

Government of Botswana signs Memorandum of Agreement with Conservation International

To strengthen the collaboration between the Government of Botswana and Conservation International in the implementation of the CI Botswana GCF Project the Government of Botswana entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CI Botswana. The MoU is to enhance the collaboration between the parties in the implementation and achievement of the project goal by the parties. The CI Botswana GCF project aims to utilize collective management of livestock and ecosystems to restore Botswana's communal rangelands, increasing the climate resilience of vulnerable populations and reducing GHG emissions.



The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Ms. Nancy Chengeta signing on behalf of Government; expressed her happiness and highlighted that the MoU will address the gaps in the project management and help meet the milestones for smooth delivery. She further, reiterated the Government's commitment to meet the project targets in line with Botswana policies and laws.

Responding, the CI Botswana Country Director, Mr. Ruud Jansen indicated that the signing will kickstart the setting up of the project governance structure to provide oversight

and mitigate against any bottlenecks that may arise. He said CI will provide the necessary technical support for project management.



The CI Botswana Project is being implemented over an 8.5-year period with 3 key objectives:

- Strengthen institutions and support systems for climate-responsive planning and management in communal rangelands.
- Reduce emissions and negative livelihood impacts through rangeland rehabilitation and improved livestock management.
- Sustain enhanced adaptive capacity and low-emissions development through value-chain and policy transformation.

The project is funded by the Green Climate Fund at 36.8 million USD with the Government of Botswana co-financing at 54 million USD.