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FIRST LADY TO ATTEND THE 30TH ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (OAFLAD) ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Gaborone, 11th February 2026: The Office of the First Lady wishes to inform the public that Mrs. Kaone Tumulano Boko, the First Lady of the Republic of Botswana will depart for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the 12th February 2026, to participate at the 30th Ordinary General Assembly of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD) taking place from the 11th to 15th February 2026 on the sidelines of the African Union Summit.

The General Assembly will be held under the theme, **"Building Resilience of Women and Girls: Climate, Conflict and Sustainable Futures"**. The 30th General Assembly builds on the launch of OAFLAD's continental campaign, #BuildingResilience for Women and Girls in the Face of Climate Change and Conflict, which goes beyond traditional advocacy to highlight the increasing crises facing women and girls, particularly in climate and conflict affected settings. This includes increased exposure to violence and insecurity, disruption of girls' education, weakened health systems, and limited pathways to economic empowerment and independence.

The 30th OAFLAD General Assembly will convene African First Ladies, advisors, development partners, civil society, and other key stakeholders to exchange experiences, share best practices, and develop coordinated advocacy strategies. Key expected outcomes include; enhanced political commitment to gender-responsive approaches, strengthened alignment between OAFLAD initiatives, national priorities, and continental frameworks, and renewed momentum for placing women and girls at the center of resilience building, policy responses, and sustainable solutions across Africa.

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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pinkie'.

Pinkie Sedigeng
For/ Private Secretary