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PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT, MS EMMAH PELOETLETSE, RETIRES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE

GABORONE, 1 April 2026 — The Government of Botswana announces the retirement of the former Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Emmah Peloetletse, from the Public Service with effect from 31 March 2026, bringing to a close an illustrious career spanning over thirty-six (36) years. Her retirement follows the completion of her final contract, also marking her attainment of the compulsory retirement age.

Breaking new ground as the first woman to serve as Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Peloetletse also served as Secretary to Cabinet, and Head of the Public Service from September 2021. Her tenure coincided with a critical period in the country's governance, during which she played a central role in facilitating a smooth and orderly transition to the UDC-led Government, ensuring continuity, stability and adherence to constitutional processes.

A seasoned Public Finance Management professional, Ms Peloetletse previously served as the first female Accountant General, holding the position for over ten (10) years, where she was instrumental in strengthening public financial systems and accountability frameworks within Government.

Her leadership and expertise extended beyond the Public Service into key national institutions. She served on several boards, including the Botswana Accountancy College, Lentswe la Bomme, and the Botswana Public Officers Pension Scheme. She also led the negotiating team between the Government of the Republic of Botswana and De Beers diamond negotiations. At the time of her retirement, she was the Chairperson of Debswana Diamond Mining Company, one of the country's most strategic economic entities.

Ms Peloetletse made a significant contribution to the coordination and implementation of Government policies and programmes, particularly in advancing the national development agenda under Vision 2036.

She is a professional member of the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA), as well as the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Government expresses its profound appreciation to Ms Peloetletse for her distinguished service, dedication and leadership, and extends best wishes for her future endeavours.



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