

# BoMRA, BOBS SIGN MoU



**REMARKS:** Acting Managing Director of BOBS Mr Keeper Morgan.



**REMARKS:** BoMRA Chief Executive Officer Dr Stephen Ghanie.



**WELCOME REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS:** Dr Seima Dijeng Director, Licensing and Enforcement.



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Mr Israel Kgosidile - BoMRA Public Relations Manager.

## THE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



BOBS Acting Managing Director Mr Keeper Morgan and BoMRA CEO Dr Stephen Ghanie.



BoMRA Chief Regulatory Officer, Dr Sinah Selelo signing second part of the MoU.



Manager for Trade Metrology at BOBS, Mr Dithlake Tau signing part of MoU.

**B**otswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) and Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS), on the 15th of December 2020, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to mark the beginning of a partnership through which the two organisations will work together in areas of developing standards for medical and medicinal products, and undertaking conformity assessments.

BOBS is responsible for the development of national standards, establishment of the national measurement system which refines what units of measure are permissible in industry and trade; whereas BoMRA's mandate is to ensure that all medicines and related substances used in Botswana are in conformity with established criteria of quality, safety and efficacy.

When giving his remarks, BoMRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Stephen Ghanie said the MoU will help cement collaborations, transfer of skills and information between the two organisations. It is expected that BoMRA and BOBS staff will work closer together because of this accord.

For his part, acting Managing Director of BOBS, Mr. Keeper Morgan said the MoU will facilitate synergies between the two organisations in specific areas of development of standards, conformity assessment, inspections, testing, calibration, sampling and research, as well as technology transfer activities where necessary.

"This MoU comes at a time when the world is battling the COVID-19 pandemic hence befitting for both organisations because they will share expertise and resources. We will also support Government in her quest to provide safe and quality products for the improvement of the quality of life of the people of Botswana," said Morgan.

Morgan further said the collaboration between the two entities will go a long way in capacitating staff through the exchange and sharing of technical knowledge.

"We look forward to contributing to the development of national standards and taking active leadership roles through chairing technical committees and commenting on draft standards," he stated.



**CLOSING REMARKS:** BOBS Acting Director, Commercial Enterprises Mr Pilot Masunga.



Office tour led by BoMRA Public Relations Officer, Ms Itumeleng Sharon Ledimo



**TOKEN OF APPRECIATION:** BOBS Acting Managing Director Mr Keeper Morgan and BoMRA CEO Dr Stephen Ghanie.



Group picture after the signing of the MoU

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