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Botswana-EU Policy Dialogue Facility

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Period of implementation: 2026-2029

Location: Botswana country wide

Implementing organisation: Application Européenne de Technologies et de Services (AETS)

Project objectives and description:

To generate inclusive growth and diversify the economy, it is critical that Botswana accelerates the implementation of the relevant policies as well as reform plans for the public sector and the regulatory environment for the private sector. Public sector productivity and implementation capacity challenges across most of the reform areas have been identified as the major factors that constrain the realisation of public policies. Against this background, the proposed facility aims at strengthening relations and policy dialogues between the Botswana government and the EU. A specific technical Assistance is contracted with a consultancy firm to support the government capacity with the following specific objectives:

- Improving the business environment and fighting corruption
- Supporting Public Health procurement systems
- Introducing an Extended Producer Responsibility, pillar of the circular economy

Achievements / expected results:

The Facility is designed to encourage and respond to requests from Botswana stakeholders for policy dialogues and technical assistance to reinforce capacity in areas of common concern that are considered priorities by the government. It includes enhancing Botswana business and trade related laws to improve the ease of doing business, attract investment and implement trade agreements notably the Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU. Furthermore, given the recent state of public health emergency it is vital to improve Botswana procurement systems and supply chain to ensure timely and equitable distribution of essential medical supplies. Finally, according to Vision 2036 Botswana envisage to be a clean country with the waste value chain integrated in natural resource management. Various policy and legislation should help achieve this goal notably the introduction of an extended Producer Responsibility. Dialogues and partnerships may also involve non-state actors, including the private sector, given its key role towards stronger equitable and inclusive economic development.

The action proposes to work predominantly through peer-to-peer sectorial networks and exchange of specific technical expertise, based on a demand-driven approach emanating from the Botswana partners. This assistance will be a key driver to strengthen policy development and implementation to address shared challenges and national priorities. Based on close coordination with the government, the following themes of dialogue are proposed for the 2026-2029 period: (1) Public health procurement systems, (2) Circular economy (Extended Producer Responsibility), (3) Business environment and fighting corruption.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

- <https://www.facebook.com/euinbotswana/posts/the-botswana-eu-policy-dialogue-has-started-a-project-on-waste-management-value-/242830734799229/>