

BANK OF BOTSWANA

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Mohohlo Appointed by Prime Minister Blair to the Commission for Africa

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Rt Honourable Tony Blair, has appointed the Governor of the Bank of Botswana, Mrs Linah K Mohohlo, to the newly established Commission for Africa.

The Commission, which will be chaired by Prime Minister Blair, will be launched in London on May 4, 2004. It will identify global trends influencing Africa's development and propose ways in which Africa can be supported to take best advantage of the opportunities of the 21st century. The Commission aims to generate increased support for the G8 Africa Action Plan, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and other processes contributing to poverty reduction in Africa. The Commission will produce a report containing, among others, policy recommendations in a year's time.

Governor Mohohlo will join sixteen other Commissioners drawn from developed countries and Africa who have a deep interest in African affairs. These include Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, President Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, Rt Honourable Gordon Brown (UK's Chancellor of the Exchequer), Mr Trevor Manuel (Minister of Finance for South Africa), Mr Ralph Goodale (Minister of Finance for Canada), Mr Michel Camdessus (former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund) and Mr.K.Y. Amoako (Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa).

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