

Welcome – Friday, 12 October 2007, World Standards Day, BOBS MD

Dumelang Bagaetsho

Director of Ceremonies

Kgosi Seepapitso IV

Mrs Ramalebang, Chairperson of the Clothing & Textile Technical Committee

Ms Harriman – Consumer Watchdog

Mr Lebang - Chairperson of the Standards Council

Members of the Standards Council

Members of Parastatal Organizations

Captains of Industry

Distinguished guests

BOBS members of staff

Members of the Press

All Protocol Observed

Underpinning the ability to build a prosperous, productive and innovation nation, is the requirement of a national conformity assessment infrastructure.

During 2007, BOBS has been celebrating 10 years as a National Standards Body. During those 10 years we have operated under the Standards Act No. 16 of 1995. BOBS also administers the Weights and Measures Act No. 21 of 2006.

During the past 10 years, BOBS has gained a substantive reputation in the arena of standards development and associated conformity assessment activities. We have unofficially given ourselves the status of the fastest growing National Standards Body in Africa.

We hold our heads high, participate and contribute actively to ISO, IEC and SADC committees relating to standards development, harmonization of standards at regional level and associated activities. On 20 September 2007 we signed a Memorandum of Agreement with ASTM – the American-based standards development body.

The development of BOS standards is made possible by the hundreds of volunteers within Botswana who participate in standardization activities. The aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness of the importance of global standardization to the world economy and to promote its role in helping meet the needs of business, industry, government and consumers worldwide.

The theme for 2007 is Standards and the Citizen – Contributing to Society. In support of this theme, we at BOBS have orchestrated this programme. On Sunday morning, 14 October 2007, the actual World Standards Day, our Minister of Trade and Industry, Honourable Neo Moroka will be addressing the nation at 6:45 on RB1 on the theme of Standards and the Citizen.

On behalf of the Standards Council, the Management of BOBS and the staff of BOBS, we extend a warm welcome to you, our distinguished guests, to this important event.

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