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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING SYSTEM**

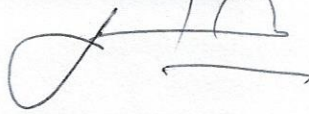
The National Planning Commission wishes to inform the public that during a special meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Parliament approved that implementation of National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) be deferred to effect from 2025/26 financial years. The meeting also approved that in the interim a two year Transitional National Development Plan be developed and implemented during the financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. This will come into effect when implementation of the current National Development Plan 11 (NDP 11) ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Deferral of the implementation of NDP 12 to April 2025/26 is ideal to accommodate crucial reforms to the national planning system. With the NDP 11 ending in a few months, the period is not adequate to fully develop and institutionalize reforms to the planning system. The reforms are in line with Botswana's Vision 2036 aspirations, which state that a review of structures, procedures, and legal frameworks is required to effectively achieve the vision.

Botswana aspires to become a prosperous and high income country by 2036. The transition to high income status requires better coordination and alignment at both national and local levels. This is to facilitate a thorough and inclusive consultation process that takes into account a variety of inputs during the formulation of the plan.

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