

# BOTSWANA LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORY (LMO) GOVERNING BODY LAUNCHED



His Honour the Vice President Mr Slumber Tsogwane, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe, Ms Anna Mokgethi with the newly launched Botswana LMO Governing Body members

In his remarks, the Minister of Education and Skills Development (MESD), Honourable Dr. Douglas Letsholathebe, noted that it is quite evident that Botswana requires critical skills to enable citizens to participate in the new world order of work within the dictates of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to support the economic recovery efforts from the negative impact of COVID-19.

“This means that part of our adaptation response must include accelerated training and skills development in order to keep up with the pace of change,” said Dr Letsholathebe.

The Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Ms. Annah Mokgethi, acknowledged that the launch of the LMO Governing Body presents an important tool to support the monitoring of the implementation of the National Employment Policy (NEP).

“The launch of the LMO Governing Body is therefore timely, given that as a country we are seriously challenged with the production of statistical reports on employment and the state of our labour market,” she said.

The launch also included panel discussions by different speakers on graduate unemployment in Botswana, nature and implications for Botswana's Labour Market Observatory, trends in youth unemployment, analysis of graduate labour supply and industry skills demand, as well an assessment of work-integrated learning in Botswana for vocational education and training students as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



The Minister of Education and Skills Development Honourable Dr Douglas Letsholathebe presenting the welcome remarks at the launch



The Minister of Labour and Home Affairs- Honourable Anna Mokgethi presenting on Monitoring employment and labour issues



HRDC Board Chairperson Ms Choice Pitso presenting the vote of thanks



Acting Chief Executive Officer, HRDC Mr Meshack Tafa elaborating on the LMO Journey



The Panel discussion Presenters with the moderator, Manager, Graduate Research HRDC Dr Oabona Ntshobolang (far right)



His Honour the Vice President Mr Slumber Tsogwane presenting his remarks at the launch of the Botswana LMO Governing Body

**H**is Honour the Vice President of Botswana, Mr Slumber Tsogwane, on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 officially launched the Botswana Labour Market Observatory (LMO) Governing Body in Gaborone.

The LMO Governing Body comprises policy and decision-makers from the public and the private sectors, as well as civil society.

The Governing Body will oversee the operations of the Botswana Labour Market Observatory/ Labour Market Information System (LMO/LMIS) and ensure that it effectively monitors labour market performance and provides guidance to formulation

and implementation of education and employment policies.

Speaking during the launch, Mr Tsogwane indicated that countries worldwide are faced with labour market transformation challenges owing to technological advances as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We need, more than ever, to ensure provision of timely labour market information to support skills development. The establishment of the LMO Governing Body therefore will, among others, aggregate comparable labour market information and data and ensure that it is accessible,” the Vice President said.



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