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VOLUNTARY PEER REVIEW OF COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY IN BOTSWANA

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OBJECTIVES OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

• Improve legal and institutional framework for competition and consumer protection law enforcement in areas pointed out by the peer review report.

• To sensitize stakeholders, including the business community and sector regulators on the importance and benefits of competition law enforcement and to assist Botswana in developing appropriate enforcement tools.
Review of the current competition law and develop competition guidelines and regulations.

Building human and institutional capacity to improve competition enforcement through training, evidence and documentation management.

Promote coordination and cooperation between the CCAB and relevant stakeholders; government, sector regulators, business community, judiciary, academia etc.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

- Increase awareness among stakeholders on the benefits of competition law and policy in Botswana
- Establish a working relationship with national universities in order to introduce competition and consumer protection programs in their curriculum.
- To promote effective enforcement of competition law through coordination with Tender Board of Botswana and Intellectual Property Rights Organizations and other sector regulators.
PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

- To Government: Sufficient allocation of resources and operational independence.
- To Judiciary: Interaction with CCA and judicial training on competition and consumer protection issues
- To CCA: Institutional review, interagency cooperation, staff training, advocacy, skills development and approach to functional institution merger (competition and consumer protection).
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