



Republic of Botswana

CLOSING REMARKS

BY

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DURING

**THE TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPPS) FOR INCREASED
TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY IN BOTSWANA**

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**Under Secretary General;
Executive Officers, Senior Managers and Directors;
Distinguished Ladies and Gentleman;
Madam Moderator,**

- 1.** As we come to the closure of this training workshop on developing successful Public-Private Partnerships (PPPS) for increased transport connectivity in Botswana, I am more than delighted that the training workshop was not only worthwhile but has been marked by impressive attendance and active engagement among the participants and the presenters.
- 2.** Such professional and enlightening presentations reflect the high level of commitment of the Secretariat colleagues from the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) in answering our request for an informative and elaborative training workshop for Botswana policy makers on the success of PPPS, and the challenges often faced in their usage.
- 3.** I must therefore in the same wavelength thank the presenters, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), The World Bank, The University of Auckland and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) who have shared with us in the last two days their experience and know-how on this subject matter including a view of the Botswana situation in the context of policies and projects so far implemented using this model of financing as

well those that are in the pipeline and how they can best be delivered.

- 4.** Indeed many of us can truly say we have now a picture of how Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) can be an effective way to building and implementing new infrastructure or renovating, operating, maintaining or managing existing transport infrastructure facilities.
- 5.** It is upon us now as Botswana and as policy makers in this field of work to customize our learnings and take-aways from this workshop to contribute to the development of our country.
- 6.** As I indicated at my opening statement, with so much investments going into the transport sector, many governments have now opted for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). Nonetheless as per your presentations these require open communication, clear accountability, standardized practices, measurable outcomes and the utmost transparency if they are to be successful.
- 7.** Indeed the PPPs are a mutually beneficial way of solving critical transportation problems, reasons my office has been supportive of this collaboration and training request by our Ministry of Transport and Communications.
- 8.** Therefore without taking much of your time let me close by taking this opportunity to once again thank Under Secretary General Rattray and the rest of the LLDC office for organising this important workshop. Let me in the same wavelength thank UNCTAD, The World Bank, University of Auckland and DBSA for a fruitful two days.

9. To my fellow country men and women, as policy makers in the transport industry I urge you all to take advantage of the gains from this training workshop for the betterment and improvement of the transport infrastructure in our country so as to contribute to the achievement of our country's Vision 2036 and its National Development Plans.

Once again, I thank you all.

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