



STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA

11th - 13th November 2025

Her Excellency Mrs. Droupadi Murmu
President of the Republic of India

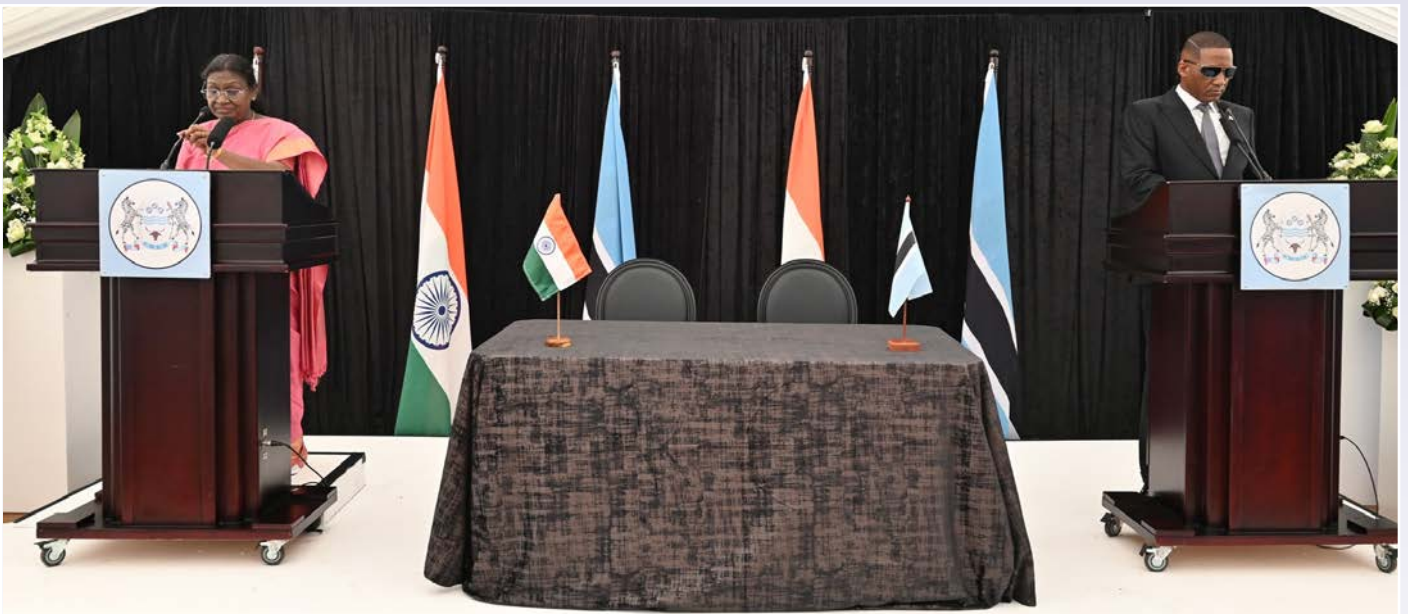
Welcome to Botswana



IN PICTURES STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY INDIA'S PRESIDENT



President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko welcomed his counterpart, Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India, at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport on 11th November 2025



President Boko and President Murmu delivered Press Statements following the Botswana-India official talks



Her Excellency Mrs. Droupadi Murmu during her tour of the Diamond Trading Company Botswana (DTCB)



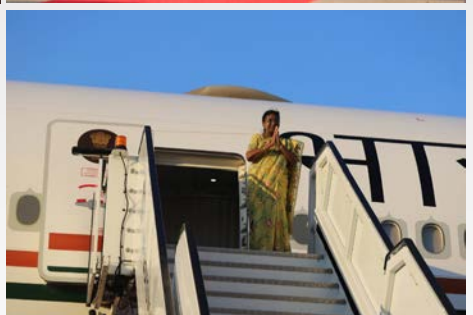
State Banquet hosted in honour of President Murmu



Botswana donated 8 cheetahs to India during the Presidents visit to Mokolodi Nature Reserve



Vice President Gaolathe and the Honourable Dr. Butale paid courtesy calls on the President of India



Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu concluded her historic State Visit to Botswana on 13th November 2025

PRESS STATEMENT

**BY PRESIDENT DUMA GIDEON BOKO PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

DELIVERED DURING THE STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

12TH NOVEMBER 2025 | GABORONE



Good morning to you all;

1. I wish to thank Her Excellency, Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India, for undertaking this historic State visit to Botswana. The visit is historic as it is the first time in our almost sixty (60) years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, that Botswana is hosting a Head of State of India.

2. The visit, Your Excellency, is also significant to us Botswana as it is the first State visit we are hosting since the new administration was ushered -in following the October 2024 general elections, which brought about a change of government that has never been experienced in the history of our country.

3. Botswana will continue to consolidate her standing as a democratic country, and in so doing we will draw inspiration from India which has earned global acclaim as the "mother of democracy." Despite the obvious differences between Botswana and India due to population size, the economy and other factors, our shared belief in democratic principles which serve as a strong bond that unites our two countries in terms of our values, approaches to governance and promotion of social harmony.

4. We have just concluded bilateral talks between our two countries, and I must say, the atmosphere was warm and cordial, which is reflective of the friendly relations and convergence on many areas of mutual interest.

5. I thanked Her Excellency for India's longstanding partnership with Botswana and continued support in areas such as health, education, military cooperation and trade and investment. The contribution of India to our development and to enhancing the skills base of Botswana is immense. In turn, Botswana is host to many nationals of Indian descent who have chosen our country as their home and base for their businesses.

6. During the talks, we agreed that the two countries would strengthen cooperation, particularly in light of the prevailing economic challenges facing Botswana. In this regard, the visit by the President of India could not have been more timely as we were able to first hand, invite India to partner with us on implementing the requisite initiatives necessary for the transformational and economic revival journey. These have been articulated in both the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and the State of the Nation address we delivered on Monday.

7. We also gave our support to the on-going Botswana- India Business Forum which is being held alongside the State visit with a view to bolstering investment and business relations between the two countries.

8. We should also highlight that, in the spirit of our shared environmental goals and promotion of biodiversity, Botswana will be donating eight (8) cheetahs to India to assist in the regeneration of their cheetah population. We are able to do this due to our success in the conservation of animal species that Botswana is blessed with.

9. We are also pleased to inform that Botswana is also a member of the International Solar Alliance, which is an initiative conceived His Excellency President Narendra Modi in order to promote the uptake of solar energy and its attendant technologies.

10. On the global affairs, we took the opportunity to acknowledge India's standing as 5th largest economy in the world, and her pivotal role in advocating for the development interests of the Global South.

11. I also applauded Her Excellency for India's efforts in advocating for the admission of the African Union as a member of the G20. This was achieved in 2023, during India's Chairmanship of the G20.

12. Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, in conclusion, we are excited about the visit and the opportunity to reaffirm Botswana's appreciation to India for standing with Botswana through the years. More importantly, we look forward to the prospect of enhanced cooperation between our two countries.

13. Once again, I thank you, Your Excellency, for accepting our invitation to Botswana. We are deeply appreciative of the spirit of solidarity and camaraderie that you have demonstrated by this visit.

14. I thank you



PROMOTING BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS ABROAD

ENGAGEMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS

REMARKS BY HONOURABLE MOETI CAESAR MOHWASA MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION OF 1ST NOVEMBER 1954 OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

14TH NOVEMBER 2025

A very good evening to you all!!!

1. Your Excellency, allow me at the outset to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kind invitation to the 71st Anniversary of the Glorious Revolution of 1st November 1954, a defining moment in the history of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

2. The Revolution of 1st November 1954 stands as a timeless testament to the unwavering determination, unity, and resilience of the Algerian people. It was on this historic day, that Algeria commenced its resolute struggle for independence from colonial domination which ultimately led to the attainment of freedom in 1962.

3. As you commemorate this remarkable milestone, I wish to take this opportunity to extend, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Botswana, our warm congratulations to Your Excellency, and through you, to the Government and the people of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

4. May the spirit of the 1st November Revolution continue to guide your nation towards peace, prosperity and unity. As we celebrate and pay tribute to the vision, courage, and sacrifices of Algeria's leaders, may this anniversary continue to serve as an inspiration not only to Africa, but to the entire world.

5. Your Excellency, Botswana values its longstanding bonds of friendship with Algeria, a trusted ally and strategic partner in development. Our two nations continue to pursue closer cooperation across key sectors such as agriculture, education, health, pharmaceutical production, renewable energy, and sports.

6. We share a common vision of progress, underpinned by strong historical ties that predate the formal establishment of diplomatic relations in 1983. The Government of Botswana is committed to finalising the General Agreement of Cooperation which will serve as an important instrument in advancing and deepening cooperation between our two countries.

7. As such, in September 2025, the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Hon. Tiroeaone Ntsima, represented Botswana at the Intra-Africa Trade Forum in Algiers, Algeria. During this important gathering, the Minister held fruitful engagements with a wide range of stakeholders, further strengthening the ties between our two nations. The event also provided an important platform to highlight Botswana's efforts in advancing the African continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement.

8. Your Excellency, our two countries also engage regularly and exchange views on issues of mutual interest on the margins of various international meetings and events. Botswana applauds and holds in high esteem the Government of Algeria's unwavering efforts and steadfast commitment to promoting peace, stability, and development in the continent and beyond.

9. We commend and appreciate the principled support that the Government of Algeria continues to provide to the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic in their pursuit of self-determination. As a government committed to human rights and the rule of law, Botswana values Algeria's enduring contribution to efforts aimed at achieving a just and lasting resolution to the question of Western Sahara, a position we fully support.

10. Ladies and Gentlemen, in conclusion, I am confident that the enduring bonds of friendship and fruitful cooperation between Botswana and Algeria will continue to grow, contributing to the prosperity and well-being of our two countries and peoples.

11. Your Excellencies, Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, please stand and join me in raising a toast:

- To the continued good health, happiness, and prosperity of His Excellency Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People Democratic Republic of Algeria;
- To the continued friendship, solidarity and fruitful cooperation between the Republic of Botswana and the People Democratic Republic of Algeria; and
- To international peace and security;

PULA!



BOTSWANA RECEIVES THE SECOND AND FINAL CONSIGNMENT OF ANTI-RETROVIRAL MEDICATION FROM ZIMBABWE

On 6th November 2025, Botswana received the second and final consignment of Anti-retroviral medication from the Republic of Zimbabwe, under the loan (80%)- donation (20%) arrangement.

The consignment was received at CMS in Gaborone, by among others, the Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Botswana H.E Batiraishe Henry Mukonoweshuro, Ambassador of Botswana to Zimbabwe H.E. Sarah Molosiwa. Botswana and Zimbabwe enjoy strong bonds of friendship and cooperation based on mutual interests, shared historical and cultural ties. Cooperation between the two countries covers a wide range of areas including health, agriculture, defence and security, education, energy, environment, mining, tourism, as well as trade and investment from the Education sector.



PROMOTING BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS ABROAD

ENGAGEMENTS AT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

BOTSWANA MISSION IN NEW YORK

BOTSWANA AND AZERBAIJAN SIGN HISTORIC DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENT

On 11th November 2025, the Governments of Botswana and Azerbaijan formalised their diplomatic relations through the signing of a Joint Communiqué in New York. This landmark event symbolises mutual commitment to fostering understanding, cooperation, and adherence to international laws.

Officiated by Ambassadors Mr. Charles Masole of Botswana and Mr. Tofiq Musayev of Azerbaijan, the signing ceremony opens new avenues for collaboration across various sectors, including trade, culture, and diplomacy. This diplomatic milestone marks a significant step forward in the nations' international engagement and partnership.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN AUSTRALIA

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER MR COLLEN DIANE ATTENDED THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Acting High Commissioner Mr. Collen Diane attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Canberra, joining Australian leaders including the Governor-General and the Prime Minister for this solemn occasion. Remembrance Day is not only a time to honour those who sacrificed their lives during World War I but also a moment to remember all men and women who have died in the line of duty in various wars and peacekeeping operations across the globe.

Remembrance Day in Australia is marked by a national pause at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, commemorating the moment the guns fell silent at the end of World War I. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries, military leaders, and members of the diplomatic corps, highlighting its national and international importance.

The Acting High Commissioner's participation, including laying of a wreath underlines Botswana's solidarity with Australia and the international community in remembering all who have served and sacrificed, including those in peacekeeping operations worldwide. Participating alongside the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, and other dignitaries reaffirms the commitment to honouring shared values of service, peace, and remembrance.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN SWITZERLAND

AMBASSADOR NTHISANA MOTSETE-PHILLIPS PRESENTS HER CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION KARIN KELLER-SUTTER

On 23rd October 2025, Her Excellency Ms. Nthisana Motsete-Phillips, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Swiss Confederation, formally presented her Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Ms. Karin Keller-Sutter, President of the Swiss Confederation, during an official ceremony held at the Federal Palace in Bern.

Following the presentation of credentials, Ambassador Nthisana Motsete-Phillips held a warm and substantive exchange with President Karin Keller-Sutter, reaffirming the longstanding relations between Botswana and Switzerland, founded on shared principles of democracy, good governance, and respect for human rights. The Ambassador commended Switzerland's leadership in multilateral diplomacy and reiterated Botswana's commitment to advancing these values, with particular emphasis on the rights and dignity of indigenous peoples. She conveyed Botswana's interest in deepening cooperation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Agriculture, highlighting their role in youth empowerment and inclusive development.

In response, President Keller-Sutter welcomed the initiative and affirmed Switzerland's readiness to support Botswana's efforts through institutional collaboration and technical expertise. President Keller-Sutter further encouraged Ambassador Motsete-Phillips to build on the positive trajectory of bilateral relations, noting the potential for expanded cooperation across strategic sectors for the mutual benefit of both nations—a significant step forward in the nations' international engagement and partnership.



PRESIDENT ADVOCATE DUMA GIDEON BOKO ENGAGES BATSWANA DIASPORA IN SWITZERLAND, ENCOURAGES SKILLS TRANSFER AND NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION

During his working visit to Switzerland from 25th to 29th October 2025, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko met with members of the Batswana community residing in Switzerland. The gathering, hosted by the Botswana Embassy in Geneva, provided a warm and inclusive space for citizens to engage directly with the Head of State and reflect on their shared national identity.

In his remarks, President Boko expressed appreciation for the contributions of Batswana abroad and reaffirmed the government's commitment to maintaining strong ties with the diaspora. He encouraged those present to continue building their skills, networks, and experiences in Switzerland and beyond—while extending a heartfelt invitation to eventually return home and contribute to Botswana's development. He emphasized that their expertise would be vital in driving innovation, creating employment, and supporting the country's long-term transformation goals. The event was marked by a spirit of unity and optimism, as Batswana from diverse backgrounds—students, professionals, and families—gathered to engage in meaningful dialogue with the President, sharing perspectives and exchanging ideas on national development. The President's message resonated deeply, reinforcing the enduring connection between Botswana and its global citizens, and affirming their role as partners in shaping the nation's future.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN FRANCE

BOTSWANA DELEGATION AT THE 43RD SESSION OF UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka led the Botswana delegation to a historic UNESCO 43rd General Conference held outside headquarters for the first time in forty (40) years.

Hon. Minister was accompanied by Charge d'affaires, Mr. Tshepo Mogotsi, Deputy Permanent Secretary-Education Support, Mr. Matshediso Steve Bothasitse and other Government senior officials. The General Conference appointed Ambassador Khondker M. Talha, Ambassador of Bangladesh to France and Permanent delegate of Bangladesh to UNESCO, as the new Chairperson of the 43rd General Conference for the period of two (2) years.

On the margins of the Conference, Hon. Minister held bilateral meetings with the Assistant Director General (ADG) for culture, Mr. Ernesto Ottone Ramirez, ADG for Education, Ms. Stefania Giannini and two Directors from the Education sector.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN BRAZIL

AMBASSADOR CHINGAPANE ATTENDS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL COAL CONGRESS

The Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Her Excellency Benetia Tumelo Chingapane, attended the First International Coal Congress held in Maracaibo, Zulia State in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela from 28th to 30th October 2025.

The objective of the Coal Congress centered on boosting the country's coal production and export capacity, diversifying its economy away from oil, and establishing strategic alliances within the global mining industry. The Congress also aimed to attract industry captains in the mining industry and explore possibilities for establishing strategic partnerships to develop Venezuela's coal reserves.

Botswana's participation in the Congress focused on knowledge sharing and technology transfer since Botswana is also a coal producing country. How Botswana could benchmark on mining technology and transportation processes utilised in Venezuela which could assist Botswana to produce clean energy for both domestic consumption and export. Botswana has an estimated 212 billion tons of coal reserves.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS



📍 2030hrs: BOTSWANA TELEVISION
Show: Botswana Tonight

📅 06th November 2025

INTERVIEW

FOCUS: THE AU PEACE AND SECURITY
COUNCIL (AU PSC) AND BOTSWANA'S ROLE AS
CHAIR OF THE AU PSC

by

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AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE FEDERAL
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA AND PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AFRICAN UNION (AU)



📍 6:10am (GABZ FM)
Programme - Foreign Desk
📍 8:15am (RADIO BOTSWANA)
Programme - Foreign Desk

📅 11th November 2025

📍 9:00am (DUMA FM)
Programme - Foreign Desk

📅 14th November 2025

INTERVIEW

FOCUS: STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY THE PRESIDENT
OF INDIA H.E. MRS. DROUPADI MURMU / BOTSWANA-INDIA
BILATERAL RELATIONS

by

HE. MR. GILBERT MANGOLE

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF BOTSWANA TO INDIA



BOTSWANA CELEBRATES WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

THEME: "My Day, My Rights: From Promises to Action"

Over 200 children from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe celebrated World Children's Day in Gaborone, on 15th November 2025



Aumake Aron - President of the National Children's Consultative Forum of Botswana

Venue: Parliament of Botswana



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