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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PRESIDENT ADVOCATE DUMA GIDEON BOKO HOLDS A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON**

GABORONE, 29th January 2026: Today, the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, had a phone call with the President of France, His Excellency Emmanuel Macron.

During the call, the two Heads of State discussed the strong and ongoing bilateral cooperation between Botswana and France, with a particular focus on key strategic sectors including mining, defence, agriculture, artificial intelligence, and other areas of mutual interest. Both presidents reaffirmed the importance of accelerating collaboration and ensuring sustained, continuous engagements to further strengthen relations between the two countries.

President Macron commended President Boko for his visionary leadership and extended his appreciation for Botswana's commitment to inclusive national development.

President Macron further invited President Boko to attend the One Health Summit, scheduled to take place in France on 7th April 2026, The Summit will, for the first time, bring together Heads of State and Government from around the world, Heads of International and Regional Organisations, parliamentarians, representatives of the scientific and academic community, the private sector, civil society, local authorities and youth, to accelerate the global implementation of the "One Health" approach.

In addition, President Macron extended an invitation to President Boko to participate in the Africa-France Summit scheduled to take place in Kenya in May 2026.

President Boko graciously accepted both invitations and reiterated the need for world leaders to work collectively to promote peace, cooperation, and sustainable prosperity for their peoples.

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Thank you.

