

BANK OF BOTSWANA

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GOVERNOR MOHOHLO MAKES FORBES AFRICA'S TOP 10 WOMEN IN THE CONTINENT

The very first issue of FORBES AFRICA magazine dated October 1, 2011 has included the Governor of the Bank of Botswana, Mrs Linah Mohohlo, among its first ever list of 20 Most Powerful Women in Africa. The women's occupations include politics, telecommunications, finance, economics, mining and aeronautics. Governor Mohohlo is among Africa's top 10 women of note, alongside Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Malawi's Vice President Joyce Banda, Zimbabwe's Vice President Joice Mujuru, Nigeria's Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, South Africa's Mamphela Ramphele and Governor Gill Marcus of the SARB. Kenya's Nobel Prize Laureate Wangari Mathaai is ranked 12th and is honoured posthumously; she died last month aged 71 years.

According to FORBES Africa, the rankings were based on several factors, including the nature of the responsibility, taking into account the size of the economy, market capitalisation of companies, appearances on You Tube for the past year, as well as Facebook and Twitter followers' submissions.

In acknowledging Governor Mohohlo's ranking, FORBES Africa noted Botswana's impressive economic performance and political stability, and that Mrs Mohohlo had been at the central bank for 23 years before she was appointed Governor in 1999. This means she has worked for the Bank for more

than 35 years. FORBES Africa further observed that Mrs Mohohlo serves on several boards in Botswana and internationally, and was appointed Eminent Person by the then Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Kofi Annan, in 2002. She is a recipient of several Central Bank Governor of the Year Awards, the Presidential Order of Honour, in recognition of efficient and devoted service in Botswana; and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum.

Governor Mohohlo is humbled by the Forbes Africa rankings where she features prominently; she is eternally grateful for the untiring support extended by all stakeholders, past and present, throughout her career; she would like to share the acknowledgement with them.