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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE US-AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT IN MOZAMBIQUE**

**Gaborone, 17<sup>th</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 Maputo, Mozambique on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at the invitation of His Excellency President Filipe Nyusi, to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Business Summit. The Summit is scheduled to run from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 under the theme **"Advancing a Resilient and Sustainable U.S.-Africa Partnership"**.

The Summit, hosted by the Government of Mozambique in partnership with the United States of America, Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), provides a platform for the private sector and government representatives from the United States of America and Africa to engage on key sectors such as agribusiness, energy, health, infrastructure and trade facilitation, ICT and finance. The Summit also provides the prospect for the private sector and government leaders to network; explore new business opportunities; and meet potential business partners with a view to shape effective US-Africa trade and investment policies.

Other African Heads of State and Government from the region and the continent are also expected to attend the Business Summit.

Whilst in Mozambique, His Excellency President Dr. Masisi will on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 also attend the Tripartite Summit on the Techobanine Project with, President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique and President Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe. The Summit will review progress on this regional rail project and chart the way forward.

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His Excellency the President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Unity Dow; the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security, Hon. Eric Molale; the Minister of Transport and Communications, Hon. Dorcas Makgato; the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo; and Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President is scheduled to return on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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