

CONCEPT NOTE - Botswana



Combating Corruption:
Celebrating the gains and
strengthening public and
private sector collective
action.

WELCOME

Conference Background

The Africa Business Ethics Conference (ABEC) is a community-led global forum for convening a broad stakeholder group with emphasis on the active inclusion of the private sector in Africa to address the complex and peculiar challenges posed by corruption in the host country and in the region. ABEC takes place annually in one African country convening global and regional experts, civil society, the media, and policy makers along with the organized private sector.



A CATALYST FORUM FOR PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO COMBAT CORRUPTION.

About ABEC

The first ever regional Africa Business Ethics Conference was held in 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya. It was hosted jointly by Milestones Resource Solutions (MRS), Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI). The conference has also been held in Lagos, Nigeria.

This year the conference will be coming for the first time to Gaborone and hosted by Collective Value Creation Botswana, under the theme: *Combating Corruption: Celebrating the gains and strengthening public and private sector collective action.*



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both the private sector and government.

Ms. Lola Adekanye - Senior Program Officer, CIPE-Africa, makes her remarks during a panel discussion at the ABEC 2019 conference held in Nairobi, Kenya.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES ABEC-2023

The conference will focus on the following objectives:



Provide information and practical tools on successful business solutions to reduce corruption and promote self-regulation.



Highlight the importance of ethics and integrity in developing economic opportunity.



Provide a platform for constructive dialogue and engagement towards greater responsible business engagement and practice in delivering SDG 16: promoting just, peaceful, and inclusive societies.



Provide business and networking opportunities.



Ongoing efforts to fight corruption in Botswana should be applauded, there are however many threats to the great work being done in this regard and it is important to continually safe guard the society from dire effects of corruption. ABEC creates a platform for birthing innovative solutions to combat corruption.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The key outcome for ABEC - 2023, is to raise the standards of business practice for efficiency to drive cross-border trade, business growth, economic stability, and sustainability of SMEs. The conference seeks to reduce business and financial risk among enterprises and make Botswana and Africa an attractive destination for foreign direct investment. Other key expected outcomes of the conference this year are:

- A** An open conversation about corruption by both the private sector and government
- B** A collective action by the private sector through organised business associations to self-regulate.
- C** A commitment by the private sector to build capacity on business ethics and integrity through training.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

ABEC 2023 will be a two day event, that will see the discussion of *Combating Corruption: Celebrating the gains and strengthening public and private sector collective action*, with key local and international anti-corruption experts, civil society, private sector, media and the public sector including government.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ABEC 2023, provides immense opportunities for Botswana sponsors to position themselves as key influential business and thought leaders in Africa on the matter of business ethics. Sponsors will also get networking opportunities with potential to generate leads and partnerships, including being able to showcase latest product offerings , innovations and solutions, while stamping their brand as leading in the fight of corruption.



SESSION TOPICS

Fighting corruption in Africa through collective action

01

Presentation of research - Afrobarometer State of Play

02

The role of media, civil society and private sector in the fight against corruption

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Leveraging on technology in the fight against corruption.

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The Pan-African experience - comparative case study with other African countries

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Quadruple helix/PPD approach - the multi-sectoral approach to combating corruption

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The legislative and judicial environment: what does the say?

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Advocacy - effective public/private dialogue for change

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Capacity building for business leaders on insuring their businesses against corruption

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Launch of Ethics 1st Botswana

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