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EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

Statistics Botswana is pleased to inform stakeholders that Dr. Khaufelo Raymond Lekobane is the new Statistician General, following his appointment by the Vice President and Honourable Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe.

Dr. Lekobane is an accomplished statistician, researcher and development policy expert whose career reflects a deep commitment to harnessing the power of data for national transformation. He brings to the role, a wealth of experience spanning over a decade in statistical research, and evidence-based policy analysis.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Development Studies from the University of Sussex's Institute of Development Studies (IDS), as well as a Master's Degree in Statistics and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Statistics and Economics, both obtained from the University of Botswana.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Lekobane served as a Research Fellow/Statistician at the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA). His expertise spans quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, with strong focus on multidimensional poverty, social protection, welfare, and inequality. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed journals, working papers, policy briefs and has presented his work at various international conferences, cementing his role as a thought leader in development policy analysis. Over the years, he has also undertaken high-impact research and consultancy projects that have directly influenced national policy formulation.

In his new role as Statistician General, Dr. Lekobane will lead the institution in strengthening statistical governance, enhancing data quality and accessibility, and promoting evidence-based decision-making across all sectors of the economy. His leadership will drive innovation, inclusivity, and transformation in Botswana's socio-economic development planning, ensuring that Statistics Botswana continues to serve as a trusted custodian of national data and an enabler of sustainable development.

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