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HONOURABLE MINISTER DOW ATTENDS THE 39TH ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

GABORONE, 9th August 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that Honourable Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, will on 12 August 2019 lead the Botswana delegation to Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, to attend the 39th Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The Summit, which will run from 12th to 19th August 2019, is being convened under the theme '***A Conducive Environment for an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, Increased Intra-Regional Trade and Job Creation***'.

The Summit will, amongst others, deliberate on a number of pertinent issues, including a progress report on how Member States are implementing various measures to accelerate economic growth through industrial development, in line with the aspirations of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063.

The Summit will also observe the handover of the SADC Chairmanship from the Republic of Namibia to the incoming Chair, the United Republic of Tanzania.

The SADC Summit will be preceded by meetings of senior officials, followed by the SADC Council of Ministers, which will set the agenda for the Summit.

Botswana's delegation will include the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Honourable Kenneth Matambo; the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, the Honourable Bogolo Kenewendo; and Senior Government Officials.

The Honourable Minister Dow, and her delegation, are expected to return on 19th August 2019.

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