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THROUGH A PRAGMATIC FOREIGN POLICY:
**SUMMARY OF MILESTONES REALISED
BETWEEN 2018-2024**





ABOUT THE *Special* ISSUE PUBLICATION

The Special Issue is periodically published to articulate and inform on specific foreign policy positions and initiatives undertaken by Botswana on bilateral, regional and multilateral platforms. The publication also highlights global leadership roles that Botswana has embraced and contributions she has made as a respected member of the family of nations.

This Special Issue focuses on key milestones realised between 2018 and 2024, through the foreign policy posture adopted to advance Botswana's national interests abroad, in support of ongoing efforts to attain Vision 2036 goals that ultimately call for the attainment of prosperity for all Botswana by 2036. Accordingly, the Issue zeros in, on the work of key drivers of Botswana's foreign policy objectives, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the country's Diplomatic Missions, and Botswana's Chief Diplomat, His Excellency the President Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi.

In line with the aspirations of Vision 2036 of promoting a country that will be "a responsible, committed and respected member of the international community," the

Special Issue narrates a foreign policy story which under the leadership of President Masisi, depicts deliberate efforts taken by Botswana to strengthen external partnerships; to participate in global governance and international trade, and to nurture a policy of peaceful coexistence and respect for all countries.

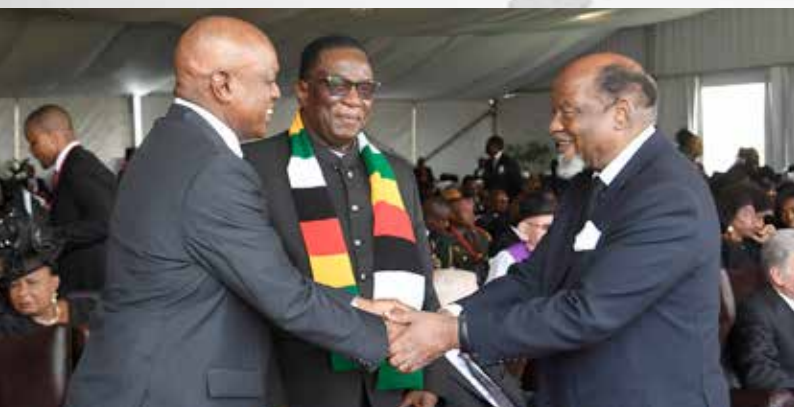
Of particular note, the Issue highlights the steps taken by His Excellency the President, through his foreign policy engagements, to champion Botswana and Botswana's interests – the vision of transforming the country to high income status by 2036, where there is holistic human and social development; sustainable economic development, as well as, the fostering of good governance, peace and security.





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INTRODUCTION

Situating

Botswana's Foreign Policy

Botswana continues to play an active role in influencing and shaping the global agenda in line with her national interests. Key to this, is the role that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs plays in managing the country's relations with the international community, as well as, promoting the country's interests abroad, as espoused in the national transformational agenda, Vision 2036, the Reset and Reclaim Agenda, and the National Development Plans.

Accordingly, the Ministry steers a foreign policy agenda that is an extension of the country's domestic policy which is underpinned by principles and values of democracy (puso ya batho ka batho); self-reliance (ipelegeng); national unity (popagano ya sechaba); peaceful resolution of conflict (ntwa kgolo keya molomo); botho; development (ditlhabololo); good neighbourliness (matlo go sha mabapi); and peaceful coexistence (kagisanyo).

The policy reflects Botswana's aspirations of building a united self-reliant nation that engenders prosperity for all citizens. The policy demonstrates Botswana's commitment as a member of the community of nations to advance the shared values of the respect for human rights, rule of law, safeguarding of global peace and security and the fostering of sustainable development.



FOREIGN POLICY DRIVERS

- TOWARDS THE REALISATION OF **VISION 2036** AND BEYOND

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs drives a pragmatic foreign policy aimed at promoting Botswana’s national interests that includes the protection of national territory, independence and institutions. The Ministry is a facilitator, coordinator and custodian of Botswana’s foreign policy. As such, the primary responsibility of the Ministry is to develop and coordinate Botswana’s foreign policy.

In carrying out this mandate, the Ministry provides foreign policy advice on Botswana’s position on major issues of global concern, and strategically employs diplomacy to inform, promote, influence

and defend Botswana’s national interests abroad. Accordingly, the Ministry works closely with the Offices of the President and Vice-President, Botswana diplomatic representatives abroad, Government Ministries, as well as, other key stakeholders such as, parastatals, and members of the diplomatic corps.

The key aspects of the Ministry’s mandate include:

- (i) Promoting friendly relations with the international community with a view to establish and secure goodwill towards Botswana;
- (ii) Articulating and defending Botswana’s interests in the regional and international organisations;
- (iii) Developing bilateral frameworks to enhance the realisation of Botswana’s foreign policy objectives;
- (iv) Management of diplomatic immunities and privileges;
- (v) Serving as the main communication channel between Botswana Government and the international community; and
- (vi) Coordination of State and Official visits by Heads of State.

By carrying out these responsibilities, the Ministry is able to promote the country’s interests by fostering and deepening bilateral and multilateral relations in key regional and international fora. Moreover,



the Ministry is positioned to reinforce Botswana's credentials as a reputable, and progressive country that places high value on democracy, good governance regional integration and multilateralism.

Against this backdrop, the Ministry continues to contribute towards the realisation of Vision 2036, by carrying-out the following regular responsibilities:

- (i) Facilitation of in-bound and out-bound high level visits between Botswana and other countries;
- (ii) Facilitation of trade and investment missions into Botswana;
- (iii) Facilitation of the signing of technical cooperation agreements with other countries;
- (iv) Maintenance of database on bilateral and international agreements and treaties;
- (v) Establishment of diplomatic relations with other countries;

(vi) Coordinating the convening of Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation with cooperating partners;

(vii) Effective representation in regional and international organisations to which Botswana is a member;

(viii) Regular Foreign Policy advice through the production of position papers and briefings;

(ix) Securing of scholarships and training places for Botswana students abroad;

(x) Continuous monitoring of global developments and their likely impact on Botswana;

(xi) Increased representation abroad through the establishment of diplomatic missions in strategic locations;

(xii) Implementation of international commitments and obligations;

(xiii) Facilitation of employment of Botswana in international organisations;



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(xiv) Effective participation in regional and international meetings to articulate and advance Botswana’s interests abroad.

In view of the above, some of the fruitful outcomes realised through the work of the Ministry include:

(i) Coordination of the holding of Bi-National Commissions that serve to enhance cooperation with Botswana’s strategic partners in the region and beyond such as the recent BNC held with Zimbabwe (2024). Still on the issue of facilitating successful bilateral engagements, the Ministry was instrumental in coordinating activities that ushered the Kazungula Bridge Project which comprised the construction of a road/rail bridge over the Zambezi River, linking Botswana and Zambia; as well as the construction of One-Stop-Border Post (OSBP) facilities on the Botswana and the Zambia side of the Bridge. The Bridge which was opened in May 2021, is seen as a critical link in the African North-South Corridor;

(ii) Articulation of Botswana’s position on a broad range of issues towards the advancement of a global development agenda, such as Botswana’s position on the Russia-Ukraine Conflict; the Palestinian Question; Western Saharan and the right to self-determination; issue of sanctions on Zimbabwe;

(iii) Coordinating the attendance of inauguration ceremonies of newly elected Presidents in demonstration of the spirit of solidarity, good neighbourliness and friendship;

(iv) Coordination of in-bound Working and State Visits such as those recently undertaken by the Presidents of Switzerland, Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and Zambia;

(v) Facilitation of Botswana’s active engagement in efforts aimed at advancing the regional integration agenda and consolidation of democracy, peace and stability in the SADC Region. Among others, this includes Botswana’s ongoing contributions to the SADC Mission in



Mozambique (SAMIM);

(vi) Coordination of the country's participation at African Union (AU) meetings, enabling Botswana to continue to play a critical role as a member of the AU in advancing the Continental Agenda of peace, stability and prosperity;

(vii) Coordination of the country's contribution to the global development agenda to ensure that Botswana's voice is heard when global solutions are sought to address challenges such as climate change, international organised crime and terrorism;

(viii) Employment of public diplomacy strategies to popularise the country's foreign policy objectives, and nation-branding techniques that underscore Botswana's positive image and reputation, as a country that is committed to democratic values; rule of law; respect for

human rights; multilateralism; and

(ix) Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs flagship project - Performance Dashboard System, that promotes the use of digital tools as key drivers that foster effective service delivery, enhanced performance and efficiency in reporting.



**United
Nations**





Botswana Diplomatic Missions

The efforts towards realising Vision 2036 and beyond are, also supported by the work of Botswana Diplomatic Missions, which are central to the mandate of the Foreign Ministry in the execution of foreign policy through coordination and partnerships with governmental, non-governmental entities, as well as, in serving as a projector of Botswana's positive image abroad.

The Missions serve as the eyes and ears of Botswana, and as such, help to inform national policy and strategic articulation of the country's interests abroad, as well as, secure development opportunities for the country and market access for Botswana products. Moreover, at the bilateral, regional and international levels, Botswana Diplomatic Missions help to protect and promote the country's national interests in a complex and competitive international environment by

contributing to the national agenda to:

- (i) protect Botswana's national territory, independence, people, institutions and way of life;
- (ii) promote democracy, good governance and respect for human rights;
- (iii) promote the country's sustainable development, growth and prosperity;
- (iv) promote peace and security at regional and international level;
- (v) promote regional cooperation and integration; and
- (vi) protect and promote Botswana's good image abroad.

The work of Botswana Missions is carried out by Envoys who are in the forefront of building and nurturing relations, enhancing Botswana's image internationally, promoting the country as an ideal destination for investment and tourism, as well as effectively



implementing the country's foreign policy. Currently, Botswana has twenty-three diplomatic missions which comprise twenty-two Embassies/High Commissions and one Consular Office in Johannesburg, South Africa spread across the geographic regions of the world as follows: nine (9) in Africa (including a Consulate General); six (6) in Europe; four (4) in Asia and the Pacific; three (3) in the Americas and one (1) in the Middle East. The Missions are strategically positioned to engage with potential investors, as well as, collaborate with local partners such as the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC); Business Botswana; and Botswana Tourism Organisation, to facilitate promotional activities with a view to market the country as an investment and tourism destination.

The Missions have also been instrumental in soliciting for technical assistance, scholarships, donations and grant financing for capacity building and infrastructural development in the country. Furthermore, the Missions

continue to be committed to safeguarding the welfare of Botswana in foreign countries and ensuring that through consular services they are provided with the necessary assistance and support.

To further enhance their work and coordination in contributing towards Botswana's national development agenda with one voice, the Missions continue to hold the biannual Heads of Mission Conference. The Conferences take place in Gaborone, and provide Botswana Envoys with an opportunity to collectively deliberate on issues of national interest, as well as, engage with public and private sectors to exchange views on ways in which Botswana Missions can advance the country's development agenda through cooperation and strategic partnerships in areas such as trade, foreign direct investment, social development and tourism promotion. Furthermore, the Conferences afford the Envoys the opportunity to engage with their counterparts accredited to Botswana, on areas of mutual interest.



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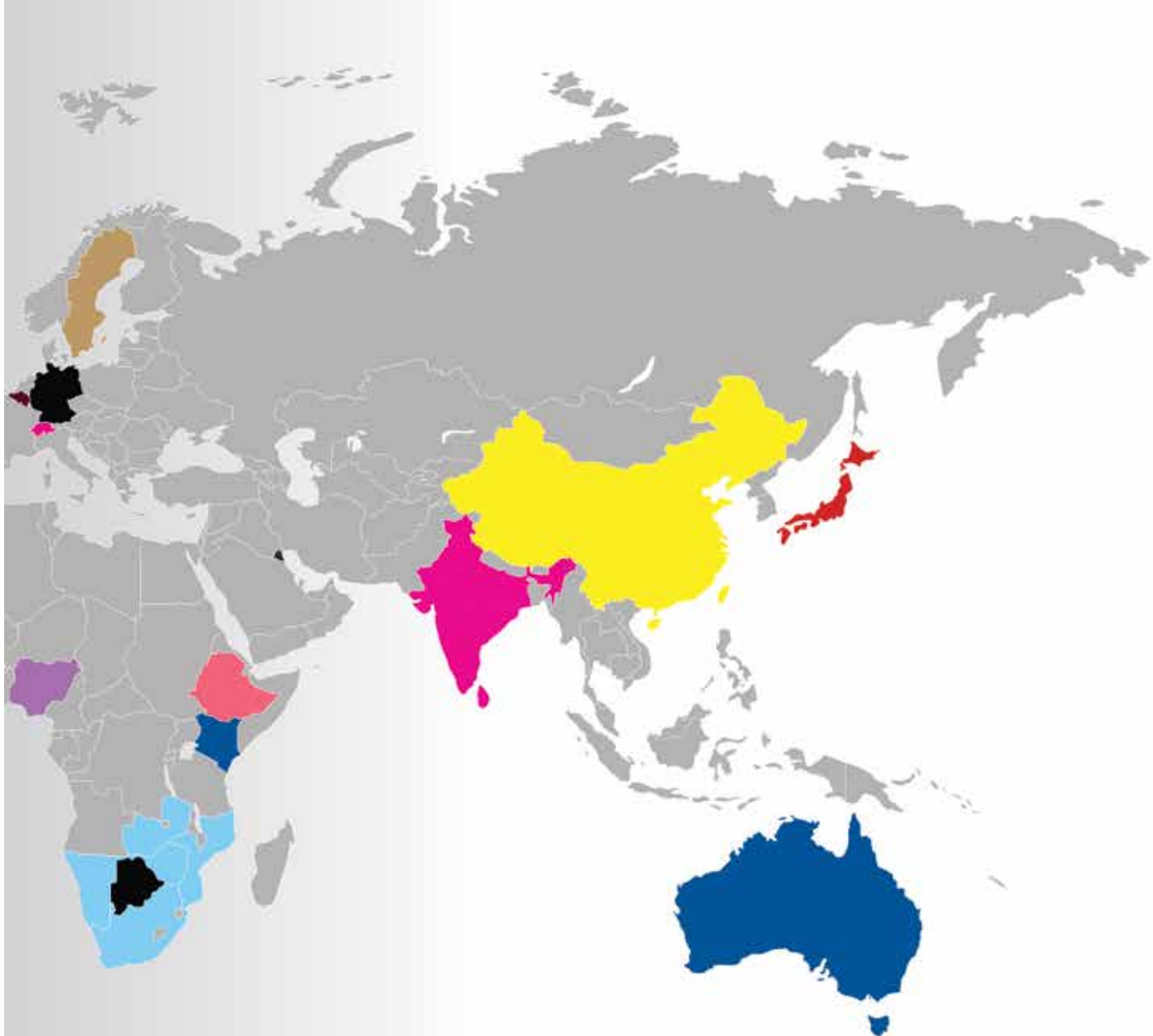
4 in Asia: Beijing, Canberra, New Delhi and Tokyo

6 in Europe: Berlin, Brussels, Geneva, London, Paris and Stockholm

1 in the Gulf Region: Kuwait City

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- 2 in North America: New York and Washington
- 1 in South America: Brasilia



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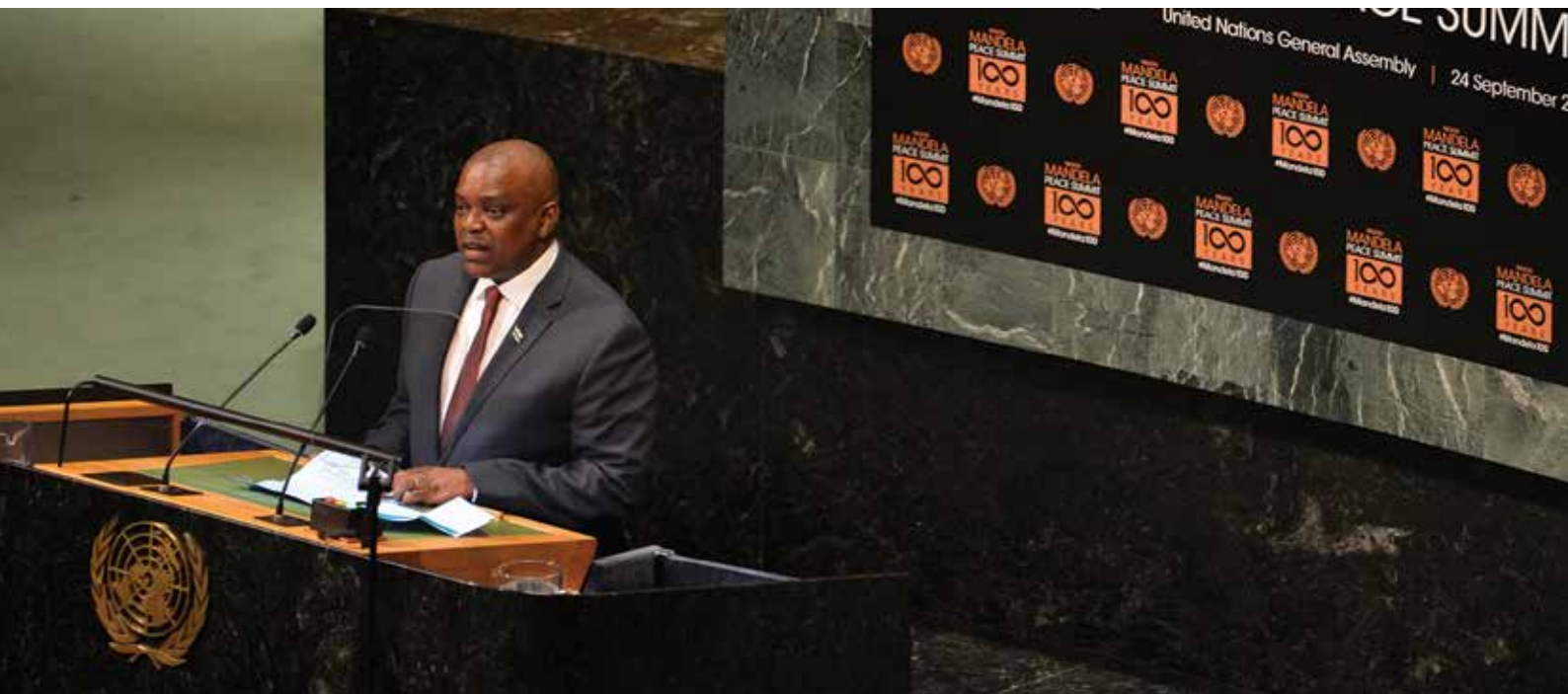
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Botswana's Chief Diplomat: *His Excellency Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi*



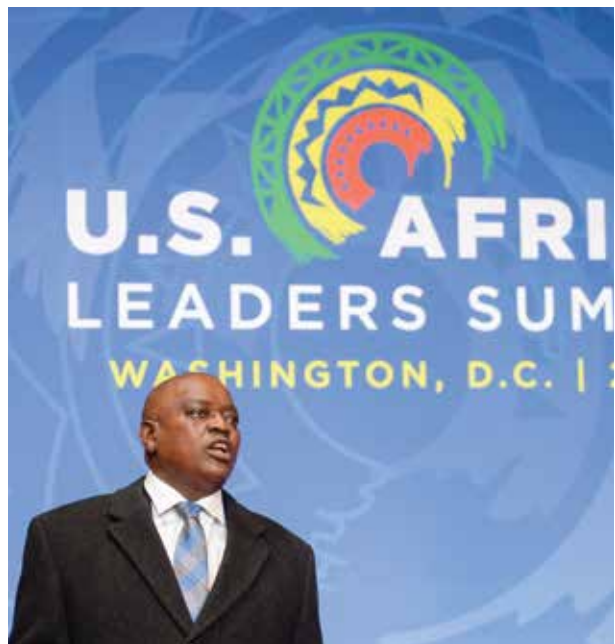
As the country's Chief Diplomat, His Excellency the President plays an instrumental role in advancing Botswana's national interests at the bilateral, regional and multilateral platforms, as he spearheads the country towards the attainment of Vision 2036 goals.

Accordingly, in support of the country's transformational agenda, landmark milestones have been realised for Botswana and her citizens, through the President's High-Level State and Official Visits, to partner countries, where a number of bilateral agreements aimed at strengthening and deepening bilateral cooperation have been signed. For example, in 2023, the President undertook a State Visit to Switzerland which culminated in the signing of a Letter on Enhanced Bilateral Cooperation between Botswana and Switzerland; facilitation of applications by Botswana for job opportunities with United Nations based agencies; and with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to establish a project office in Botswana that would be dedicated to patenting traditional knowledge. These are fruitful outcomes for the country and citizens at large.

Benefits with partner countries have also been reaped through the President's participation at Bi-national Commissions (BNCs). In 2022, the President participated at BNCs in Zimbabwe and South Africa. The BNCs provided President Masisi and his counterparts, with the opportunity to advance cooperation in critical sectors of the respective economies of their countries. On the regional and continental platforms, His Excellency the President has led Botswana's delegations to SADC and AU meetings and effectively utilised these gatherings, to articulate the country's position on a broad range of issues geared towards the advancement of the regional integration agenda and the shaping of the *Africa We Want*.



Accordingly, under the leadership of President Masisi, Botswana has played a key role in support of regional efforts geared at maintaining peace and security in the SADC region through initiatives such as, the deployment of the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM).



Botswana's continued participation in the work of SADC and AU continues to pay dividends. Most recently, Botswana was entrusted with a key leadership role when President Masisi was voted as the Second Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union. The country also signed onto the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and identified priority areas as part of the first set of value chain interventions. Among others, these include agriculture and agro-processing, pharmaceuticals and services.

Through the President's participation at United Nations meetings, Botswana is making meaningful contributions to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the development of global solutions to challenges such as climate change. Still on the global platform, we have witnessed the President promote Botswana's image abroad as a respected and influential player. Today, Botswana has served as host to a number of international meetings including the 2023 US-Africa Business Summit; and the 2022 International Summit on Constitutionalism and Democratic Consolidation.



Furthermore, in tandem with the national Reset and Reclaim Agenda, under the President's visionary leadership, Botswana has increasingly been seen as a destination country and key player, in the international meetings and events industry.

In view of the foregoing, through the President's commitment to drive a robust foreign policy agenda that bears fruits for Botswana and Batswana, the country has witnessed benefits in a number of areas on the political and socio-economic fronts.

These include:

(i) Promotion of Botswana as a favourable destination for investment. This is attracting much needed Foreign Direct Investment and support for Batswana. For example, in May 2022, Botswana received 162 cattle of different breeds from the United States of America (USA) to help improve climate resilience and productivity of local breeds. For Batswana farmers, this initiative is expected to help increase production and income levels, as well as, facilitate and enhance food security;

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(ii) The continued building of friendly relations with strategic partners in the international community, which has translated into goodwill towards Botswana as the country continues to be a recipient of development and technical assistance; as well as, offers of scholarships, training opportunities and donations. Of particular note, is the support that Botswana received from her international partners who assisted with responses to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as post-COVID recovery efforts. This assistance ranged from the donation of essential medical supplies like PPEs and deployment of medical teams;

(iii) The country's participation on the multilateral platform, such as attendance at key meetings like the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), enables for active contribution to the global development agenda. In this regard, the country contributes



to a variety of issues including equity and social inclusion, women and youth empowerment, gender equality sustained and inclusive economic growth. In addition, Botswana was successful in her bid to host the Kimberly Secretariat which will among others, assist in the job creation of Batswana in the diamond value chain industry;

(iv) The President's external engagements provide a vital platform to highlight Botswana's position on specific issues of national interest, thereby influencing and shaping international policy and ensuring our national policy aspirations are taken on board;

(v) Furthermore, the President's engagements abroad ensure that the country is positively profiled internationally. The dividends are evident. We continue to witness an increase in Batswana being positioned in strategic leadership positions globally. For example, in 2022 two Batswana citizens were appointed to the AU Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) for two (2) years, and to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) for five (5) years, respectively;

(vi) The country continues to be elected in key international leadership positions such as the ECOSOC Presidency (2022 Session). In June 2023, Botswana received a Peace Award from the Belgium-based Women Political Leaders Organisation. The award was given to the country for being among the most peaceful countries in the world as indicated by the Global Peace Index;

(vii) Companies such as HB Antwerp have decided to set up their operations in Botswana due to the influence of His Excellency the President, and his promotion of Botswana, as a preferred destination for investment;

(viii) Under President Masisi's leadership, Botswana has also embarked on a transformative journey to leverage digital innovation as a catalyst for progress and development, captured under His Excellency the President's Reset and Reclaim Agenda. This forward-looking agenda reflects a bold commitment to harnessing the



power of technology to propel Botswana into a new era of prosperity and sustainability as espoused under Vision 2036.

Initiatives such as SmartBots, spearheaded under the Office of the President demonstrate His Excellency the President's commitment to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), to move the country towards the Knowledge-Based Economy;

(ix) There has also been a positive development from potential markets for Botswana products and services, particularly agricultural products to vast markets in Asia and the Middle-east. These open markets have also come with a commitment for support to Botswana producers by providing technical support and funding to bring them to export-ready level; and

(x) The High-Level visits have also benefited the tourism industry, such as the Inbound Visits. The Visits provide an opportunity to showcase Botswana's tourism attractions. During 2018-2023, efforts taken to highlight the country's eco-tourism, wildlife, and cultural tourism offerings, has attracted tourists that boosted the tourism industry and its value chain, contributing to economic growth and job creation; and

(xi) Furthermore, the inbound High-Level visits align with the country's Meetings Incentives Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) Strategy, aimed at promoting Botswana as a MICE destination and in turn providing economic benefits that run across all sectors of the economy including transport, hospitality, finance and trade. Events such as Forbes Under 30 Summit; 2023 US-Africa Business Summit; FACETS 2023; the 73rd Session of the World Health Organisation Regional Committee for Africa; Botswana Tourism Investment Summit 2023; as well as, the Eastern and Southern African Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) Council of Ministers meeting, have propelled Botswana's aspirations to be a MICE destination.

Against this rich backdrop outlining milestones being realised through Botswana foreign policy objectives, it is apparent that as Chief Diplomat, His Excellency the President, continues to play an instrumental role stewarding a foreign policy agenda that ensures that Botswana is positively profiled globally. His leadership is also key in cultivating a foreign policy posture that is in sync with the national transformation agenda pushing towards enhanced livelihoods and prosperity for all Botswana by 2036, leaving no one behind.



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BUILDING THE BOTSWANA WE WANT: SUMMARY OF MILESTONES REALISED THROUGH PRESIDENT MASISI'S FOREIGN POLICY ENGAGEMENTS (2018-2024)

Between the period of 2018-2024, His Excellency the President engagements have been instrumental in contributing towards the realisation of among others, the following milestones:



Botswana's participation at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) for Sustainable Development for the 2022 Session held under the theme: "Building Back Better from the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) While Advancing the Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"; enabled the country to share its trajectory of addressing COVID-19, as well as, cultivate investment opportunities, as realised through the partnership with NantWorks (Nant-Botswana) focussed on the establishment of a vaccine manufacturing facility in the country. The presence of the NantBotswana Vaccine Manufacturing Plant in Botswana is a direct result of the President's strong foreign policy engagement;

Advancement of the country's economic diplomacy agenda through His Excellency the President's participation at the Mining Indaba Conference in Cape Town in May 2022. The Conference provided Botswana with a platform to market the country's mineral potential to investors as well as, explore opportunities for capital investment and mining exploration projects



Promotion of Botswana as an ideal investment destination during the Dubai Expo 2020. In addition, at Dubai Expo2020, through Okavango Diamond Company (ODC), for the first time, Botswana was able to conduct online sale of diamonds, resulting in sales of over a billion Pula



Participation at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2022), in Kigali, Rwanda enabled Botswana to reaffirm her commitment to the shared values of the Commonwealth family



Botswana's assumption of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Presidency for the 2022 Session

Botswana's election to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Executive Board for 2021-2025



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The successful bid for the position of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Executive Secretary

The successful bids for key leadership positions with United Nations (UN) establishments and other international organisations including the United Nations Joint Inspection (UNJIU) Unit and the International Criminal Court (ICC)



Successful lobbying and advocacy in support of Botswana's delisting from Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML-CFT) grey listing



Fruitful contributions made towards the strengthening of the SADC's peace and security architecture during Botswana's Chairship of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security. This included the successful deployment and launch of the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)

To maintain momentum and ensure that Botswana continues to take centre stage in the multilateral forum and opens up more opportunities for the country, Botswana has also continued to canvass leadership opportunities. These include:

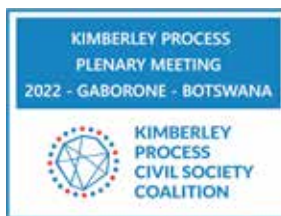


His Excellency the President was Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, August 2020 to August 2021

Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Lemogang Kwappe Chairperson of the SADC Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security (MCO), August 2020 to August 2021



His Excellency the President served as a Climate Mobility Champion



Chair of the Kimberley Process: In January 2022, Botswana assumed Chairship of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) and adopted the theme "Diamonds, a Catalyst for Sustainable Development"



Chair of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) for the year 2022



Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, 2022-2023



Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Responsibility to Protect (R2P) for the term 2021-2023 together with Costa Rica and Croatia



Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of UN-Habitat, Sustainable Urbanisation and the New Urban Agenda from 2022 together with Slovakia

(CPC)

Member of Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) for the term 2022-2024

(COC)

Member of Committee on Conferences (COC) for the term 2022-2024



Member of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) for the period 2023-2027

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Member of the Committee on Contributions (COC), 2022 – 2024



Member of the Commonwealth Executive Committee, representing the Africa Region April 2021-April 2023



Member of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Executive Board for the period 2021-2025

Additionally, under President Masisi’s leadership, steps were also taken to identify employment opportunities for Batswana, particularly the youth, in international organisations. Some of the milestones realised on this undertaking resulted in Batswana being positioned as follows:



With the support of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Gaborone, five (5) young Batswana interns were recruited to support our ECOSOC Presidency. This first-of-a-kind program exposed the interns to the work of ECOSOC as well as the United Nations, therefore preparing them for future opportunities at the UN and the international system



Under the African Union’s Organisational Structure Reforms, Botswana has also been able to have her employment quota at the AU increased from twenty-seven (27) to twenty-nine (29). Currently, there are nineteen (19) Batswana employed by the AU.

SUMMARY: BATSWANA EMPLOYED IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	
ORGANISATION	KNOWN NUMBER OF BATSWANA
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES	25
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	6
AFRICAN UNION (AU)	19
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)	11
SOUTHERN AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION (SACU)	10
AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS (e.g. AFCFTA, Development Bank)	13
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT	1
AFRICA (Privately employed)	25
ASIA (Privately employed)	40

Furthermore, support has been availed to Batswana competing for key strategic positions in international organisations. Today a number of Batswana have held or are still holding key international portfolios, they include:



H.E Ambassador Dr. Athaliah Molokomme, Chair of the General Council of the World Trade Organisation, March 2023 - March 2024.



Dr. Matshediso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa, since 2015



Mr. Gaeimelwe Goitsewang, Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in Geneva for the period 2023-2027



Ms. Mantlha Sankoloba, President of the Board of the Organisation of the Caribbean and Pacific States Business Forum



Mr. Phologo Kaone Bogatsu, United Nations Committee on Contributions for the period 2022-2024



Professor Mpho Molomo, Political Head of the SADC Mission in Mozambique



Dr. Kekgonne Baipoledi, Chair of the Bureau of the United Nations Commission of Science, and Technology for Development, in 2019



H.E. Mr. Elias Magosi, Executive Secretary, SADC



H.E. High Commissioner Justice Sanji Monageng, President of the SADC Administrative Tribunal





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