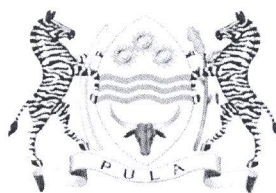


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HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TRAVELS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GABORONE 27th May 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will undertake a Working Visit to the United States of America from 28th May 2019 to 7th June 2019.

During the Visit, His Excellency the President, will participate in the De Beers Annual JCK Trade Show being held from 30 to 31 May 2019 in Las Vegas. The JCK Las Vegas is the jewellery industry's leading annual trade event in North America, bringing together over 30,000 of the world's most influential people in the diamond industry, every year.

His Excellency the President will also visit San Francisco, New York and New Haven. In San Francisco, President Dr. Masisi will engage with Stanford University Management, as well as interact with Botswana students enrolled in the Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies (SEED) Transformation Program, sponsored by the De Beers Group. The SEED is an initiative of the Stanford Graduate School of Business aimed at contributing to poverty eradication strategies in developing economies. The Institute collaborates with entrepreneurs in emerging markets to build thriving enterprises that transform lives.

In New York, His Excellency will engage with the Tiffany Company Diamond to appreciate among others their high-end jewellery manufacturing and retail facilities. Lastly, His Excellency will engage with the leadership of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, to explore possible collaboration with Botswana.

The President will be accompanied by the First Lady, Mrs. Neo Masisi; the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism, Honourable Kitso Mokaila; the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security, Honourable Eric Molale; the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services, Honourable Kefentse Mzwinila and Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President and his delegation will return home on 7th June 2019.

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