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## PRESS RELEASE

### **37<sup>th</sup> SADC ORDINARY SUMMIT FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT** **19-20 AUGUST 2017**

**Gaborone, 17 August 2017:** The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation, wishes to inform that His Excellency Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana will on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 travel to Pretoria, South Africa, to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> SADC Ordinary Summit for Heads of State and Government. The Summit will be held under the theme: **"Partnering with the Private Sector in developing Industry and Regional Value-Chains"**.

The 37<sup>th</sup> SADC Summit is expected to, amongst others, deliberate on the status of Implementation of the Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap; the socio-economic situation in the region; Continental integration issues; and the general political and security situation in the SADC region.

The Summit will be preceded by the Senior Officials' Meeting on 11 – 14 August; the Council of Ministers' meeting on 15–16 August 2017 and the SADC Double Troika Summit on the 18 August 2017. The Summit will observe the handover of the SADC Chairmanship from the Kingdom of Swaziland to the Republic of South Africa.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Hon. Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Hon. Ontefetse K. Matambo, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Vincent T. Seretse, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry and Senior Government Officials. His Excellency the President is expected to return to Gaborone on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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