



Botswana Climate
Change Network

Empowering communities for meaningful climate action

RENEWABLE ENERGY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

Resolution Statement: Advancing Renewable Energy Governance and Climate Action in Botswana

1. Preamble

We, the participants of the Renewable Energy Governance Workshop, convened by the Botswana Climate Change Network in Maun this 21st day of March 2024, comprising representatives from diverse political parties across Botswana and esteemed members of civil society, hereby acknowledge the pressing need to address the global challenge of climate change through decisive and collective action at the national level.

Recognizing the pivotal role of renewable energy in mitigating climate change impacts and promoting sustainable development, we reaffirm our commitment to advocating for bold and decisive action to combat climate change. We resolve to take concerted action towards the development and deployment of renewable energy solutions within Botswana.

As representatives of diverse sectors of society, we recognize the critical role of political parties in shaping public policy and governance. Therefore, we call upon all political parties competing in the 2024 general elections in Botswana to prioritise and integrate green agendas into their manifestos.

2. Commitments

- 2.1. **Integration into Party Manifestos:** We urge comprehensive renewable energy and climate action policies into its party manifesto. These policies will emphasise the promotion of solar, and other renewable energy sources, aiming to make Botswana a regional leader in renewable energy by 2030.
- 2.2. **Legislative Support and Policy Formulation:** We commit to advocating for the formulation and enactment of supportive legislative and policy frameworks that incentivize the adoption of renewable energy technologies, enhance energy efficiency, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- 2.3. **Public-Private Partnerships:** Recognizing the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors, we commit to fostering partnerships that will drive investment in renewable energy projects, technology transfer, and capacity building, and create an enabling environment for the participation and development of locally owned private sector organisations in the green transition.
- 2.4. **Community Engagement and Empowerment:** We pledge to engage with and empower local communities through education and participation in renewable energy projects, ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy are shared widely and equitably.
- 2.5. **Funding and Investment in Renewable Energy:** We commit to working collaboratively to identify and secure funding and investment opportunities for renewable energy projects, including international funding mechanisms, to accelerate the transition to a green economy.
- 2.6. **Sustainability and Conservation:** Alongside renewable energy development, recognising the threat of human-wildlife conflict in Botswana, we commit to promoting environmental sustainability and conservation practices, ensuring that renewable energy projects are implemented in harmony with Botswana's rich biodiversity and natural landscapes.
- 2.7. **Capacity Building and Skills Development:** We pledge to invest in capacity building and skills development programs in the renewable energy sector, thereby creating jobs, enhancing local expertise, and ensuring the sustainability of the renewable energy industry.
- 2.8. **Climate Resilience and Adaptation :** We stress the importance of building climate resilience and adaptive capacity in vulnerable communities and sectors to cope with the impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events, irregular heat events, and changes in precipitation patterns. We call for investments in infrastructure, early warning systems, and social safety nets to enhance resilience and reduce vulnerability.
- 2.9. **Carbon Pricing and Regulation:** We call for the implementation of carbon pricing mechanisms, such as carbon taxes or cap-and-trade systems, to incentivize emissions reductions and promote investments in clean technologies and sustainable practices. Additionally, we advocate for the enactment of regulations to limit emissions from industrial and transportation sectors and promote energy efficiency standards.
- 2.10. **Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation:** We will advocate for robust mechanisms within our structures for monitoring, reporting, and evaluating the progress of renewable energy initiatives, ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement.

- 2.11. Regional and International Collaboration:** Recognizing the global nature of climate change, we commit to engaging in regional and international collaborations to share best practices, learn from successful renewable energy models, and contribute to global climate action efforts.

3. Conclusion

By adopting this resolution, we, the representatives of political parties and civil society in Botswana, resolve to mobilise and advocate for the integration of green agendas into the manifestos of all political parties competing in the 2024 general election in Botswana. We call upon political leaders and policymakers to seize this historic opportunity to demonstrate leadership, vision, and commitment to addressing the climate crisis and building a sustainable and prosperous future for all. Let us work together tirelessly to ensure that the voice of the people and the imperatives of the planet are heard and heeded in the corridors of power.

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