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PRESS RELEASE

**PRESIDENT BOKO TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 2026 WORLD GOVERNMENTS
SUMMIT**

GABORONE: 2nd February 2026: President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, will attend the 2026 World Governments Summit, from 2nd to 6th February 2026, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This year's Summit will convene under the theme, "Shaping Future Governments." It will bring together Heads of State, Government Ministers, world leaders from the private sector and international organisations to deliberate on a range of issues, including artificial intelligence, climate risks, economic resilience; and proffer innovative solutions for global challenges.

During the Summit, President Boko will deliver a keynote address during the Emerging Economies Forum, and serve as a panellist on a High-Level Session focussing on Africa, held under the theme, "Is the next Decade African?". Botswana's participation at the Summit provides the opportunity for enhanced engagement on governance and economic issues that stand to support the country's efforts to advance its economic revitalisation agenda, in line with national Economic Transformation Programme.

On the margins of the Summit, in a continued effort to secure trade and investment opportunities for Botswana, the President will engage strategic partners and have a series of High-Level Bilateral Meetings. These will include meetings with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi; and His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait.

President Boko will return to Gaborone on 6th February 2026. In his absence, the Vice President Mr. Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, will assume the role of Acting President of the Republic of Botswana.

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Thank you.

