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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 .



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

- 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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