

PROMOTING BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS ABROAD

ENGAGEMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS



UNITED NATIONS 24th October
Day
Theme:
"Building Our Future Together"
Celebrating 80 years


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BOTSWANA CELEBRATES UN DAY

The United Nations Day is commemorated on 24th October every year to mark the anniversary of the day the UN Charter came into force in 1945, resulting in the founding of the UN.

For this year, the UN Day was held under the theme: "Building Our Future Together." In Botswana, celebrations for UN Day were held on 25th October 2025, in Gaborone. The key event was a Run/Walk for Sustainable Development Goals. The Acting President of the Republic of Botswana, Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, officiated at the event.

ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations is an international organisation founded in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter.

The main organs of the United Nations are: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, and the UN Secretariat. All were established in 1945.



BOTSWANA AMBASSADORS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK: FROM 1966 TO PRESENT



H.E. MR. CHARLES MASOLE
Current Ambassador pictured with the UN Secretary-General H.E. António Guterres



H.E. DR. GLADYS MOKHAWA
2023 - 2025



H.E. MR. COLLEN V. KELAPILE
2018 - 2023



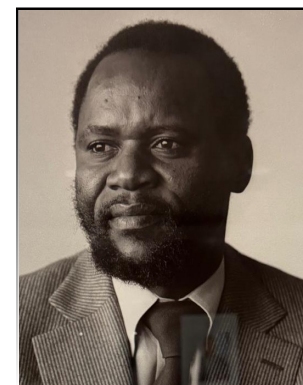
H.E. MR. CHARLES T. NTWAAGAE
2008 - 2018



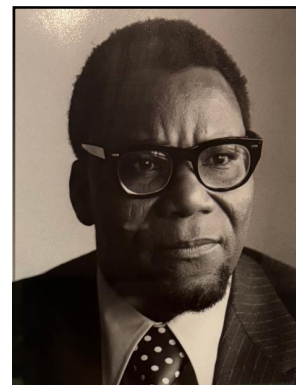
H.E. MR. SAMUEL O. OUTLULE
2005 - 2008



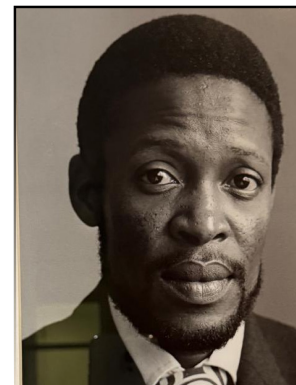
H.E. MR. ALFRED M. DUBE
2002 - 2005



H.E. MR. LEGWAILA J. LEGWAILA
1980 - 2002



H.E. DR. THOMAS TLOU
1977 - 1980



H.E. MR. THEBE D. MOGAMI
1973 - 1977



H.E. MR. TOPO J. MOLEFHE
1968 - 1972



H.E. PROF. ZACHARIAH K. MATTHEWS
1966 - 1968



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ENGAGEMENTS AT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

BOTSWANA MISSION IN BELGIUM

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS, HONOURABLE LESEGO CHOMBO, PARTICIPATED ALONGSIDE GLOBAL LEADERS AT THE RECENTLY ENDED WORLD FOOD FORUM

The Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Honourable Lesego Chombo, participated alongside global leaders at the recently ended World Food Forum held from 13th to 17th October 2025, in Rome, Italy. The Forum was held under the theme 'Hand in Hand for Better Foods and Better Future'.

Honourable Lesego Chombo delivered a keynote address at the Youth Forum under the theme "Local Youth, Real Impact: World Food Forum National Youth Chapters Leading Inclusive Agrifood Systems Change on the Ground." She called for greater inclusion of young people in policy formulation, highlighting their crucial role in building sustainable and equitable food systems.

Hon. Chombo also featured as a panelist at the Global Youth Forum on "Youth as Carriers of Food Heritage" as well as the Youth Assembly Sessions on Africa and Young Parliamentarians roundtables respectively.

She commended Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme for amplifying youth voices and encouraged young people to take an active role in shaping policies that impact their future.

While in Rome, Hon. Chombo engaged with Batswana living in Rome on challenges related to Youth in Botswana as well as their experiences as Botswana diaspora.



THE EMBASSY OF BOTSWANA IN BELGIUM HOSTED HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. HAB. MARCIN CZEPELAK, OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION (PCA)

The Embassy of Botswana in Belgium recently hosted His Excellency, Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak, of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), based in The Hague (The Netherlands). The visit provided an excellent opportunity to engage in a constructive exchange on matters of international arbitration, dispute resolution, and institutional cooperation.

Her Excellency and the Secretary General reflected on the historic case of the Sedudu Island (Botswana v. Namibia, ICJ, 1999), which serves as an important reminder of how international adjudication and arbitration mechanisms contribute to resolving complex territorial disputes between neighbouring countries through dialogue and legal processes rather than conflict.

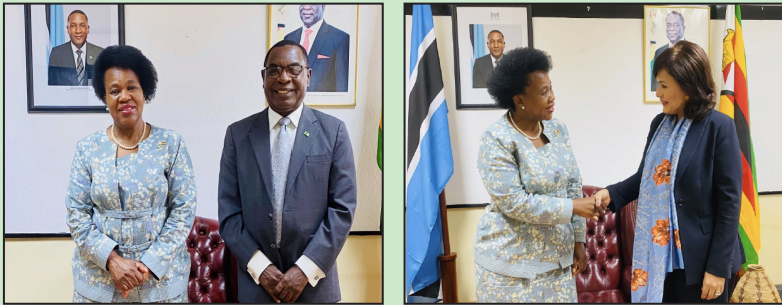


BOTSWANA MISSION IN ZIMBABWE

EXCELLENCIES PAY COURTESY CALLS ON H.E. MS. SARAH S. MOLOSIWA

On 22nd October 2025, Their Excellencies Brigadier General Wilson C. Tembo, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Zambia, and Dr. Maha Serag Eldin Kamel, Ambassador-Designate of the Arab Republic of Egypt paid courtesy calls on Her Excellency Ms. Sarah S. Molosiwa, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana.

The courtesy calls served as an opportunity for the two Envoys to formally introduce themselves, and explore areas for enhanced cooperation between Botswana and their respective countries.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN ZAMBIA

CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES SIGNS BOOK OF CONDOLENCES FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, RT HON. RAILA ODINGA

The Chargé d’Affaires of the Botswana High Commission in Lusaka, Ms. Oabona Dibeela, signed the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya following the passing of the former Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Raila Odinga.

In expressing Botswana’s sympathy, the Chargé d’Affaires conveyed heartfelt condolences to the Government and People of Kenya, and to the family of the late Prime Minister, honouring his legacy as a statesman and advocate for democracy in the region.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN BRAZIL

AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, HER EXCELLENCY BENETIA T. CHINGAPANE, ATTENDED THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MENINAS EM AÇÃO PROGRAM (GIRLS IN ACTION)

The Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Her Excellency Benetia T. Chingapane, attended the closing ceremony of the Meninas em Ação program (Girls in action) organised by Governo do Distrito Federal (GDF) whose objective was to empower young girls from high schools by providing them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. It is an initiative of the Secretariat of the International Relations (Serinter) in partnership with the Secretariats for Women (SMDF) and Education (SEEDF), focusing on female empowerment.



The closing ceremony was held on 21st October 2025 at Palácio do Buriti. The 30 students who took part in leadership positions for one day in Government Institutions, Embassies, International Organisations and Companies to gain first-hand experience and understanding of the space that directly influence politics, diplomacy, communication and business, were awarded certificates for successfully participating in the Girls in Action program. The Embassy of Botswana was amongst those that took part in the program where on 20th August 2025, the Ambassador hosted Ms. Ana Clara Madson, one of the Girls-In-Action Program participants at the Embassy of Botswana. Ms. Madson is a student from CEM Gama School, a public high school in the Federal District of Brasília.

The First Lady of the Governor of the Federal District, Ms. Mayara Rocha, expressed her joy to the most wonderful experience and women empowerment programmes to develop young girls for the future. Mr. Paco Britto, the Secretary of International Relations informed that the program started in the District Federal and six months after the launch it became a State program owing to its popularity and effectiveness.

BOTSWANA MISSION IN AUSTRALLIA

THE BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSION TOOK PART IN CANBERRA’S 2025 WINDOWS TO THE WORLD EVENT

The Botswana High Commission took part in Canberra’s 2025 Windows to the World event on 18th October 2025, offering visitors an immersive cultural and political experience.

The day commenced with a welcome address delivered by the Acting High Commissioner of Botswana, Mr. Collen Diane, followed by lively traditional dance performances by local Botswana children throughout the day.

Guests enjoyed an engaging presentation on Botswana’s history—from the pre-independence period to the present day—highlighting the nation’s social, economic, and political journey. The presentation also showcased Botswana as a destination of choice for investment, trade, and tourism.



Visitors participated in guided tours of the chancery building, which featured exhibits of traditional arts and crafts that reflected Botswana’s national heritage and cultural symbolism. Authentic Botswana cuisine, including seswaa and samp, was served to guests, offering a genuine taste of the country’s culinary traditions.

Attendees also explored demonstrations of traditional craftsmanship and interactive displays on Botswana’s history and culture. A special Kids Corner with drawing and colouring activities ensured a family-friendly atmosphere and encouraged young visitors to engage creatively with Botswana’s traditions.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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0730hrs
(Duma FM – Show: On the Move)

1115hrs
(GABZ FM – Show: Mid-Morning Delight)

1835hrs
(Radio Botswana – Show: Around the World Today)

0720hrs
(Yarona FM – Show: The Rush)

0710hrs
(Radio Botswana – Show: Masa-a-sela)

Interview Dates: 18th and 19th October 2025

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

FOCUS: INTRODUCTION OF ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENT FOR BATSWANA TRAVELLING TO THE UK

by

H.E. MR. SHIMANE L. G. KELAOTWE
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Effective from 14th October 2025, Nationals of Botswana will require an Entry Visa to visit the United Kingdom. High Commissioner Kelaotwe recently held a number of media engagements to inform Batswana about the new requirement. Information on immigration applications for the UK can be found at the UK Government site: www.gov.uk

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