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10 - 11 September, Gaborone

*“We Are One:  
Africa United to Advance  
Planetary Health”*

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## Welcome to Gaborone!

### Keynote Speakers

- Professor Bob Mash
- Professor Karen Flegg
- Professor William Wong
- Prof. Karen Yu
- Prof. Susan Van Schalkwyk
- Dr. Ifeome Monye
- Prof. James Asamani

### Travel & Accommodation

From Luxury Hotels to Business-Friendly Stays, Gaborone offers a vibrant range of accommodation.

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## WONCA Africa Conference 2026

*We are thrilled to welcome you to the 9th WONCA Africa Region Conference and the Young Doctors' Pre-Conference in Gaborone, Botswana. Join us as we celebrate the present and future of family medicine in Africa.*

### Conference Highlights

**Theme :** *“We Are One: Africa united to advance planetary health through collaboration and resource alignment in primary health care.”*

**Dates :** September 10–11, 2026.

**Location :** Gaborone, Botswana.

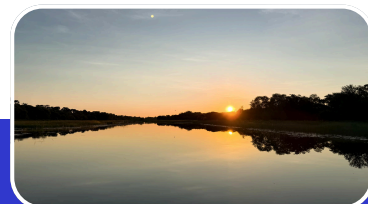
### Young Doctors' Pre-Conference

- **Date :** September 9, 2026
- **Target group :** Early-career family physicians and registrars
- **Aim :** To empower through mentorship and networking.

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Primary Care in Botswana



Explore Botswana

Inside:



*Dumelang!*  
*And a very warm welcome to Botswana.*

*It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the WONCA Africa 2026 Young Doctors' Pre-conference here in Gaborone, and indeed the main conference, the 9th WONCA Africa Region Conference.*

*On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee, I extend our heartfelt greetings to all of you who have travelled from different parts of Africa and beyond to be part of this exciting gathering. Today, we celebrate not only the future of family medicine in Africa but also its present.*

*You, the young doctors and family medicine trainees gathered here, are already making meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of the communities you serve. Your passion, energy, and commitment are essential to the transformation of primary health care across our continent.*

*The African health landscape presents us with many challenges, including changing disease patterns, health inequities, workforce shortages, and the growing impact of environmental changes on health. Yet, within these challenges lie extraordinary opportunities. Opportunities for innovation. Opportunities for leadership. Opportunities to shape health systems that are more responsive, equitable, and sustainable.*

*This pre-conference has been intentionally designed to equip you with practical skills, strengthen your capacity in research and advocacy, and foster networks of mentorship and collaboration. The relationships you build here may very well become the partnerships that define the future of Family Medicine in Africa.*

*As young professionals, never underestimate the value of your voice. Some of the most transformative ideas in medicine have come from individuals who were willing to ask difficult questions, challenge conventional thinking, and advocate for the needs of their patients and communities. Leadership is not determined by age or title; it begins with a commitment to serve and the courage to act.*

*I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity. Participate actively in the sessions. Engage with your peers from different countries and backgrounds. Learn from your mentors but also learn from one another. Share your experiences openly, celebrate your successes, and reflect honestly on the challenges you face in your own settings.*

*There is an African proverb that says, **"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."** The future of primary health care in Africa will not be built by isolated efforts. It will require a generation of family physicians who are connected, collaborative, and committed to advancing health for all. I am confident that such a generation is already emerging....and it is called AfriWON Renaissance!*

*I would like to acknowledge and commend the efforts of the members of the YDM of Botswana, AfriWON Renaissance, and all those who have worked diligently to organise this programme. Your vision and dedication have created a platform that will inspire and empower many.*

*As you embark on this journey over the coming days, remember that you are not merely attending a conference. You are joining a movement—a movement that believes in the power of primary care, the importance of solidarity, and the potential of young leaders to transform health systems across Africa.*

*Welcome to Botswana. Welcome to Gaborone. Welcome to the WONCA Young Doctors' Movement.*

*I wish you an enriching, inspiring, and memorable pre-conference experience.*

***Ke a leboga. Thank you.***

***— Professor Billy Tsima —***



# The 9th WONCA Africa Region Conference

**“We Are One: Africa united to advance planetary health through collaboration and resource alignment in primary health care”.**

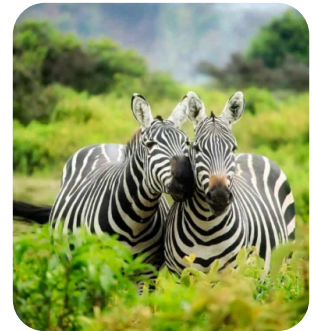
*WONCA Africa 2026 is more than a conference—it’s a movement!  
Join us in Gaborone as we unite clinicians, academics, and policymakers to advance planetary health and strengthen primary care systems across the continent. Together, we are shaping the future of family medicine in Africa.*

## **Objectives for WONCA Africa Region 2026 Conference**

- 1. To strengthen collaborations among African family physicians and primary care providers.*
- 2. To showcase innovations in primary care, delivery education, and research.*
- 3. To provide an international platform to promote leadership and mentorship across Africa.*
- 4. To harmonize approaches to training and accreditations across Africa.*
- 5. To improve healthcare service delivery across the region and appreciate the interactions with planetary health.*
- 6. To foster partnerships between Africa and global institutions to advance family medicine in Africa.*

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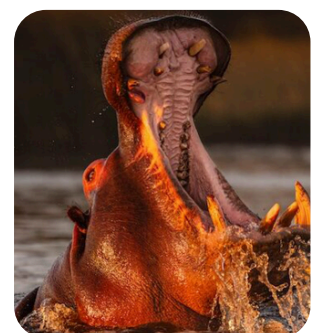
## *Botswana Facts*



*National Animal : Zebra  
National Bird : Kori Bustard  
More Elephants than people : World’s  
Largest African Elephant Population  
Okavango Delta : One of the 7  
World Wonders*



*The “Rain” Currency : Pula  
Precious Stones : One of biggest diamond  
producers  
Shortest Border : 150 metres  
Zambia/Botswana Border  
Oldest Surviving Indigenous Cultures : The  
San (Basarwa/Khwe)*



## CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Prof. Bob Mash**

Current President of the WONCA Africa Region. A strong pillar of family medicine in Africa and a lead advocate of primary care strengthening.



**Prof. Susan Van Schalkwyk**

Former Executive Head of the Department of Health Professions Education at Stellenbosch University.



**Prof. Karen Flegg**

Associate Professor at the Rural Clinical School, Australian National University, and immediate past president of WONCA World.



**Dr. Ifeoma Monye**

President of the World Lifestyle Medicine Organization.



**Prof. William Wong**

Chair of Family Medicine and Primary Care at the University of Hong Kong. Expert in primary care research.



**Prof. James Asamani**

Health Workforce Team Lead for the World Health Organization (WHO) Africa Region.



**Prof. Karen Yu**

Department of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, University of Toronto.



# *Leadership of Family physicians in planetary health in rural Africa: Lessons from Boteti West District, Botswana*

***Dr. Mandisa Tenego***

***Family physician, Boteti West District, Botswana***

***Founding fellow ECSA- CFP***



## ***Introduction to planetary health***

*Planetary health is defined as, the health of human civilization and the state of the natural systems on which it depends. The planetary health framework makes clear that climate change is not just an environmental issue but a major public health threat. It is one of the major public health threats in the twenty-first century. Globally, this is evidenced by the higher rates of heat-related illnesses, droughts, floods, increased vector, and water borne diseases and many more effects. Africa and Botswana are no different. Understanding planetary health is no longer optional. Rather, it is imperative. Family physicians stand at the intersection of health and communities where consequences of a destabilized planet first hit. Planetary health for the family physician is not just an abstract concept. It is the next frontier of primary care.*

*One may ask, what is the role of a family physician in planetary health? How can they be at the fore front of addressing the effects of climate change? This piece aims to describe how I have done this as an early-career family physician using family medicine core competencies as a framework to address the effects of climate change. Thereby also improving the planetary health of the Boteti district, in Botswana.*

*Eight months ago, I was assigned as the first and only family physician in the Boteti West district. A rural district with twelve clinics and one primary hospital. The team consists of seven medical officers, specialized nurse practitioners, general nurses, health care assistants, health education assistants, two social workers, and a health promotion officer. There are currently no medical interns or registrars.*

*No one knew what a family physician does. Summer arrived. Malaria came knocking, and patients choked up by asthma filled the wards. Heat-related illnesses surged, and the association between the ecosystem and the planet became clinical. The need for our core competencies as family physicians came through.*

## ***Clinical trainer and supervisor / Capacity builder***

*The team was new to the intersections between the environment and its effects on health. Family physicians' role is not only about individual diagnosis but also community diagnosis which includes the environment. To address this several actions were taken.*

*These included;*

- 1. Creating a Google Classroom with resources on the basics of climate change. Guidelines on how to treat heat-related illnesses and vector-borne diseases were shared. Notably, malaria is the most common vector-borne disease here. Relatively more resources were shared on the topic.*
- 2. Partnering with malaria district trainers and the health promotion team was done. They conducted teachings in the district. This not only increased the reach of education to the medical officers but also to the district-wide team. More can be done, but we are on the right track.*



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*Leader and champion of clinical governance*

*Being a new addition to the team was quite a challenge because no one knew the role of a family physician. Therefore, clarifying that my key role was to help build the primary care system to enable adaptation to not only patient illnesses but also to climate change hazards and to enable the systems’ resilience was great. However, actions as noted below were done to try and clarify my role.*

- 1. I have and am supporting the development and revival of governance structures in the hospital, i.e., committees like the quality care, disciplinary, infection control committee, and the maternal and child mortality committees.*
- 2. I have been able to conduct, chair, and co-chair CMEs on morbidity and mortality in the district.*
- 3. In the next quarter, we will need to form a committee that discusses the Boteti West disaster management plan, which includes how to tackle climate-related emergencies. This area is a victim of drought, sandstorms, and flash floods. This will involve stakeholders in discussing the risks Boeti West is likely to face and potential short, middle, and long-term solutions to climate hazards.*

**Leader and champion of community-oriented primary care**

Botswana's healthcare was structured with primary care as its backbone. The community structures, clinics, and the hospital have forums and committees that meet and discuss community challenges. One such forum is called the ‘Botsogo pitso’. This is a meeting where the hospital calls on the community to discuss their health needs and how best to achieve the health of the village with the help of village leadership structures. It was quite insightful in that both the community and the healthcare workers further appreciated the context of the health of the district though engaging in the Botsogo Pitso.

**Consultant**

With the team’s help, we have set up monthly specialist outreach clinics in facilities approximately 100km apart. These are Motopi clinic, Rakops Primary Hospital, and Mopipi clinic. Here, patients with complicated non-communicable diseases are reviewed in the NCD clinic. And the women and children are reviewed at high-risk clinics. The district suffers from the highest rates of maternal and child mortality. Setting up these clinics are strategies to improve the morbidity and mortality in the region. In the summer seasons, we have several climate-related illnesses that I manage either directly or through collaboration with the medical officers, family nurse practitioners, midwives, and nurses.



### *Care provider*

*This is my leading role. It is to provide care during ward rounds to patients with various diseases, including climate-related illnesses. We have several cases of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma in the district with unclear causes. There are about four mines in the region, and the area is very dusty. It is therefore important that we plan to carefully investigate if there is an association with the disease patterns in this region.*

*Being in this rural district on my first appointment is quite exciting, a little daunting, with feelings of being in and out of my preferred depth. It has been a positive experience because of the wonderful primary care team. We work together for the common good, and we understand that everyone on the team has various roles that make our service package better. On discussions on climate change, the team is quite open and receptive.*

*Moving forward, we need better stakeholder engagement and more climate change education to make a more formidable team. The team is open, receptive, and composed of critical thinkers who add knowledge and depth to discussions. I need to network with more experienced family physicians in the rural terrain to better address the intricacies of managing community health with the lens of planetary health. This would enable a more holistic and comprehensive management of the community I am in.*

*In conclusion, family medicine is a great foundation to build healthcare and community resilience to both illness and climate hazards. The core competencies make provision for holistic and integrated care that cuts through all sectors. This is an account from an early-career family physician. Imagine what consistent implementation of family medicine core competencies to address not only patients but communities through the lens of planetary health can do in a decade!*



# Pre-Conference Experience

The Young Doctors' Movement is organizing a pre-conference event on September 9, 2026. Spearheaded by the young family physicians of Botswana in association with AfriWON, the program is led by Dr. Mandisa Tenego, Treasurer of AfriWON (Botswana), in liaison with the AfriWON executive committee, headed by Dr. Ibrahim Banaru, Chair of AfriWON Renaissance. This pre-conference is specifically designed to empower early-career family physicians (within five years of graduation) and family medicine registrars by focusing on practical skills, mentorship, and the establishment of a continental network of young leaders.

The learning objectives include:

1. Enhance clinical skills in emergency care by training in basic life support and advanced life support.
2. Build capacity in research and advocacy.
3. Create peer networks for ongoing mentorship.

The pre-conference will be followed by the main conference, which will explore diverse topics such as career pathways, research opportunities, and advocacy for primary care. Roundtable discussions will further facilitate meaningful connections among family physicians from across the region.



## In the Works



- **Public Health Leader:** Recognized for gold-tier certification in eliminating mother-to-child HIV transmission and providing free universal HIV/AIDS treatment.
- **Commitment to Primary Care:** With 6.3% of its 2023 GDP allocated to healthcare, the nation is actively advancing Universal Health Coverage and strengthening systems.



**Host for Innovation:** Hosting WONCA Africa 2026 reflects the government's ongoing investment in research, systems strengthening, and global collaboration.



## Professor Billy Tsimba

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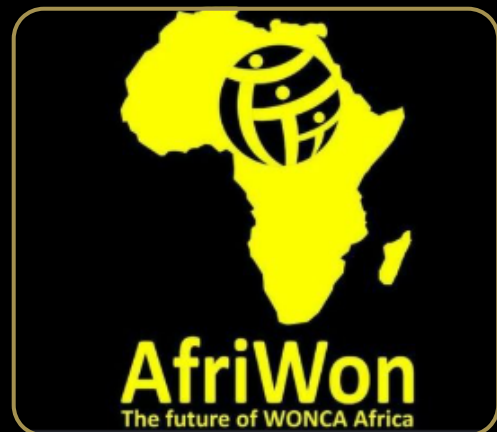
## Dr. Kesegofetse Chabaesele

*Conference Social Activities and Accommodation  
Family Physician  
Clinical Director at Premium Medical Centre*



## Designing for the *Future*

*Rooted in the principles of leadership, innovation, collaboration, and advocacy, the Renaissance seeks to inspire a new generation of healthcare professionals committed to transforming primary health care and advancing health equity throughout the continent.*





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## About Botswana

- **Geography & Climate:** Botswana is a landlocked, semi-arid country in Sub-Saharan Africa known for the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta.
- **Stable Economy:** Botswana is a thriving middle-income country supported by diamond mining, tourism, and beef exports.



# Accommodation and Social Events

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Protea Hotel Masa Square	CBD	+267 315 9954	info@masasquarehotel.com	Central, secure, outdoor pool
Cresta President Hotel	Gaborone Central	+267 395 3631	president@crestahotels.com	Classic, buffet breakfast
Cresta Lodge Gaborone	Bontleng/ Old Naledi	+267 390 2011	reservations@crestahotels.com	Comfortable, good dining
Phakalane Golf Estate Hotel & Convention Centre	Phakalane	+267 393 1100	reservations@phakalane.com	Golf course, convention facilities
Peermont Walmont at the Grand Palm	Next to GICC	+267 363 7777	reservations@peermont.com	Luxury, pool, secure parking
Hilton Garden Inn	CBD	+267 395 6800	gaborone.reservations@hilton.com	Modern, pool, fitness center
Town Lodge Gaborone	--	--	citylodgehotels.com	Near the airport and APJ mall
Aquarian Tide hotel	Airport junction	--	guestreservations.com	Near the airport and APJ mall
Avani Hotels	Gaborone central	--	--	Near the University of Botswana
Regent Select Hotel	Gaborone	+267 395 9960	info@regentselect.co.bw	Pool, fitness center
Peermont Mondior	The Village (near Phase 2)	+267 395 3900	mondior@peermont.com	Quiet, business-friendly, walking distance to UB
Travelodge Gaborone	Block 9	+267 316 1655	info@travelodge.co.bw	Restaurant, conference facilities
Sarona apartments	Tsholofelo east	--	--	Apartments on booking.com
Motswedi place	Kgale view	--	--	Apartments on booking.com
iTower apartments	CBD	--	--	Apartments on booking.com
Room50Two	CBD	+267 370 0500	reservations@room50two.com	Spacious rooms, fitness center
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33. Hong Kong
34. Hungary
35. Iceland
36. Ireland
37. Israel
38. Italy
39. Jamaica
40. Japan
41. Kenya
42. Kiribati
43. Kuwait
44. Latvia
45. Lesotho
46. Liechtenstein
47. Lithuania
48. Luxemburg
49. Malawi
50. Malaysia
51. Maldives
52. Malta
53. Mauritius
54. Mexico
55. Monaco
56. Mozambique
57. Namibia
58. Nauru
59. Netherlands
60. New Zealand
61. Norway
62. Oman
63. Papua New Guinea
64. Paraguay
65. Peru
66. Poland
67. Portugal
68. Qatar
69. Republic of Ireland
70. Romania
71. Russia
72. St Kitts & Nevis
73. Saint Lucia
74. St Vincent & Grenadines
75. Samoa
76. San Marino
77. Saudi Arabia
78. Seychelles
79. Sierra Leone
80. Singapore
81. Slovak Republic
82. Slovenia
83. Solomon Islands
84. South Africa
85. South Korea
86. South Sudan
87. Spain
88. Swaziland
89. Sweden
90. Switzerland
91. Tanzania
92. Tonga
93. Trinidad & Tobago
94. Turkey
95. Tuvalu
96. Uganda
97. United Arab Emirates
98. United Kingdom
99. United States
100. Uruguay
101. Vanuatu
102. Venezuela
103. Yugoslavia
104. Zambia
105. Zimbabwe

## VISA REQUIRED COUNTRIES

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Afghanistan               | 18. Chad              | 35. Guatemala     | 52. Mali             | 69. Sao Tome & Principe |
| 2. Albania                   | 19. China             | 36. Guinea        | 53. Madagascar       | 70. Serbia              |
| 3. Algeria                   | 20. Colombia          | 37. Guinea Bissau | 54. Marshall Islands | 71. Senegal             |
| 4. Andorra                   | 21. Comoros           | 38. Haiti         | 55. Mauritania       | 72. Somalia             |
| 5. Armenia                   | 22. Costa Rica        | 39. Honduras      | 56. Micronesia       | 73. Sudan               |
| 6. Azerbaijan                | 23. DR Congo          | 40. Indonesia     | 57. Moldova          | 74. Suriname            |
| 7. Belarus                   | 24. Cote D'Ivoire     | 41. Iran          | 58. Mongolia         | 75. Syria               |
| 8. Benin                     | 25. Djibouti          | 42. Iraq          | 59. Morocco          | 76. Taiwan              |
| 9. Bhutan                    | 26. Ecuador           | 43. Jordan        | 60. Myanmar (Burma)  | 77. Tajikistan          |
| 10. Bolivia                  | 27. Egypt             | 44. Kazakhstan    | 61. Nepal            | 78. Thailand            |
| 11. Bosnia & Herzegovina     | 28. El Salvador       | 45. Korea DPR     | 62. Nicaragua        | 79. Togo                |
| 12. Burkina Faso             | 29. Equatorial Guinea | 46. Kyrgyzstan    | 63. Niger            | 80. Tunisia             |
| 13. Burundi                  | 30. Eritrea           | 47. Laos DPR      | 64. Pakistan         | 81. Turkmenistan        |
| 14. Cambodia                 | 31. Ethiopia          | 48. Lebanon       | 65. Palau            | 82. Ukraine             |
| 15. Cameroon                 | 32. Fiji              | 49. Liberia       | 66. Panama           | 83. Uzbekistan          |
| 16. Cape Verde               | 33. Gabon             | 50. Libya         | 67. Philippines      | 84. Vietnam             |
| 17. Central African Republic | 34. Georgia           | 51. Macedonia     | 68. Rwanda           | 85. Yemen               |

## COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE VISA FOR BOTSWANA

Bangladesh | Ghana | India | Nigeria | Pakistan | Sri Lanka

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[www.woncafrica2026.org](http://www.woncafrica2026.org)

Logos: Wonca, Botswana Association of Family Physicians, Ministry of Health, Botswana, Botswana Family Nurse Practitioners Association.

### Social Events

There are various fun destinations in town to explore.

- Events in the capital, as well as nearby areas: <https://whatsupbots.com/>
- Concerts around town: <https://www.musicinafrica.net/directory/gaborone-international-music-and-culture-week-gimc>
- Others: <https://thingstodoinbotswana.com/month/september/>
- Please visit <https://bit.ly/gabsguide> for more information and details about what Gaborone has to offer

# YELLOW FEVER TRANSMISSION RISK COUNTRIES

## Countries in Africa with Risk of Yellow Fever Transmission

Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania
Benin	Ethiopia	Niger
Burkina Faso	Gabon	Nigeria
Burundi	Gambia, the	Senegal
Cameroon	Ghana	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Guinea	South Sudan
Chad	Guinea-Bissau	Sudan
Congo, Republic of	Kenya	Togo
Cote d'Ivoire	Liberia	Uganda
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mali	

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## Countries in Central and South America with Risk of Yellow Fever Transmission

Argentina	French Guiana	Suriname
Bolivia	Guyana	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Panama	(Trinidad only)
Colombia	Paraguay	Venezuela
Ecuador	Peru	

## BORDERS AND PORTS OF ENTRY

Below is a consolidated list of Botswana's principal international ports of entry, including their normal operating hours and telephone contacts. Operating hours may be extended during peak travel periods.

Border Post / Port of Entry	Border	Operating Hours	Contact Number
Pioneer Gate	South Africa (Skilpadshek)	06:00-00:00	+267 533 3992 / 533 0387
Ramotswa Bridge	South Africa	07:00-18:00	+267 539 0344
Pont Drift	South Africa	07:30-16:30	+267 264 5260
Phitshane Molopo	South Africa	07:30-18:00	+267 548 7204
Makopong	South Africa	07:30-16:30	+267 653 0063
Middlepits	South Africa	08:00-16:00	+267 653 0060
Ngoma Bridge	Namibia	07:00-18:00	+267 620 0050
Ramokgwebana	Zimbabwe	06:00-22:00	+267 248 9266
Pandamatenga	Zimbabwe	08:00-17:00	+267 623 2029
Kazungula Road OSBP	Zambia	24 Hours (since Feb 2026)	+267 625 0320 / 625 1303

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (PORTS OF ENTRY)

Airport	Operating Hours	Contact Number
Francistown Airport	06:00-22:00	+267 241 2065
Maun Airport	07:30-16:30	+267 686 0278
Selebi-Phikwe Airport	07:30-16:30	+267 260 1238

### GENERAL BORDER ENQUIRIES

For customs and border information, contact the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS):

BURS Headquarters: +267 363 8000 / +267 363 9000

Email: [comms@burs.org.bw](mailto:comms@burs.org.bw)

If travelling from Zambia, the Kazungula One Stop Border Post is the primary crossing and operates 24 hours a day, making it the preferred route for travel between Zambia and Botswana.