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BOTSWANA - ANGOLA BILATERAL RELATIONS



**REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR THUSO G. RAMODIMOOSI - PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA'S 50TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY
14TH NOVEMBER 2025**



I am pleased and honoured to stand in for my Minister, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale, at this celebratory occasion marking the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Angola.

I should also highlight that my Minister has the privilege of attending the main festivities on 11th November 2025 in Luanda, representing the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko. His Excellency, Former President Dr. Mokgweetsi Masisi, also had the opportunity to grace the joyous celebration.

Your Excellency, my Minister also wants me to inform you that it was a heartwarming experience for him to lead the Botswana Delegation to join the people and Government of Angola, and well-wishers across the region and the international community, in celebrating Angola's remarkable 50-year journey of progress, resilience, and nation building.

We deeply appreciate the warm hospitality and generous courtesies extended to the Honourable Minister and Botswana delegation during this historic occasion.

In the same spirit, on behalf of the Government and people of Botswana, allow me to convey our heartfelt congratulations to the Government and people of Angola on the achievement of this significant milestone in your nation's history.

As you celebrate this Golden Jubilee, I wish to reaffirm the Government of the Republic of Botswana's unwavering commitment to strengthening the bonds of friendship and bilateral cooperation with the Republic of Angola.

Let me also take this opportunity, your Excellency, to underscore the great value that the Government of Botswana places on her relationship with the Government of Angola. We share a deep and longstanding friendship anchored on shared values, mutual respect, and common aspirations for peace, stability, and prosperity.

From our founding Presidents, Sir Seretse Khama and Dr. Agostinho Neto, to our present-day Presidents, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko and His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, the relations between Botswana and Angola have stood the test of time and continue to grow from strength to strength.

Ours is a partnership forged in the spirit of African solidarity, strengthened through many years of cooperation within the frameworks of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union, and sustained by a shared commitment to the development and advancement of our peoples.

Our two nations collaborate across a wide range of sectors, including water resources, conservation, agriculture, transport, mining and energy, as well as in the promotion of peace and security in the region. Negotiations are also underway to conclude agreements in the fields of mining and energy, agriculture, justice, tourism, trade and investment. Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, as many of you may be aware, Botswana's majestic Okavango Delta is one of the symbols of our inseparable bond with Angola. An estimated 95% of the water that gives life to the Delta flows from the Cubango and Cuito rivers in the Angolan Highlands. Our shared commitment to the protection and sustainable management of this treasure of nature, under the auspices of the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM), remains steadfast.

I am also pleased to highlight that Botswana and Angola, as two of Africa's leading diamond-producing countries, are deepening their partnership and collaboration in the diamond mining sector. Notably, our two countries, together with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia and South Africa, recently signed The Luanda Accord, a landmark agreement on the promotion of natural diamonds. We were also honoured, last week, to receive a visit from the Angolan Minister of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Hon. Diamantino Pedro Azevedo. The visit offered a valuable opportunity to strengthen cooperation in the diamond industry, energy and logistics.

I wish to also express appreciation for the commitment that has been exhibited by the relevant authorities in both Botswana and Angola, who remain in regular contact and are in the process of finalising a Memorandum of Understanding in the fields of mining and energy, which will serve as a blueprint for enhanced cooperation in these strategic sectors. The warmth of our relations has also been demonstrated by Angola's gracious invitation to Botswana to participate in the development of the Lobito Refinery, a strategic oil refinery project poised to meet both domestic and regional energy needs.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to conclude by reiterating Botswana's heartfelt congratulations to the Government and people of Angola, and to extend our best wishes for Angola's continued peace, prosperity and progress.
MUITO OBRIGADO, PULA, GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BOTSWANA PAYS COURTESY CALL ON HONOURABLE BUTALE

On 17th November 2025, the Ambassador of France to Botswana and Special Representative to SADC, Her Excellency Ms. Valérie Baraban, paid a courtesy call on the Minister of International Relations, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale.

During the meeting, the two parties exchanged views on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of common interest. They also reaffirmed their commitment to explore opportunities for enhanced bilateral collaboration between Botswana and France, in areas such as innovation and digitalisation, defense and security, health technologies, as well as cultural cooperation.

Honourable Butale further underscored Botswana's appreciation for the longstanding friendship with France, noting that France remains a key development partner for Botswana. Botswana and France established diplomatic ties in 1967.



UNICEF DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR PAYS COURTESY CALL ON HONOURABLE BUTALE

On 18th November 2025, the UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, Ms. Alison Parker, paid a Courtesy Call on the Minister of International Relations, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale. Ms. Parker was on an Official Visit to Botswana from 14th to 19th November 2025.

During the meeting, the two discussed ongoing collaboration between the Government of Botswana and UNICEF, focusing on key areas such as child protection, health, and education. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the rights and well-being of children in Botswana.

As part of her visit, Ms. Parker also participated in the World Children's Day Commemoration hosted by Botswana on 15th November 2025, an engagement that highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen programmes that support and promote the holistic development of children.



HONOURABLE DR. PHENYO BUTALE RECEIVES NEW ENVOYS TO BOTSWANA

New Envoys to Botswana met with Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale, on 17th November 2025, to present copies of their Letters of Credence. Minister Butale wished them a successful tour of duty and expressed gratitude for the strong bonds of friendship and fruitful cooperation that exists between their respective countries and Botswana. On their part, the Envoys thanked the Minister for the warm welcome they have received in Botswana, and underscored that they look forward to strengthening bilateral cooperation between their countries and Botswana.

The Envoys included H.E Mr. Shah Ahmed Shafi, High Commissioner-Designate of Bangladesh; H.E Ms. Karin Poulsen, Ambassador-Designate of Denmark; H.E Ms. Magaly Josefina Henríquez González, Ambassador-Designate of Venezuela; and H.E Ms. Erika Ylonca Álvarez Rodríguez, Ambassador-Designate of the Dominican Republic.



BOTSWANA JOINT NATIONAL – UN STEERING COMMITTEE MEET TO CONSIDER PROGRESS MADE UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK



On 20th November 2025, the Government of Botswana and the United Nations met to consider progress made on initiatives being implemented under the Botswana-UN Cooperation Framework (2022-2026). The Joint Steering Committee meeting, was chaired by Ambassador Thuso Ramodimoosi, Permanent Secretary - Ministry of International Relations, and Ms Wenyan Yang - United Nations Resident Coordinator.

The Cooperation Framework guides the UN's collective support for Botswana's national development agenda. The areas addressed by the Framework, include gender equality and youth empowerment; equitable access to quality health, nutrition, education, particularly vulnerable and marginalised groups; and food security.

During the opening session, among others, Ambassador Ramodimoosi, expressed appreciation for the support the UN renders to Botswana and her development endeavours. He also underscored that the Cooperation Framework is a true reflection of multilateralism in action, and that it serves as a resourceful tool that can effectively support Botswana's Economic and Transformation Programme. On her part, Ms. Yang underscored that the review process enables the UN to ensure that its contributions holistically support Botswana in her efforts to achieve her national development priorities, as well as make progress towards the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.



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Engagements at Botswana Diplomatic Missions

SERBIA AND BOTSWANA DEEPEN BILATERAL RELATIONS

During his recent Working Visit to Belgrade, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale, and His Excellency Marko Đurić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation across key sectors.

Serbia has agreed to expand its scholarship and academic exchange programmes, providing greater opportunities for Botswana students and professionals to benefit from Serbia's strong tradition of scientific and technical excellence. In support of Botswana's national development priorities, Serbia has also pledged to collaborate in the areas of industrialization and agricultural upscaling, offering technical partnerships that will enhance productivity, innovation, and skills transfer.

Furthermore, Serbia has expressed her readiness to advance visa-free travel arrangements for holders of diplomatic and official passports, paving the way for future consideration of eased travel for ordinary passport holders and deeper people-to-people engagement.

Moreover, Botswana has been formally invited to participate in the Serbia 2027 Expo, as well as the country's leading Tourism and Agricultural Fairs, creating new platforms for trade, investment promotion, and showcasing Botswana's national strengths to broader European markets. Lastly, Serbia further pledged to vote for Botswana in its efforts to lead UNESCO world heritage committee and in other multilateral and international forums. These developments mark a significant step forward in the friendship between Botswana and Serbia, anchored in shared values and a mutual desire for sustainable growth, innovation, and international cooperation.



SERBIAN PRIME MINISTER ĐURO MACUT REAFFIRMS STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH BOTSWANA

Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale, Minister of International Relations of the Republic of Botswana, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Mr. Đuro Macut, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, during his official engagements in Belgrade. The Prime Minister reaffirmed Serbia's commitment to strengthening and expanding cooperation with Botswana across key strategic areas.

Prime Minister Đuro Macut also reaffirmed Serbia's full commitment to expanding scholarships, supporting Botswana's industrialisation and agricultural programmes, advancing visa-free travel for diplomatic and official passport holders, and backing Botswana's candidature in UNESCO and other multilateral forums.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN NAMIBIA

MINISTER BUTALE ATTENDS THE 7th AU-EU SUMMIT IN LUANDA, ANGOLA, 24th-25th November 2025

On 24th November 2025, Honourable Dr. Butale, took part in the Opening Session and the Plenary Session of the 7th AU-EU Summit which discussed two of the thematic areas of the AU-EU partnership; on Peace, Security and Governance, and Multilateralism. The partnership between the African Union and the European Union places peace, security, governance, and multilateralism at the center of its strategic agenda.

The leaders discussed their shared priorities, which included stabilising countries in conflict, reinforcing democratic institutions, and promoting a fairer, rules based on international order. These issues form the backbone of a relationship aimed at supporting the political and developmental aspirations of both continents.

Dr Butale also held a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Summit, exploring opportunities to strengthen cooperation, advance Botswana's strategic interests, and deepen partnerships within the AU-EU framework.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE

BOTSWANA AND MOZAMBIQUE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

H.E. Ms Chandapiwa Nteta hosted an Art Exhibition from 13th October to 14th November 2025, in commemoration of 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Mozambique, a friendship formally established in 1975. The exhibition showcased various Botswana artefacts such as paintings, traditional baskets and regalia.

The exhibition concluded on a high note with a cocktail reception graced by H.E. Ms. Maria de Fátima Simão Manso, Secretary of State for Business Foreigners and Mozambican Community Abroad, brought together diplomats, government officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Corporation and the Ministry of Culture, captains of industry, various artists and curators.

In her welcome remarks, the High Commissioner underscored that the celebrations underscored the growing Botswana-Mozambique partnership and spirit of solidarity; people to people exchanges; and fruitful bilateral cooperation in different areas such as agriculture, energy, defense, trade, education, health, ICT, justice, social protection, and tourism, among others. For her part, the Guest of Honour highlighted the advanced relations, strengthened by High-Level Exchange visits among others.

To mark this auspicious milestone, the Botswana Mission in Mozambique, chose to celebrate the creative industry through art and fashion, to highlight the people-to-people interaction,



which is a cornerstone to bilateral relations. This was in recognition of the instrumental role played by arts and culture, including visual arts, music, dance, literature, fashion and crafts, in advancing social transformation and economic development.

Botswana and Mozambique enjoy excellent and fruitful bilateral relations cooperation anchored on close historical ties, fostered by the legacies of their founding Presidents, Sir Seretse Khama and Samora Machel.

BOTSWANA MISSION IN ZIMBABWE

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AND HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO ZIMBABWE, PAYS AN INTRODUCTORY COURTESY CALL ON H.E. AMBASSADOR MOLOSIWA

On 19th November 2025, Her Excellency Ms. Katrin Hagemann, Ambassador-Designate and Head of the European Union Delegation to Zimbabwe, paid an introductory courtesy call on Her Excellency Mrs. Sarah S. Molosiwa, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to Zimbabwe.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the two Ambassadors to exchange views on a wide range of issues of mutual interest. They also reaffirmed their commitment to fostering stronger bilateral relations between the Republic of Botswana and the European Union.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN SWITZERLAND

AMBASSADOR NTHISANA MOTSETE-PHILLIPS PRESENTS HER CREDENTIALS TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, DR. NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA

On 18th November 2025, Ambassador Nthisana Motsete-Phillips, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, formally presented her Letters of Credence to Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization. Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala warmly welcomed Ambassador Motsete-Phillips back to Geneva, noting their close collaboration during her tenure as Director of the Finance and Corporate Services Division at the WTO, and expressing confidence that her return would bring renewed energy and depth to the Organization's deliberations.

Their wide-ranging conversation covered the need for WTO Reform, noting that this ought to be anchored in development objectives, emphasizing Special and Differential Treatment as essential for industrialization, inclusive growth, and addressing historical asymmetries in trade. It was emphasized that African Members must remain vigilant on key issues such as agriculture, services, food security, and e-commerce to ensure their priorities



are not overshadowed. Their discussion also highlighted the Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement, underscoring its potential to enhance transparency, attract sustainable investment, as well as the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement's place in restoring the global dispute settlement.

BOTSWANA MISSION IN ZAMBIA

BOTSWANA HEALTH DELEGATION UNDERTAKES TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISIT TO ZAMBIA

On 20th November 2025, a delegation from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Botswana undertook a high-level technical exchange visit to the Republic of Zambia's National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI). The purpose of the mission was to gain practical insights into the Institute's collaboration with the Ministry of Health in strengthening national public health systems.

The ZNPHI delegation, under the leadership of the Director of Public Health, Diplomacy and Communications, Dr. Doreen Shempela, provided a comprehensive briefing on the Institute's mandate, institutional framework, and its pivotal role in safeguarding Zambia's public health sector.

This engagement afforded the Botswana delegation an opportunity to draw lessons from Zambia's experience as Botswana advances reforms in its own public health systems. The Botswana team was led by Dr. Oratile Mfokeng.



BOTSWANA BENCHMARKS AGAINST ZAMBIA

On 21st November 2025, a delegation from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Botswana met with the National Health Insurance Management Authority (NHIMA) of the Republic of Zambia. The objective of the visit was to draw lessons from Zambia as Botswana seeks to provide universal health coverage for its citizens.

The meeting provided an in-depth overview of NHIMA's operations and underscored its experience in key areas, including scheme administration, financing mechanisms, accreditation processes, ICT systems, and benefit package development.



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Deadline for submission: **15th December 2025**

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Qualified Batswana are encouraged to apply.

Deadline for submission: **26th March 2026**

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- Smallholder Market Development and Aggregation Specialist
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- Forest Governance Expert for Latin America
- Investigator
- Animal Health Officer (Antimicrobial Resistance)
- Fishery and Aquaculture Officer

Details for the FAO application process can be accessed at;
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 **ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES (OACPS)**

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