

PROGRAMME MODERATORS

Mr. Thabo P. Thamane

Mr. Thabo Prince Thamane is the Chief Executive Officer of Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), with effect from January 1, 2011. Prior to that, Mr. Thamane was responsible for the operations of CEDA as the Deputy CEO (Operations).

In his role as the CEO, Mr. Thamane advises the CEDA Board of Directors on all policy matters and takes responsibility for the implementation of CEDA policies and the execution of all strategies and Board resolutions. He ensures the achievement of the strategic objectives and mandate of CEDA through sound management practices. CEDA has continued to progress positively under the stewardship of Mr. Thamane. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) noted CEDA as the Best Performing Parastatal amongst all the MITI parastatals.

Mr. Thamane has been with CEDA since 2003 and has progressed over time in different management roles. Amongst his various responsibilities, he was integral in the formation of the CEDA Young Farmers Fund in 2007 where he staffed and trained the team in the department, set up procedures and processes and was subsequently appointed to Head the Agribusiness sector in early 2009.



Ms. Mmantlha Sankoloba

Ms. Sankoloba is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association (BEMA-2018 to date), she is the founder of S.H.E Networks Global and a seasoned HR Practitioner. Ms. Sankoloba is an experienced professional with a significant track record in executive leadership and real time business practices in the manufacturing and export sector.

Ms. Sankoloba holds Bachelor of Administration in Human Resource and Public Administration from Northwest University in South Africa and is currently studying Executive Masters and Business Administration, at Botswana Open University 2021 to date.



Mr. Mphoeng Mphoeng

Mr. Mphoeng is a Partner and Director in an Economic, Business and Finance consulting firm called MP Consultants which he co-founded in 2021. MP Consultants has worked on consultancy projects such as the Lobatse Meat and Leather Special Economic Zone. He holds an MSc in Finance from Manchester Business School and a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Botswana.

Before venturing into full time consulting, Mr. Mphoeng was a lecturer at the University of Botswana from 2016 to 2020 teaching Finance and Investments where he was involved in research and consultancies for institutions such as the Botswana Bond Market Association and other private businesses seeking investment in industries such as mining, energy, oil and gas. Before that he worked at Botswana Insurance Fund Management from 2012 to 2016 as Portfolio Manager for Unlisted Credit where he managed, facilitated and arranged over \$100 million worth of unlisted corporate credit deals with the likes of Botswana Post, Choppies and Sefalana.





Ms. Boitshwarelo Lebang-Kgetse



Ms. Boitshwarelo Lebang-Kgetse A driven, focused and results-oriented Strategy and Corporate Affairs professional with a passion for connecting concepts and people; Ms. Boitshwarelo Lebang-Kgetse is currently Head - Corporate Affairs & Strategy at Botswana Development Corporation (BDC). She is at the heart of the decision-making process and is responsible for engineering and executing corporate strategies that will capitalise on growth opportunities that lie ahead for the Corporation.

Ms. Lebang-Kgetse is tasked with participating in business environment analysis, evaluation of business strategies and execution alignment across the Corporation. Ms. Lebang-Kgetse is also tasked with the overall Corporate Affairs function for the Corporation. This role includes effective development and implementation of various strategic marketing, branding, communications, public relations, CSR, policies, programmes and concepts which contribute to building BDC's brand image.

She has a wealth of knowledge accumulated over 18 years in Corporate Affairs and Strategy combined, 10 of which were executed through a variety of leadership roles. Prior to joining BDC, she was in consultancy working on projects across global jurisdictions.

Ms. Neo Theodore Tlhaselo



Ms. Neo Theodore Tlhaselo, Business Development Expert over 15 years, Entrepreneur over 10 years, Pan Africanist, Development activist, Media-Entrepreneur focusing on Business and Trade production, Business/Trade Media personality TV and Radio, Facilitator, Panellist in Economic/Business Forums in Africa and Global stages both physically and virtually hosted by Governments, Private sector, and NGOs for over 12 years.

Ms. Tlhaselo the Founder and Director of The Business Kraal organization, on its 10th year of operation headquartered in Botswana, has three functions; media production focusing on Business/Trade, Investment facilitation Wing and Business development consultancy Wing.

Ms. Tlhaselo is the Founder of CONVERSATION WITH AFRICA-CWA. An organization that is Pan African, promoting Intra Africa Trade and African Continental Free Trade Area-AfCFTA on its 4th year of operation, hosting annual Forums in Africa, endorsed by AfCFTA Secretariat, CWA has strategic partnerships with Government agencies, private sector, and Diplomatic Missions in Africa.

Mr. Dichaba Molobe



Mr. Dichaba Molobe has over 30 years' experience of working in both government and the private sector with a special focus on promoting the private sector.

In his portfolio as Business Botswana's Policy Advocacy Director, he is responsible for identifying regulatory barriers to doing business and convening meetings between government and the private sector to resolve the problems.

Mr. Molobe's job is to maintain regular dialogue with senior government officials including Cabinet ministers, to assist the private sector with immigration and business licensing to mention but a few issues. Mr. Molobe sits on the following boards but not limited to:

- Statistics Botswana
- Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA)