and CHAN will help them have a feel of a competitive tournament," he

said.

The coach said in 2019, when the Zebras made it to the final, he had selected the Under 23 players for COSAFA with Joel Mogorosi being the only senior player.

Mpote added that looking at

their group, which has Seychelles, Comoros and Angola, Botswana could pull a surprise.

He expressed optimism to lift the COSAFA trophy, saying the current crop of players were all hungry for success.

The Zebras will take on Seychelles on July 5, Comoros on July 0 with their last group assignment being against Angola on July 10.

All their games start at 2pm at King Zwelithini Stadium. **BOPA**



Mpote says he has called new and experienced players to Zebras camp to ensure continuity. Botswana will take on Seychelles on July 5 in the first fixture of the COSAFA Cup. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Bafazi Cycling Movement rides for charity

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - A team of female cyclists from Botswana and South Africa dubbed Bafazi Cycling Movement will, on Saturday, ride for charity.

The group met last year on a cycling App Zwift and have formed a team that rides for charitable activities.

Bafazi Cycling Movement use Zwift to train in the comfort of their homes.

The movement came to being through South African cyclist, Ria Mathopa and Botswana based cyclist and triathlete, Sharon Mahube-Sebeo.

Mathopa messaged Mahube-Sebeo to go on a virtual cycle together, a trait they later extended to female cyclists in both countries.

As soon as the lockdown was lifted, the women met and cycled together.

Their first cycle tour was in Gaborone in 2021 where they cycled from Gaborone to Mosaditshwane and back.

They did not only pedal their bikes, but engaged in various ways to grow a female cycling community.

This year, the women cyclists will ride from Avani Hotel in Gaborone to Mankodi and back. However, they have invited their male counterparts.

"We agree tour event, and this year the tour will be in two parts of donation ride and a high tea in the afternoon," said the Botswana

Bafazi Cycling Movement leader, Mahube-Sebeo.

She said Mankodi will witness the results of a blossoming sisterhood that evolved from a virtual cycling solidarity during lockdowns.

Mahube-Sebeo noted that they will hand stationery to Letlole Primary School.

This will be the movement's first corporate social initiative and Mahube-Sebeo said they will have ladies' cycling conversations in the afternoon at Avani Hotel.

"The high tea will be a great afternoon of learning, networking and giving. We will have speakers from both movements who are mothers, wives, businesswomen, community leaders who do not only cycle but take part in big international sporting events as well as fitness and wellness events around the world," said Mahube-Sebeo.

Speakers of the high tea event include South Africa's Letshego Zulu and Caroline Matsimela.

Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) president, Kagiso Potongwane, appreciated this initiative.

Potongwane said although BCA did not have any policy geared towards encouraging the girl child into cycling, "we will look into having something along those lines going forward."

Registration cost P150 and can be done through bafazi.com/signup link or contact with Seno on 77030524 or Chibo on 73488319. **BOPA**

Northern zone ready for extravaganza softball games

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

SELEBI PHIKWE - Northern zone softball giants Carats, Rebels, Rail Giants, Ghetto Yankees and Comets will represent the region at the extravaganza softball games billed for Selebi Phikwe from July 16 to 18.

SPEDU will sponsor the extravaganza at a tune of P300 000 while Selebi Phikwe Town Council is working round the clock to do renovations and bush clearing.

Suspended for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the extravaganza will see the northern and southern teams locking horns in the lucrative softball tourney with the first prize winners walking away with P20 000 while losers will pocket P8 000.

The first prize is likely to change as there are prospects for more sponsors to come on board.

Chairperson for Selebi Phikwe Softball Extravaganza, Oeme Morupisi, said COVID-19 had a serious impact on the extravaganza as some of the sponsors were faced with financial challenges.

Morupisi said 16 teams, eight men and eight women teams from north and south zones were expected to play in the finals, adding preparations were going well.

He appealed to the business community in Selebi Phikwe and the SPEDU region to assist in making these games a success.

Morupisi thanked SPEDU for always sponsoring the softball games.

The eight teams booked their extravaganza slots after trouncing their rivals Scramblers, Diphofu, Sua Raiders, Tati Bulls, Raptures men and ladies teams as well as Ghetto Yankees men team in the fiercely contested North Zone Elimination games held in

Selebi Phikwe over the weekend.

The northerners will be pinning their hopes on the host Comets, Rail Giants from Mahalapye and Orapa based Carats and Rebels ment teams whilst women will be represented by Comets, Rail Giants, Carats and Ghetto Yankees.

North Zone general manager, Gofaone Pilane, said in an interview that the northern teams were ready and will fight by all might for the cup to remain in the north.

He said the general performance of teams was impressive, but urged them to train harder to improve their batting skills.

Pilane explained that the elimination games were held in Selebi Phikwe to build a hype for the extravaganza.

He said all the northern teams managed to attend except for Motlakase men and women teams as well as Diphofu men. **BOPA**

Bid committee starts work

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana and Namibia (BONA) 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) bid committee has started work.

The committee has been tasked with working on the formal bidding process for the two countries to jointly host the 2027 AFCON tournament.

Addressing the media in Gaborone on Tuesday, the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Tumiso Rakgare, said, should the two countries win the bid, Botswana would host the final as well as the third place playoffs while Namibia would host the opening game.

He said Botswana and Namibia had agreed to collaborate on a 60:40 resource sharing principle, meaning Botswana would contribute 60 per cent of the resources needed for the project while Namibia would contribute 40.

The same principle, he said, shall apply in sharing of proceeds and benefits of hosting.

"In this arrangement, Botswana will host 24 of the 36 group stage matches, while Namibia will host 12. Botswana will host five of the round of 16 matches and Namibia will host three matches. The quarter finals and the semi-finals will be shared equally between the two countries. A bid technical committee was established with the chairperson coming from Botswana and the vice from Namibia," he said.

On review of Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) Act, Rakgare said even though the act was relatively new, there had been developments in the administration of sport at international level and therefore, there was need to address them.

"This includes the need to establish an independent body that coordinates anti-doping activities. The doping control and coordination function

is currently a responsibility of BNSC, but this is not in compliance with the WADA Code of 2015 and the 2005 International Convention against Doping in Sport," he said

BNSC was established through an Act of Parliament (BNSC Act No. 30 of 2014) with the responsibility of providing leadership and guidance on sport development and promotion, among other things.

Furthermore, he said for Botswana to be compliant, an independent doping control body had to be established by a separate act of Parliament.

Rakgare said the BNSC Act did not clearly outline the responsibility of the Botswana National Olympics Committee (BNOC) and this had led to duplication, with potential for inefficiencies in resource utilisation.

He said government, therefore, decided to enact a single apex sport body with a view to address the challenges experienced as a result of the current set up.

The minister said the review of the BNSC Act was aimed at addressing issues that were critical in the development of sport and establishing sport as a sector that could meaningfully contribute to the economy of the country.

The review, Rakgare said, would also address issues of athlete welfare and protect the vulnerable against abuse and other forms of injustice as well as to clearly outline the responsibilities of BNSC and BNOC. He said the revised act had to outline responsibilities of national sporting associations in relation to the requirements of the envisaged national anti-doping organisation act. **BOPA**



Rakgare (right) briefing the media on sport related matters in Gaborone on Tuesday. He pleaded with the media fraternity to support Botswana and Namibia's bid to jointly host African Cup of Nations 2027. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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