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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE INAUGURAL AFRICA'S WLDLIFE ECONOMY SUMMIT IN ZIMBABWE**

**Gaborone, 21<sup>st</sup> June 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 travel to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**, to attend the inaugural meeting of Africa's Wildlife Economy Summit, at the invitation of His Excellency, Mr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

This Summit, is a new initiative aimed at forging "***a new deal for tourism, rural communities and wildlife by 2030.***" In this regard, the Summit hosted by the Government of Zimbabwe in partnership with the African Union and the United Nations Environment Programme, will consider tourism, rural communities, and wildlife issues in Africa with a view to securing new investments in tourism based sectors to ensure a sustainable future for the continent's people and wildlife.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Unity Dow; the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism, Honourable Kitso Mokaila, and Senior Government Officials.

The President and his delegation are expected to return on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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