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PRESS RELEASE

PRESIDENT MASISI ATTENDS WORLD INVESTMENT FORUM, SWITZERLAND

Gaborone, 18th October, 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi will travel to Geneva, Switzerland on 20th October 2018 to attend the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Forum (WIF) 2018, scheduled for 22 to 25 October 2018.

The 2018 Forum will be held under the theme **"Investing in Sustainable Development"**. The Forum, which is organised biennially by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), is a superlative platform that facilitates policy dialogue among a diverse community of investment stakeholders, aimed at influencing investment related policy making, as well as shaping the global investment environment, to address global challenges for investment in the 21st century.

The Forum brings together policymakers, including Heads of State and Government, as well as representatives from the private sector, including CEOs of global companies; international organisations, academia and research institutions; and other members of the international investment community, heads of sovereign wealth funds, stock exchanges and civil society.

His Excellency the President will have an opportunity to share Botswana's perspective at the Global Leaders Investment Summit on "Investment in a new era of industrialization".

The Summit will look into the impact of new industrialisation technology, and how best it can be harnessed to advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Furthermore, the President is scheduled to amongst others, meet with: the President of the Swiss Confederation; Heads of United Nations Agencies based in Geneva; and members of the international investment community.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Hon. Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation; Hon. Dr Alfred Madigele, Minister of Health and Wellness; Hon. Ms. Bogolo Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry; and senior government officials.

The President and his entourage will return to Botswana on 26th October 2018.

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