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PARLIAMENT HOSTS WORKSHOP ON BUDGETARY ENGAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

The Parliament of Botswana, in partnership with International IDEA through Inter Pares, an EU-funded parliamentary capacity-building programme will host a Workshop on Parliamentary Budgetary Engagement and Oversight of Public Enterprises from the 10th to the 12th June 2026 at the Main Committee Room, Parliament Building. The Workshop will be officiated by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Dithapelo L. Keorapetse on the 10th June 2026.

The workshop aims to equip Members of Parliamentary Committees, namely the Public Accounts Committee; Statutory Bodies and State Enterprises; Finance and Estimates; Finance, Trade & Economic Development with the tools, skills, and comparative knowledge necessary to strengthen oversight of public expenditure and the performance of Government Institutions. It will build on Parliament's existing appropriation powers and its relationship with the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI).

Over the three-day programme, participants will examine where their oversight leverage lies today and what structural, legal, and operational conditions shape their limits. Comparative experience from other parliaments offers both perspective and practical approaches. The workshop combines expert guidance, peer-to-peer exchange with selected parliaments from the Southern African region as well as the European Union, and practical exercises designed to support Members of Parliament in overseeing the public purse.

The workshop will bring together participants from the following:

- National Assembly of Botswana
- Parliament of Malawi
- Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
- National Assembly of Zambia
- Parliament of Denmark
- Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland
- National Council, Slovak Republic
- Local & International Experts
- Botswana Centre for Public Integrity (BCPI)
- The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Botswana
- European Union Delegation to Botswana
- Inter Pares/International IDEA

The workshop forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen parliamentary oversight, promote accountability in public institutions, and support effective governance through informed legislative engagement, while contributing to the Speaker's vision of a high-performing Parliament.

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