

Annex IV – Practical Information



Workshop on the SADC Harmonised Legal Cyber Security Framework for Southern Africa



27th of February to 2nd of March 2012

Gaborone, Botswana



About Botswana

Botswana is a landlocked country situated in Southern Africa with a population of around 2 million people. A country with four decades of uninterrupted civilian leadership, progressive social policies, and significant capital investment, it is considered to be one of the most dynamic economies in Africa. Botswana has good communication network, a well maintained and efficient road system linking to other SADC countries. In terms of internet connectivity it has been reported to be the third best wired country in Africa.

In Botswana land sustains life, as in all of Africa. Botswana's national revenue is generated particularly by the diamond mining industry. Cattle-rearing is the most significant agricultural enterprise. Beef exports to Europe represent Botswana's second largest income generator, and the booming tourism industry, currently third, may soon overtake the beef industry as the nation continues to diversify its economy.

Botswana is well known for having some of the best wilderness and wildlife areas on the African continent. With a full 38 per cent of its total land area devoted to national parks, reserves and wildlife management areas – for the most part unfenced, allowing animals to roam wild and free – travel through many parts of the country has the feeling of moving through an immense Nature wonderland.

Home to the world's largest intact inland Delta – the Okavango; the unimaginable vastness of the world's second largest game reserve – the Central Kalahari Game Reserve; the isolation and other-worldliness of the Makgadikgadi – uninhabited pans the size of Portugal; and the astoundingly prolific wildlife of the Chobe National Park, Botswana is a rarity in our overpopulated, over-developed world. Untamed and untameable, it is one of the last great refuges for Nature's magnificent pageantry of life.

Health

The major health risks in Botswana are malaria and typhoid. Malaria is a particular risk between November and June in the northern parts of the country. There are no compulsory vaccinations, but a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from Travellers over one year of age coming from infected countries. Strongly recommended vaccinations are: Typhoid and Hepatitis A.

Weather

The hottest time of year in Botswana is between October and April when shade temperatures rise to the 38°C mark. This is as well the rainy season for Botswana. Rainfall tends to be erratic, unpredictable and highly regional. Showers are often followed by strong sunshine so that a good deal of the rainfall does not penetrate the ground but is lost to evaporation and transpiration. Average day temperature: October to March 68°F - 105°F / 20°C - 40°C, April to September 33°F – 68°F / 0°C – 20°C.

Language

English is the official language. Setswana is the local language.

Currency

1 Pula (BWP) = 100 Thebe

Notes: 200, 100, 50, 20, 10

Coins: 50, 25, 10 and 5 Thebe

P1 = \$6.8 approximately (For the latest exchange rates please visit www.xe.com)

Major credit cards are widely accepted, ATMs are commonly available. Foreign currency can be exchanged at bureau de change, banks and hotels. Banks open from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (Mondays through Fridays) and 8:30 am to 12noon (Saturdays).

Credit Cards

All major credit cards are accepted at hotels, shops and restaurants. However, certain lodges and restaurants do not accept payment by Diners or American Express. Credit cards are not accepted at petrol filling stations.

Visa

Visitors from most Commonwealth countries, the EU and the USA do not require visas. Botswana has direct representation in South Africa, Namibia, Ethiopia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Where Botswana has no diplomatic representation, information and visas are available through British Embassies and High Commissions.

Although citizens from most SADC countries do not require a VISA to travel to Botswana, it is safer to confirm with an Embassy or a High Commission of the Republic of Botswana if a delegate is not sure, especially if it is their first time to travel to Botswana. The following are requisite for the application of a VISA to enter the Republic of Botswana.

- Fully completed Immigration Supplementary form
- Certified copies of passport pages (of applicant) showing validity and photograph of bearer
- Two recent colour passport size photos
- Covering letter from the host
- A non-refundable fee of BWP500.00 per application
- If previously applied for VISA PLEASE ATTACH THE COPY OF VISA OUTCOME
- Travel Schedule/Flight itinerary/Bookings
- A copy of Hotel bookings.

Travel

Air Travel to Botswana is predominantly through South Africa. There is a possibility of connecting to Gaborone directly from Nairobi, Lusaka and Harare. Flights from Nairobi are twice a week while flights from Lusaka and Harare are thrice a week. Travelers to Botswana are therefore advised to ensure they have all required to transit through South Africa.

Airlines flying to Gaborone:

South African, Kenyan Airlines, Air Botswana

Time Zones:

Summer time: GMT + 2 hours from the 1st Sunday in September to the 1st Sunday in April. Winter time: GMT + 1 hour from the 1st Sunday in April to the 1st Sunday in September.

Electricity:

230V AC 50Hz Round/square type three-pin plugs are used

Local Time

UCT + 2.00 hours (Harare, Pretoria)

International Telephone Dialing

Int. Code + 267

Hotels

HOTEL NAME	ROOM TYPE	FACILITIES	ROOM RATE
Walmont Ambassador -5 star (Commonly known as The GrandPalm - within the conference venue Complex)	Deluxe Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Bed • Mini-bar. • Hair dryer. • Bathroom/shower, • Air conditioning unit, • 8 international TV channels. • Local Gaborone TV. • Directing dialing telephones. • 24 Hour room service is available. • Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available. 	P1,220.00
	Junior Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeper couch lounge • King size bed • Mini-bar. • Hair dryer. • Bathroom/shower, • Air conditioning unit, • 8 international TV channels. • Local Gaborone TV. • Directing dialing telephones. • 24 Hour room service is available. • Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available. 	P2,705.00
	Executive Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Lounge and Executive Boardroom. • King size bed • Mini-bar. • Hair dryer. • Bathroom/shower, • Air conditioning unit, • 8 international TV channels. • Local Gaborone 	P3,245.00

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TV. • Directing dialing telephones. • 24 Hour room service is available. • Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available. 	
	Presidenti al Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big sitting room • Dining room • King bed • Executive Boardroom • Mini-bar. • Hair dryer. • Bathroom/shower, • Air conditioning unit, • 8 international TV channels. • Local Gaborone TV. • Directing dialing telephones. • 24 Hour room service is available. • Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available. 	P6,580.00
MetCourt Inn-3 star (within the Conference venue Complex)	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air conditioner • Wi-Fi • Telephone line • Double bed 	P710.00
	Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioner • Wi-Fi • Telephone line • King size Bed 	P815.00
	Executive Twin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioner • Wi-Fi • Telephone line • Two separate double size bed 	P815.00 sharing
Gaborone Sun- 4 star (7km from Conference venue) TEL: 267 361 6000, Email:mb_bw_reservations@za.suninternational.com Website: www.gaboronesun.com	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Fridge • Television Set • Telephone line • Air Conditioner • Double bed • Air – Conditioner • Wi-Fi 	P991.00

	En-Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couch Lounge • Air Conditioner • Wi-Fi • Television • King Size 	P2,225.00
	Presidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two bed • Lounge suite • Television Set • Telephone • Wi-Fi • Fridge • King Size bed and twin bed 	P5,900.00
	Luxury Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeper Couch • Television Set • King Size bed • Wi-Fi • Telephone 	P2,055.00
Mondior -4 Star (9km From conference venue) TEL: 2673190660 Email: info@gab.mondior.com Website: www.mondior.com/gaborone	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double bed • Kitchenette • Wi-Fi • Telephone • Television set 	P1,390.00
	En-Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lounge • Double bed • Wi-Fi • Telephone • Television set 	P,1745.00
Cresta Lodge -3 star (7km from conference venue) TEL: 2673975375 Email: reslodge@cresta.co.bw Website: www.crestalodgegaborone.com	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Television set • Wi-Fi • Air Conditioner • Double Bed • Telephone • Television Set 	P991.00

OTHER HOTELS THAT THE HOST WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO THE VENUE

Gaborone Hotel, Casino & Conference Centre

Telephone: +267 392 2777

FAX: +267 392 2727

Email: gh@info.bw

Website: www.gaboronehotel.com

Rates:

Standard room (Twin/Double)	:	BWP 376.00
Executive room	:	BWP 425.00
Breakfast	:	BWP 50.00
Lunch	:	BWP 90.00
Dinner	:	BWP 90.00

Big Five Lodge

Telephone number: +267 350 0500

Email: thebigfive@info.bw

Website: www.bigfivelodge.com/

Rates

Standard Room	:	BWP 600.00
Breakfast	:	BWP 58.00
Lunch	:	BWP 120.00
Dinner	:	BWP 120.00

Sedibeng Lodge

Telephone number: +267 318 6669

Email: sedibeng.lodge@gmail.com

Rates

Standard Room (Single)	:	BWP 465.00
Standard Room (Double)	:	BWP 575.00
Breakfast	:	BWP 56.00
Lunch	:	BWP 120.00
Dinner	:	BWP 120.00

Yarona Country Lodge

Telephone number: +267 393 3680

Email: psimon@global.bw

Website: www.yaronalodge.com

Rates

Standard Room	:	BWP 674.00 (Includes Breakfast)
Executive Room	:	BWP 786.00 (Includes Breakfast)
Lunch	:	BWP 110.00
Dinner	:	BWP 110.00

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Delegates are encouraged to make bookings directly with the Hotels and then communicate their bookings and travel itineraries to the HOST CONTACT PERSONS listed at the end of this Information Note. Delegates shall only be afforded official transport to the venue from hotels that are listed on this Note.

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