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**FORMER PRESIDENT H.E DR MOKGWEETSI E.K. MASISI TO UNDERTAKE A
WORKING VISIT TO BUJUMBURA -BURUNDI AND ADDIS ABABA -
ETHIOPIA**

GABORONE, 27TH FEBRUARY 2026: The Office of the Former President IV wishes to inform the public that His Excellency Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, fifth President of the Republic of Botswana, accompanied by a Togolese delegation will undertake an official mission to Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, at the invitation of His Excellency Faure Essozimana GNASSINGBE, President of the Council of the Togolese Republic, and Mediator appointed by the African Union.

The purpose of this visit is to engage in discussions with the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

This mission forms part of the African Union's ongoing mediation efforts to promote peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes region.

During this visit, the former President H. E. Dr. Masisi, will participate in a highlevel consultative meeting with the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

His Excellency Dr. Masisi is scheduled to depart from Gaborone, Republic of Botswana, to Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, on Friday 27th February 2026, and will return to Gaborone, Botswana, on Thursday, 5th March 2026.

The former President H.E. Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi is acting in his role as a member of the Panel of Facilitators for the Eastern DRC Peace Process.

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