

PROMOTING BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS ABROAD

ENGAGEMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS

BOTSWANA – JAPAN RELATIONS: EMBASSY OF JAPAN HONOURS THE BOTSWANA ATHLETICS TEAM FOR A HISTORIC VICTORY

On 28th October 2025, the Minister of International Relations Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale thanked the Japanese Ambassador to Botswana, His Excellency Mr. Yusuke Shindo, for hosting a reception in honour of the Botswana Athletics team's historic performance at the World Athletics Championships held in Tokyo, Japan in September 2025.

Speaking during the reception, Minister Butale described the gesture as a testament to the longstanding, friendly relations that subsist between Botswana and Japan.

The Minister also applauded the team for flying the Botswana flag high on a world stage, adding that the country is "immensely proud of your sacrifice and commitment, you did us proud."

The Minister of Sports and Arts, Honourable Mr. Jacob Kelebeng, for his part, also expressed gratitude to Ambassador Shindo for honouring the Botswana athletes, and for the strong friendship between Botswana and Japan. Minister Kelebeng further noted that the team is an inspiration to athletes across the nation.



REMARKS BY HONOURABLE DR. PHENYO BUTALE, MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE TURKEY NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

29TH OCTOBER 2025

1. It is my honour to join you this afternoon to officiate this celebration marking the 102nd Anniversary of Turkey's Independence.

2. Allow me, Your Excellency, to convey through you Botswana's warmest congratulations to the Government and people of the Republic of Turkey on this special day.

3. Today marks a significant milestone in your nation's history, and we join you in celebrating the progress of the Turkish people over the past century. The Republic of Turkey's Independence has provided the country with a long-term opportunity to develop into the economic powerhouse it is today. I can attest to this, having had the pleasure of visiting Turkey in the second week of August earlier this year.



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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. Botswana and Turkey have a longstanding history of strong bilateral relations, dating back to 1981 when diplomatic ties were first established. Over the years, our cooperation has grown in both scope and depth, encompassing key areas such as education, trade and investment, capacity building, and mining.

5. The friendship between our nations has strengthened and become more resilient, based on shared values and mutual interests. Botswana highly values this relationship and is committed to enhancing cooperation across various sectors for the benefit of both populations.

6. Your Excellency, as I have previously informed your Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honourable Hakan Fidan, and yourself on multiple occasions, there are numerous opportunities for us to work together. I warmly recall my recent visits: to Antalya in April 2025 for the 4th Antalya Diplomacy Forum and to Ankara in August 2025, where I held a bilateral meeting with Minister Hakan Fidan. That August visit ended with the signing of two bilateral agreements: the Visa Waiver Agreement for Diplomatic, Official, Service, and Special Passports, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Political Consultations.

7. These bilateral agreements, along with the finalisation of the Double Taxation Agreement, will undoubtedly enhance cooperation across various sectors, facilitate smooth travel for diplomats and officials from both nations, and promote greater Turkish investment and economic collaboration. I also believe this will encourage deeper cultural understanding through increased people-to-people exchanges between our countries. Ultimately, this will be supported by Botswana opening an Embassy in Ankara.

8. Your Excellency, Botswana sincerely appreciates the ongoing support from the Government of Turkey in providing scholarships to Botswana students, many of whom have opted to study in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) has also offered substantial support to Botswana, as demonstrated by its donation of humanitarian equipment in May 2025 to aid in responding to potential future natural disasters.

9. In June 2025, TIKA supplied additional tractors and funding to train fifty small-scale horticulture farmers for the project titled "Empowering Small-Scale Horticulture Farmers through Climate-Resilient Practices and Equipment Support." We are confident that this support will significantly strengthen our agricultural sector and ultimately enhance the country's food security. Your Excellency,

10. As agreed during my official visit to Turkey in August 2025, Botswana will convene the 3rd Meeting of the Botswana-Turkey Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) on dates to be mutually agreed. The meeting will offer a suitable opportunity for us to revitalise our cooperation and strengthen our friendship for mutual benefit. I am personally looking forward to welcoming the Turkish delegation to Botswana.

11. Botswana highly values peace and security, including human security as outlined in the United Nations (UN) instruments and decisions. In this context, I wish to acknowledge Turkey as an important contributor to international security. Turkey's ongoing efforts to promote global peace and security are highly commendable. Our nations' solidarity on international platforms and within organisations strengthens our collective ability in this area.

12. In conclusion, I wish to reaffirm my commitment and that of the Government of Botswana to continue collaborating with you and your government to further strengthen the friendly relations and bonds of friendship between our great nations.

13. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I now request you to join me in drinking a toast to:
-the continued good health of His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey,
-the continued friendship, solidarity and fruitful cooperation between the Governments and peoples of Turkey and Botswana, and to international peace and security.

I thank you for your attention.

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AUC DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND BLUE ECONOMY PAYS COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR THUSO RAMODIMOOSI

Mr. Harsen Nyambe, AUC Director of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy paid a Courtesy Call on Ambassador Thuso Ramodimoosi, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of International Relations, ahead of the Inaugural Africa Biodiversity Summit, that will take place in Gaborone, from 2nd to 5th November 2025. The theme for the Summit is: "Leveraging Biodiversity for Africa's Prosperity."



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ENGAGEMENTS AT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

BOTSWANA MISSION IN NEW YORK

AMBASSADOR MASOLE MEETS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION

Ambassador Charles Masole met with the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Dr. Hab Marcin Czepelak, on 28th October 2025, in New York, USA. During the meeting, they exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, including the possibility of Botswana joining the PCA.

The PCA is based in The Hague, the Netherlands, and it mainly deals with investor-contracts disputes and could also act as a nominating authority for the International Court of Justice (ICJ) judges and other arbitration mechanism.



BOTSWANA AND KAZAKHSTAN FORGE DIPLOMATIC TIES

On 30th October 2025, Botswana and Kazakhstan officially established diplomatic relations with the signing of a Joint Communiqué in New York. This historic milestone underscores both nations' commitment to deepening friendship, mutual understanding, and strategic cooperation. Guided by international law, including the Vienna Convention and the principles of the United Nations Charter, Botswana and Kazakhstan aim to promote peace, sovereignty, and respect for territorial integrity.

The Joint Communiqué was signed by the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Kazakhstan to the United Nations, Mr. Charles Masole and Mr. Kairat Umarov, respectively. This development signals a new era of strengthened international engagement, fostering collaboration that contributes to global peace and security. The agreement also marks a significant step forward in enhancing diplomatic relations and exploring avenues for partnership between Botswana and Kazakhstan.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN NIGERIA

BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSION ATTENDS THE ABUJA BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT EXPO

On 22nd - 24th October 2025, officials from the Botswana High Commission attended the Abuja Business and Investment Expo and also facilitated Modisar, Inc. Net (Pty) Ltd, a Botswana based company to participate at the Expo, and engage in industry-to-industry networking.

Modisar, Inc. Net (Pty) Ltd, met with various entities, including the Africa Centre for Agriculture and Social Inclusion (ACASI) to explore potential partnerships on livestock improvement, cattle genetics and breeding technologies. Modisar representatives were also able to visit a farm and received a briefing on cattle breeding, genetics, abattoir settings and forder production. This level of engagement and participation, exposed the company to the available partnership opportunities that Nigeria can accord Botswana businesses in the agriculture sector, among others.

At the Investment and Business Expo, Her Excellency Philda Nani Kereng, High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, also delievered a Goodwill message during the official opening where among others, she informed on investment opportunities available in Botswana.

Furthermore, High Commissioner Kereng was a panellist on the final day of the Expo. The panel was held under the theme, "Women Economic Power/Policies and Pathways." In her remarks the High Commissioner emphasised the need to empower and mentor young women for entrepreneurship.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN BRAZIL

PRESENTATION OF COPIES OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE VICE MINISTER OF VENEZUELA

On 31st October 2025, Ms. Benetia Tumelo Chingapane, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Botswana to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, presented her Copies of Letters of Credence, to Mr. Yuri Pimentel, the Vice Minister for Africa at the Ministry of the People’s Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Mr. Yuri Pimentel, highlighted Venezuela’s strength in agriculture which has contributed significantly to the economic growth of the country. He further informed that they were ready as a country to develop and strengthen relations around the world especially in the African continent, Latin American Community and the Caribbean community.

Ambassador-Designate Chingapane emphasised Botswana’s commitment in diversifying the economy within the mining sector and through amongst others, agriculture, especially along the beef sector value chain, co-investment in the production of livestock feeds, increasing the quality and quantity of the national herds of livestock and attaining food security through modern technology and scientific methods. Venezuela is doing well in fisheries and aqua-culture, paving way for cooperation in the area.

Botswana established diplomatic relations with Venezuela in July 2007. Venezuela is accredited to Botswana through the country’s Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia, while the Botswana Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil is responsible for managing relations with Venezuela.



BOTSWANA MISSION IN ZIMBABWE

THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE EXTENDS A LOAN FACILITY TO BOTSWANA

The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe extended a generous gesture to the Republic of Botswana through a loan facility, with 20% of the consignment as a donation and 80% provided as a loan to be reimbursed in the form of ARVs.

Her Excellency Mrs Sarah S. Molosiwa, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Republic of Zimbabwe was present to see off the consignment to Botswana and she was received and briefed by Mr Newman Mazikwa, Managing Director of the National Pharmaceutical Company (Natpharm), Zimbabwe’s state-owned enterprise responsible for the procurement, storage, and distribution of medicines and medical supplies to public health institutions, operating under the Ministry of Health and Child Care of the Republic of Zimbabwe. Ambassador Molosiwa was accompanied by Mr. Mollowakgotla A. Kenosi, Police Attaché, and Ms. Wame P. Itshepeng, First Secretary, Political and Economic Affairs.

A team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe led by Mr M.S. Dube - Director responsible for Africa, Asia and the Pacific was also on site to facilitate the send-off. Mr Dube was accompanied by Principal Administrative Officers, Ms. Claris Mushiwokufa and Mr. Lawrence Masera.

Mr. Dube thanked Natpharm for expediting the process as no hindrances were encountered. He went on further to say this shows strong bilateral relations between the two Republics. Ambassador Molosiwa conveyed heartfelt appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe on behalf of President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko and the Government of the Republic of Botswana for this vital gesture of solidarity.



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)



- AVAILABLE POSITIONS**
- Monitoring and Evaluation Expert
 - Administrative Assistant
 - International Quality Compliance and Standards Expert
 - Regional Programme Manager

Details for the UNIDO application process can be accessed at;
https://careers.unido.org/search/?createNewAlert=false&q=&optionsFacetsDD_country=&optionsFacetsDD_lang=&optionsFacetsDD_department=&optionsFacetsDD_location=&locationsearch=

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)



- AVAILABLE POSITIONS**
- Associate Programme Officer
 - Associate Developer
 - Lead Analyst
 - Legal Adviser
 - Facilities Policy and Quality Officer

Details for the ICC application process can be accessed at;
https://career5.successfactors.eu/career?company=1657261P&career%5fns=job%5flisting%5fsummary&navBarLevel=JOB%5fSEARCH&_s_crb=onVm764CUqtN2N6KaO-QLaNJlZwStVQGQsC5n8xGWqQ%3d

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)



- AVAILABLE POSITIONS**
- Agricultural Policy Analyst
 - Communication Specialist
 - HR Specialist
 - Technical Specialist-Gender Equality
 - Administration and Programme Assistant
 - Natural Resources management Specialist

Details for the ICC application process can be accessed at;
https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobsearch.ftl

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