BOTSWANA’S EXPERIENCE ON FORMULATION OF TRADE POLICY FRAMEWORK

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Structure of the presentation

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Botswana’s Trade Policy Environment

Shaped by both domestic policies and legislations as well as international trade agreements/arrangements.

Botswana has entered into several trade agreements and arrangements at multilateral, regional and bilateral levels.
BOTSWANA TRADE POLICY OVERVIEW

First Trade Policy developed in 2009, currently under review

Objectives

• To facilitate access to world markets for goods and services.
• Enable producers and consumers access to a wider choice of international goods and services.
• Guides the way the country conducts its trade with other trading partners
• Aims to diversify the export base and broaden the industrial base
Institutional Arrangements

• Domiciled in the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)
• National Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations (NCTPN)
• Members - government, parastatals, private sector and other non state actors at a senior level.
• Technical Committees: Market access; Agriculture; Trade in services; IPR, Trade Facilitation etc
NTP Support Strategies

- National Export Strategy
- Investment Strategy
- Economic Diversification Drive
- Private Sector Development Strategy etc.
- The success of these are dependent on public-private sector partnership.
Sectorial Performance (2005-2014)
Development Challenges

- Limited Industrial and export base
- Trade facilitation
  - Lack of supporting infrastructure
  - Obsolete technology
- Dependence on few export commodities
- Lack beneficiation
- Non tariff barriers
SALIENT FEATURES OF SUCCESSFUL TP

• Development of trade policies to **penetrate the global value chains** are more favored by nations.
• Shifting focus towards exploiting fast growing **emerging market economies** such as Brazil, China, India and Russia.
• Trade policies that take cognizance of **new issues around trade and the environment or climate change**.
• A well articulated trade policy must be accompanied by a clearly defined **implementation framework** that has consensus and buy-in from major stakeholders in an economy.
• Clearly defined Institutional arrangement – **coordination mechanisms** defined.
SALIENT FEATURES OF SUCCESSFUL TP

• Coherence with National Vision, National Development Plan and sectorial policies i.e. industrial policy

• Mainstreaming trade in various sectors (given its cross-cutting nature)
FINAL THOUGHT

TP without ownership, implementation plan and monitoring and evaluation mechanism is worthless!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Thank you for your attention!!!

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