

## Connecting Resources and Society in Botswana

A Chatham House Africa Programme and De Beers Group Conference  
23-24 November 2015 - Gaborone, Botswana

### Monday 23 November

**08:00 – 09:00** *Registration and Coffee*

**09:00 – 09:15** **Welcome and Introduction**

**Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law; and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

**Bruce Cleaver**, Executive Head, Strategy, De Beers Group

**Gareth Mostyn**, Chief Financial Officer, De Beers Group

**09:15 – 09:45** **Official Opening Address - Connecting Resources and Society in Botswana**

**Hon. Onkokame Kitso Mokaila**, Minister of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources, Republic of Botswana

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law; and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

### Session One

**09:45 – 11:00** **Maximising the Potential of Resource Driven Economies**

Chair: **Jonathan Rosenthal**, Africa Editor, The Economist

*Corporate-Government Relationships: The Success of PPPs*

**Bruce Cleaver**, Executive Head, Strategy, De Beers Group

*Building a Diversified Economic Strategy*

**Katso Tshipinare**, Economist, Barclays Bank

*Engaging with Social Stakeholders*

**Dorothee Gizenga**, Executive Director, Diamond Development Initiative

*Legislating for Development*

**Dr Keith Jefferis**, Managing Director, Econsult; Deputy Governor, Bank of Botswana (1999-2005)

**11:00 – 11:30** *Coffee Break*

### Session Two

**11:30 – 13:00** **Using Resources Responsibly**

Chair: **Muzong Kodi**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

*Best Practice Principles*

**Feriel Zerouki**, Head of Government and Industry Relations, De Beers Group

*Partnering with Enterprise Development*

**Ineke Van Der Weijden**, Programme Director, Tokafala

*Consumer Demand for Responsible Sourcing and Social Engagement*

**Andrew Bone**, Executive Director, Responsible Jewellery Council

**13:00 – 14:00** *Lunch*

### Session Three

**14:00 – 15:00** **Value Adding and Beneficiation: Lessons learned from De Beers - Panel Discussion**

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law;  
and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

**Paul Rowley**, Executive Vice President, Global Sightholder Sales, De Beers Group

**Jacob Thamage**, Coordinator, Botswana Diamond Hub

**Balisi Bonyongo**, Managing Director, Debswana

**Dr Maria da Silva**, Senior Policy Analyst, SA Chamber of Mines (2005 – 2015)

**15:00 – 15:30** *Coffee Break*

### Session Four

**15:30 – 16:30** **The Impact of Diamonds on Botswana's Economic Environment**

Chair: **Neo Moroka**, Resident Director, De Beers Botswana

*Harnessing Business for Socio-economic Development*

**Dr Nicky Black**, Head of Social Performance, De Beers Group

*The Economic Impact of Diamonds in Botswana*

**Ryan Short**, Partner, Genesis Analytics

*Skills Transfers and Human Capital Building*

**Boikobo Paya**, Director International Linkages and Partnerships, Botswana University of Science and Technology

**16:30 – 17:00** **Botswana's Infrastructure Development: Policy Priorities and Implementation**

**Hon. Nonfo Molefhi**, Minister of Infrastructure, Science and Technology, Republic of Botswana

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law; and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

**19:00** **Conference Dinner**

*Welcome*

**Philippe Mellier**, Chief Executive, De Beers Group

**Tuesday 24 November**

**08:00 – 09:00** *Coffee*

**09:00 – 09:30** *Welcome*

**Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law; and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

*The Role of the Downstream in Botswana's Development Story*

**Stephen Lussier**, Chief Executive Officer, Forevermark

**Session Five**

**09:30 – 11:00** **Diversified Growth and Development**

Chair: **Sheila Khama**, Director, African Natural Resources Centre, African Development Bank

*Promoting Local Content and Non-mining Domestic Industrial Development*

**Dr Malebogo Bakwena**, Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Botswana

*Inclusive Engagement Supporting Diversification*

**Tumi Mbaakanyi**, President, Women in Business Association, Botswana

*Supporting Botswana's Business Sector*

**Leta Mosienyane**, President, Botswana Confederation of Commerce, Industry and Manpower

*The Role of Natural Resources in Diversifying Botswana's Economy*

**Ross Harvey**, Senior Researcher, Governance of Africa's Resources Programme, South African Institute of International Affairs

**11:00 – 11:30** *Tea and Coffee*

**Concluding Session**

**11:30 – 11:50** **Lessons Learned and Policy Responses**

**Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Area Studies and International Law; and Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

**Communiqué to be Issued**

**11:50 – 12:00** **Closing remarks**

**Philippe Mellier**, Chief Executive, De Beers Group