



BUSINESSBOTSWANA

# AGRICNEWS

## 2022





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CHAIRPERSON: AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

## Foreword

I welcome you to the agricultural sector's inaugural newsflash. We advocate for a vibrant competitive and viable agricultural sector. Through this newsletter, we intend to update members on issues affecting the growth of the sector.

The first quarter has been fruitful as the sector held quite a several stakeholder meetings, including the first Sector Level Consultative Council (SLCC) meeting, which was held on the 10th March 2021. Feedback was received from the government on topical issues we had submitted to them.

I also represented the private sector at the Agric Business seminar in Abu Dhabi, a series of seminars organised by the Botswana Investment Trade Centre (BITC) during the just ended Dubai Expo.

As a sector, we are pleased to serve members by advocating for a conducive business environment. I urge all interested parties members to engage regularly with each other to accelerate the growth of our businesses.

Please enjoy this publication and feel free to suggest improvements and also follow and like our social media pages ( FB- Business Botswana & Twitter-Business BOTSPR).

**Happy reading !**

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# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



## **Importation ban of selected vegetables**

- Business Botswana and BOHOCO attended a consultative meeting addressed by the Minister of the Ministry of Agricultural and Food Security, Honourable Molebatsi Molebatsi to discuss the impact of the ban on supply. We proposed that the borders are opened for at least four (4) months to allow citizen farmers to build capacity but farmers requested members of the public to bear with them and seek alternatives.

## **Agriculture business seminar ( Dubai Expo)**

- At the invitation of the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), the sector chairperson of the Agriculture sector attended and delivered a presentation, under the theme " Ensuring effective food security in Botswana. " She highlighted opportunities and partnerships that could be explored within the agriculture sector. The seminar was officiated by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security, Hon. Karabo Gare.



**Agric sector chair Gao Radikwatla  
briefing the delegates**



**Minister of Agriculture and food security,  
Mr Karabo Gare officiating at the seminar**



( Pictures source : BITC facebook page )



- **Capacitation of Agricultural Extension Officers**

The Ministry of Agriculture has informed the sector of ongoing efforts to boost agricultural extension services across all districts. In view of this, the Ministry indicated that it has provided equipment to enable virtual training of extension officers in different disciplines.

- **New programme to replace ISPAAD**

The sector requested an update on the proposed programme, to allow the private sector to adequately prepare. In response, the ministry indicated that the new program has not yet been approved and that information on the new programme will be communicated immediately after approval.



**UNDP Program in Botswana Invests in 'Climate Smart' Farming - BOREN**



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