Botswana Sustainability Week

Theme

The Business of Sustainability:

Activating Private Sector Leadership to Drive Botswana's Next Growth Economy

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Republic of Botswana

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botswana tourism

Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland – Planet and Posterity in Mind

Strategic Growth partner:

MMG

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Sector Catalyst partner:

Chobe Holdings Limited

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Three days for Botswana's growth economy

21 October | Day 1

Leadership and priorities

Official opening, partner launches and stories.

Panels on enterprise, finance, food, water and power.

22 October | Day 2

Projects and partnerships

Learning, panels and three project groups.

Output: project challenges, benefits, resources and proposed support.

23 October | Day 3

Commitments and delivery

Feedback and commitments. Official closure.

Output: three project plans and 12 months of GLF monitoring and reporting.

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Day 1: Official opening and national leadership

Time	Session	Coordinator
07:30–07:55	Arrival and registration	**Host - Green Loop Foundation**
07:55–08:00	National anthem	
08:00–08:15	Sustainability Moment	**NGO Partner** – Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland | Executive Director – Mpho Tiego
08:15–08:30	Introductions	**District Commissioner**
08:30–08:35	**Impact Video 1 - Host**	**Green Loop Foundation**
08:35–08:50	Opening remarks by host	**Green Loop Foundation** | Founder & Trustee | Lindiwe Modise
08:50–08:55	Cultural Storytelling & Artistic Expressions	**Botswana's Heritage Story – Sedimo sa Basarwa & Tizwani Cultural Group** Celebrating Botswana's living heritage through traditional music, dance and storytelling, recognising the role of culture, indigenous knowledge and community identity in sustainable development. The cultural groups incorporate stories about the relationship between people, wildlife, water and the land into their performances. Providing a meaningful sustainability connection.
08:55–09:10	Officiation	**The Right Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly** | Honourable Dithapelo Keorapetse
09:10–09:15	**Impact Video 2 – Strategic Growth Partner**	**MMG-Khoemacau**
09:15–09:25	2026 Anchor Strategic Growth Partner Statement	**MMG-Khoemacau** | Executive Management
09:25–09:45	View of stalls	Speaker of the National Assembly, Members of Parliament and all 2026 impact private sector and NGO investment Leaders.
09:45–10:00	Tea break	

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Day 1: Partner stories and leadership panels - morning

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10:00–10:20 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Host's platform journey: Botswana Sustainability Week 2023–2026: Our journey and the case for sustained industry partnership; One Million Tree Pledge update; Hippo-roller initiative; Household solar lights.	**Green Loop Foundation** (Founder & Trustee) | Lindiwe Modise
10:20–10:25	**Impact Video 3 - Strategic Growth Partner**	**2026 Anchor Strategic Growth Partner | MMG-Khoemacau**
10:25–10:45 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Partner launch 1: Launch of the Khoemacau | MMG Nature Based Strategy	**2026 Anchor Strategic Growth Partner | MMG-Khoemacau** – Environment & Sustainability Manager – Johnny Marudu
10:45–10:50	**Impact Video 4 – Catalyst Partner**	**Sector Catalyst Partner | Chobe Holdings**
10:50–11:10 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Partner story 2: Legacy of Tourism, conservation and community enterprise	Sector Catalyst Partner | Chobe Holdings | Managing Director – Lempheditse Odumetse
11:10–11:45 **Q&A: last 10 min**	**Panel 1:** Beyond mining, how can cross-sector growth build citizen enterprises and protect nature?	**Cross-sector Panel** *Moderator:* Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd Senior Manager | Office of the Group Executive for Strategy and Sustainability – Makungu Oriel Nkuna *Panellists* 1. MMG-Khoemacau | Supply Chain Director – Alex Lyu 2. De Beers | Enterprise Development Specialist – Bakang Phuthego 743221 3. Machaba Safaris | COO/CFO – David Kind
11:45–12:45	Networking lunch - exhibition engagements - local marketplace	Sedia Hotel pool and garden side – All delegates

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Day 1: Partner stories and leadership panels: afternoon

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12:45–12:50	**Impact Video 5 – Strategic Partner**	**Strategic Partner – Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund**
12:50–13:10 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Partner story 3: CORB Fund: Building an endowment for future funding. An awareness session introducing the Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund and its five-year incubation period to build an endowment. The Fund is not yet issuing grants. Grants, loans and business partnerships will begin only after this period. The session will explain the Fund's development phase and future role in supporting environmental and livelihood projects.	**Strategic Partner – Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund**– Fund Chairman | Innocent Magole
13:10–13:15	**Impact Video 6 – NGO Partner**	**NGO Partner – Nkashi Trust (Botswana Chapter)**
13:15–13:35 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Partner story 4: Securing international grants and sustaining NGO funding Nkashi Trust– A partner story exploring access to international funding, what makes an NGO's application competitive, and how to build lasting relationships with multiple funders while reducing reliance on government support.	**NGO Partner – Nkashi Trust|Co-Founder** – Koketso Mookodi
13:35–14:10 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Panel 2: How can private-sector financing drive inclusive growth in Botswana, while nonprofits attract international grants to reduce reliance on government funding? How can private-sector financing, development finance and international grants support economic diversification and inclusive growth in Botswana? The discussion will explore how businesses and nonprofits can access suitable funding, build partnerships and sustain enterprise and community projects that create jobs and livelihoods, while reducing reliance on government funding. **Fish-bowl exercise**	**Cross-sector Panel** *Moderator:* MMG-Khoemacau |CEEP Coordinator. – Segomotso Kgwatalala *Panellists* 1. ABSA Bank Botswana | Acting Head of Client Coverage – Botho Phiri 2. Nkashi Trust| Managing Director – Chillie Mothusi 3. Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund | Fund Chairman | Innocent Magole

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Day 1: Leadership panels and evening networking

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14:10–14:45 **Q&A: last 10 min**	Panel 3: Food security, reliable water and regional clean power for economic diversification in SADC. How can cooperation across SADC strengthen food production, improve water reliability and expand access to affordable, cleaner electricity to support diversified economies and jobs? **Fish-bowl exercise**	**Cross-sector Panel** *Moderator:* MMG-Khoemacau | Sustainability Analyst – Gorata Cheryllyn Malao *Panellists* 1. Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd |Chief Advisor, Professional Climate Change and Sustainable Development – Siven Naidoo 2. Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) | Chief Finance Officer – Thabang Mogodi
14:45–15:20	Open-floor discussion: Reflections on Day 1. Delegates and speakers discuss the topics presented throughout the day, ask questions and share perspectives.	All delegates and Day 1 speakers
15:20	Close of Day 1	All delegates

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