

**BANK OF BOTSWANA
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**FORBES AFRICA MAGAZINE ACKNOWLEDGES
GOVERNOR MOHOHLO**

In two consecutive years since first publication last year, Forbes Africa magazine has included the Governor of the Bank of Botswana, Mrs Linah Mohohlo, in its list of Africa's Most Prominent Women. The revised list of 20 is published in the August 2012 edition of the magazine. While retaining Governor Mohohlo as one of Africa's 20 Most Prominent Women for 2012, Forbes Africa magazine has replaced nine women with new entrants to the list.

The magazine's accolades are in recognition of the women's contribution to economic growth and development of Africa, but more importantly, the continent's future success. The list takes into account the twenty women's contribution and impact to the development of the continent based on the views and comments of third parties and social media feedback.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf remains at the top of the list; and the other prominent African women include Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigerian, President Joyce Banda of Malawi, Governor Gill Marcus of the South African Reserve Bank, Vice President Joyce Mujuru of Zimbabwe and South Africa's Dr Mamphela Ramphele.

In its acknowledgement of Governor Mohohlo in the list, Forbes Africa magazine has noted her responsibilities in managing monetary policy in one of Africa's most successful economies. The magazine further

acknowledges Governor Mohohlo as “a central banker through-and-through” who has served in various capacities since joining the Bank in 1976 and as Governor since 1999. It is also highlighted that, as part of her career, Mrs Mohohlo worked for the International Monetary Fund and is the ex-officio member of the IMF Board of Governors representing the country and serves on other boards.

Governor Mohohlo is humbled by the Forbes Africa magazine recognition and is grateful for the undying support of Bank of Botswana colleagues as well as other stakeholders; and feels that they have every reason to share in the commendation.