

PROMOTING BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS ABROAD

Fostering Peace and Security in Africa: Minister Butale participates at the Oran Process Seminar in Algeria

REMARKS BY HONOURABLE DR. PHENYO BUTALE DURING THE PANEL ON AU AND UN CONCERTED ACTION ON COUNTER-TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMIST



Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good afternoon,

1. Botswana is honoured to join these important deliberations as a Member of the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC). For the PSC, terrorism and violent extremism is not an abstract security concept. It is a real and growing challenge that has affected all regions of the African continent, as we may be well aware.

2. Excellencies, since we are on this important agenda, I would like for us, through you moderator, to all stand and observe a moment of silence for the recent abductions of young school girls and teachers, that recently took place in our sisterly Republic of Nigeria. The Republic is in our thoughts, together with the families that have been affected.

3. We are indeed weary of the effects that have affected Africa's vision for its people's safety and economic development.

4. It is in this regard, that we find a partnership between the African Union and the United Nations essential and valuable. The two need one another as we cannot conquer these continuous troubling threats in silos. Botswana, in particular, strongly supports the Oran Process as it allows for deepening our collaboration and cooperation for practical and results-driven ideas with the A3+.

5. With that said, Excellencies, I wish to highlight three key points: First, as firm believers in coordinated and coherent action; We must do better in our approach as partners. In most instances there seems to be too many parallel initiatives. The AU frameworks on one side and UN mechanisms on the other. Excellencies, we need to realise that the real value lies in aligning our structures for greater and better effect. In this way, they re-enforce one

another rather than compete. For example, the impact that can be achieved by the AU PSC and the UN office on counter-terrorism, if they align and work together, brings faster, more predictable and effective results.

Second, there needs to be focus on supporting African-led operations, this support would include sustainable and predictable funding for the Union's missions and operations. I encourage continued dialogue on financing, particularly through United Nations Security Council Resolution 2719. We hope that the A3+ and our partners continue to have these conversations in New York, in as much as we have continued to keep the torch alight at the African Union.

Third, Excellencies, prevention is ultimately more important than response. Terrorism feeds on frustration caused by Governance deficit, poverty and social exclusion. So the AU-UN cooperation should also aim to strengthen the "softer" side of security through the respect for human rights, international humanitarian law, youth empowerment and creation of economic opportunities. These ideals are not far fetched.

6. As I conclude moderator, the African Union PSC and Botswana in particular, views the AU-UN cooperation as a force multiplier. It is about combining legitimacy, resources, experiences, ideals and proximity to problem solving. Once we get this valued partnership right, we inch closer and closer to a peaceful, secure and resilient continent for our people and indeed attaining the "Africa we want".



HONOURABLE BUTALE HOLDS BILATERAL TALKS WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN ALGERIA

The Minister of International Relations, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale held bilateral talks on 2nd December 2025, with his Algerian counterpart, Honourable Mr. Ahmed Attaf, on the margins of the Oran Process Seminar in Algiers, Algeria. The Ministers exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, particularly prospects for enhanced bilateral cooperation between Botswana and Algeria in a number of areas including agriculture, science and technology, ICT, pharmaceuticals, health and education.



HONOURABLE DR. BUTALE RECEIVES THE NEW IOM CHIEF OF MISSION TO BOTSWANA



The incoming Chief of Mission of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Mr. Itayi Viriri presented his Letters of Appointment to the Minister of International Relations, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale on 28th November 2025. During their engagement, Minister Butale congratulated Mr. Viriri on his appointment as the first IOM Chief of Mission to serve in the Country Office, which signifies the good relations enjoyed by Botswana and IOM.

Dr. Butale further expressed appreciation for the support that IOM continues to extend to Botswana, including amongst others, the support rendered for the development of the country's Diaspora Engagement Policy and National Migration Policy. On his part Mr Viriri, thanked the Minister for the meeting and conveyed well wishes to the Government and people of Botswana. He also reaffirmed IOM's commitment to further strengthening relations and cooperation with Botswana.

HONOURABLE DR. BUTALE RECEIVES HIS COUNTERPART, HONOURABLE SELMA ASHIPALA-MUSAVYI OF NAMIBIA

On 28th November 2025, Honourable Dr. Phenyio Butale, Minister of International Relations, held a meeting with his counterpart, Honourable Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Minister of International Relations and Trade of the Republic of Namibia. The Meeting focused on bilateral issues of common interest, including exploring ways to enhance economic and trade cooperation between Botswana and Namibia.

The two Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to further bilateral cooperation between their two countries, in line with implementation of the recent Second Session of the Bi-National Commission (BNC), recently held in Windhoek, Namibia, from 6th to 10th October 2025. Botswana and Namibia established diplomatic relations in 1990. The two countries share cultural, historic and family ties, characterised by the spirit of neighbourliness and goodwill.



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AMBASSADOR BOANG PRESENTS COPIES OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALGERIA

Ambassador Tebelelo Boang presented his copies of Letters of Credence to the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, His Excellency Ahmed Attaf, on 2nd December 2025.



Botswana Mission in Zimbabwe



THE PS AT THE MINISTRY OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE PAID A COURTESY CALL ON HIS COUNTERPART IN ZIMBABWE

Mr. Kabelo Ebineng, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture of the Republic of Botswana paid a courtesy call on Prof. Dr. Obert Jiri, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development of the Republic of Zimbabwe, on 26th November 2025, on the margins of the "Anglophone Africa Regional Learning Exchange on Multisectoral Coordination of Nutrition" forum.

During the meeting the two Permanent Secretaries discussed issues of mutual interest in the areas of lands and agriculture. They agreed to work together to pursue common interest to achieve food security and engage on cross - border management of livestock and livestock diseases management between the respective countries.

The Permanent Secretary was accompanied by the Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. Mrs. Sarah S. Molosiwa.





HER EXCELLENCY MS. BENETIA TUMELO CHINGAPANE, PRESENTED HER LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI, PRESIDENT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

On 26th November 2025, Her Excellency Ms. Benetia Tumelo Chingapane, presented her Letters of Credence to His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

The President of Guyana recalled with appreciation the collaboration between his country and Botswana in the 1970s which saw several Guyanese teachers imparting knowledge to Batswana students. He further informed that just like Botswana they were facing acute shortage of nurses which was hampering their efforts of delivering health for all.

Other issues discussed between the Ambassador and the President were in agriculture, mining, construction and tourism sectors which were highlighted as potential areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Botswana established diplomatic relations with Guyana in October 1975. Ambassador Chingapane is accredited to Guyana and covers the country on a non-resident basis from Brasilia, Brazil. Guyana is accredited to Botswana through the country 's Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa. that support and promote the holistic development of children.



HONORABLE ZULFIKAR MUSTAPHA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RECEIVED A COURTESY CALL FROM MS. BENETIA T. CHINGAPANE

The Honorable Zulfikar Mustapha, Minister of Agriculture of Guyana, received a courtesy call from Ms. Benita Tumeio Chingapane, Non-Resident High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to Guyana, at his Regent Street office.

The discussion focused on enhancing capacity and strengthening collaborative efforts between Guyana and Botswana. The Ambassador expressed interest in Guyana's Hydroponics project model and indicated an interest in seeing it replicated in Botswana.

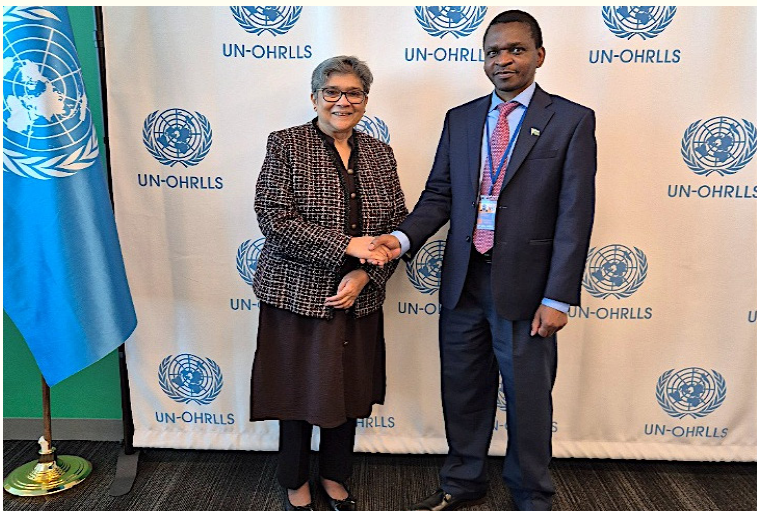
She further expressed interest in exploring partnership with Guyana on knowledge and expertise sharing. On his part, Minister Mustapha highlighted Guyana's leadership in regional food security. He also emphasized Guyana's President's directives regarding the involvement of 35% women and youth in all government-implemented agricultural projects.



COURTESY CALL BY BOTSWANA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

The Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Charles Masole, paid a courtesy call on the Under Secretary-General (USG) and High Representative of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), Ms. Rabab Fatima, on 24th November 2025.

The purpose of the courtesy was to explore synergies between Botswana and the OHRLLS Secretariat under the context of the UN-80 initiatives, as well as to follow-up on the implementation of the New Program of Action for the LLDC that was adopted in August 2025 in Turkmenistan.



AMBASSADOR JULIANA DUBE-GOBOTSWANG PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN ICELAND

On 26th November 2025, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Botswana to the Kingdom of Sweden with accreditation to the Republic of Iceland, Ms. Juliana Angela Dube-Gobotswang, presented her Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Ms. Halla Tómasdóttir, President of Iceland.

During the presentation, Ambassador Dube-Gobotswang conveyed warm greetings from Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of Botswana, to his counterpart.

Furthermore, the Ambassador highlighted the friendly relations that Botswana and Iceland have enjoyed since the establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 1990 and that, as relatively small countries there is a greater need to foster and deepen economic, social and political cooperation in a rapidly shifting geo-political stage.

Similarities were drawn by the two on the geographical distinctiveness that make their countries popular tourist destinations as well as highlighting opportunities for increased tourism to Botswana by Icelanders. Discussions also centred on opportunities for collaboration and technical assistance in the renewable energy sector particularly as 100% of Iceland's energy is derived from renewable sources. The discussion also presented opportunities for collaboration and cultural exchanges particularly in the creative arts sector.

The President and Ambassador discussed issues of woman empowerment, noting that Iceland was the first country in the world to elect a female President in 1980. Cognisant that men and women are equally integral to creating prosperous and healthier nations, the two agreed that equality is not just a woman's issue and that men must not be left behind. They further commended each other on the successful co-chairing by Botswana and Iceland on issues of Trade and Gender specifically with regard to increasing womens participation in International Trade at the WTO.

Botswana covers Iceland on a non-resident basis through the Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. The Permanent Secretary was accompanied by the Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. Mrs. Sarah S. Molosiwa and her delegation.that support and promote the holistic development of children.



BOTSWANA RECEIVES AFRICAN IMPACT AWARD IN SWEDEN

The 1st African Impact Awards were held in Stockholm, Sweden recently and Botswana won the African Impact Award for Most Outstanding Country -Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth.

The Award was given to Botswana in recognition of her extraordinary journey from being categorised as one of the world's poorest nations at the time of her independence to one of Africa's most inspiring success stories. Organisers of the event applauded Botswana for its rapid growth and development, attributing its transformation to pragmatic leadership, governance and pragmatic solutions to lift the nation out of poverty onto a path of sustained prosperity. The Embassy of Botswana in Sweden was recognised for its work in promoting Botswana.

The Ambassador, Ms. Juliana Dube-Gobotswang was given the opportunity to share Botswana's remarkable Diamond Story at the event which comprised of transformative leaders, Ambassadors and some of Africa's brilliant minds making an impact in Sweden.



BOTSWANA PARTICIPATES AT THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (OECPR-7), NAIROBI, KENYA

The High Commissioner of Botswana to Kenya His Excellency Andrew Sesinyi, led the Botswana delegation at the recently concluded seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7) convened from 1st - 5th December 2025, ahead of the seventh session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) that will take place from 8th - 12th December 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The OECPR serves as a preparatory meeting of the UNEA agenda and pre-negotiates and deliberates the content and wording of proposed resolutions, declarations as well as decisions for endorsement and approval by the Assembly. Botswana is playing a Facilitatory role in the ongoing negotiations.

UNEA is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment. The UNEA-7 will be held under the theme "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet", underscoring the need to accelerate sustainable solutions and effective responses for a safer and more resilient planet.



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- Associate Industrial Research Expert
- Director, Division of Policymaking Organs

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- Senior Governance Specialist
- (Senior) Investment Officer-Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services
- Senior Mining Specialist

Details for the WBG application process can be accessed at;

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