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National Capacity Building Workshop on Indicators for Measuring and Benchmarking Productive Capacities and Structural Economic Transformation in Botswana

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Draft Programme

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Day 1 (Tuesday) Economic concentration, dependency and the drive for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Botswana

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:10 **Welcome and introduction**

Ms. Ontlametse Ward, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Trade of Botswana

This session is intended to set the tone for the workshop and provide direction for subsequent discussions. It will particularly highlight objectives, expected outcome and implications of measuring productive capacities for trade and development policy formulation and implementation in Botswana.

09:10 - 09:20 **Opening remarks**

Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Head Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes (UNCTAD)

Item I: Economic concentration, dependency and the drive for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Botswana

This session is intended to provide insights into policies and strategies to diversify the economy of Botswana and to unlock the potential of trade in Botswana through fostering structural economic transformation. It will also examine the experiences of other developing countries in Asia together with policy lessons to be drawn from such experiences.

09:30 - 09:50 Development Planning and vision of the Government of Botswana: Domestic policies and strategies to address economic concentration and resulting vulnerabilities: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Botswana: **Mr. Walter B. Matekane**, Chief Economist, Macro-Economic Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

09:50 - 10:10 Unlocking the potential of trade for development in Africa: Lessons from Asia with implications to Botswana: **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, Head Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes (UNCTAD)

10:10 - 10:30 Challenges facing African countries in fostering structural economic transformation: implications to Botswana: **Mr. Lindani Ndlovu**, Team Leader and Trade Economist, Agriconsulting Europe SA, Kampala, Uganda

10:30 - 11:15 **Discussions**

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

- 11:30 - 11:50 The role of energy in building productive capacities, export diversification and structural transformation in landlocked developing countries such as Botswana: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, UNCTAD
- 11:50 - 12:10 Air transport and Global Value Chains: Implications to Botswana: **Mr. Tarcisio Hardman Reis, Manager**, Cargo Boarder Management, International Air Transport Association, IATA **(Video presentation)**
- 12:10 - 12:30 Interactives discussions and identification of action areas for policy intervention (summing up)
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 - 13:50 The impact of geographical challenges on the economy of Botswana and policies and strategies to address or overcome the challenges: **Dr. Margaret Sengwaketse**, Research Fellow (Trade and International Economics)

This session will address policies and strategies required to reduce the impact of landlockedness and foster structural economic transformation, build productive capacities and achieve commodity diversification to promote inclusive growth and development in Botswana. It will examine the dangers of dependence on a few commodity exports as well as the need for capturing commodities gain for development objectives.

- 13:50 - 14:10 Challenges and opportunities facing Botswana in hooking into regional and global commodity value chains: **Mr. Lindani Ndlovu**, Team Leader and Trade Economist, Agriconsulting Europe SA, Kampala, Uganda
- 14:10 - 15:00 **Discussions**
- 15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 - 15:50 Botswana and some selected developing countries in building productive capacities and fostering structural transformation: what policy lessons?: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, UNCTAD
- 15:50 - 16:30 Interactive discussions
- 16:30 - 17:00 Summing up and identification of priority areas for policy action

Day 2 (Wednesday)

(Item II): Indicators for measuring and benchmarking productive capacities: Conceptual and methodological issues with policy implications to Botswana

This session examines key indicators and sub-indicators of Productive Capacity Indices together with conceptual, statistical and methodological issues used in measuring productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Botswana, including implications for these for policy formulation and implementation.

- 09:00 - 09:30 Why are indicators of productive capacities important and what is the role of national institutions in identifying such indicators? **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, Head Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes (UNCTAD)
- 09:30 - 10:00 The role of statistics and statistical database in policymaking in Botswana: How data is collected, organized and interpreted for policy making: **Mr. Dabilani Buthali**, Deputy Statistician General (Statistical & Technical Operations)
- 10:00 - 10:30 State of productive capacities and signs of structural economic transformation in Botswana: **Ms. Montle Phuthego**, Consultant
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 - 11:15 Conceptual, methodological and statistical issues in measuring and benchmarking productive capacities: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, UNCTAD
- 11:15 - 12:00 Interactive discussions and identification of action areas
- 12:00 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 - 13:50 UNCTAD's project on developing productive capacity Indices and policy implication: preliminary findings and conclusions: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, UNCTAD
- 13:50 - 15:10 Preliminary findings and policy conclusions from the country case study of Botswana: **Ms. Montle Phuthego**, Consultant
- 15:10 - 15:30 **Discussions**
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 - 17:00 Interactive discussions, summing up and the way forward