



WORLD STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATION IN BOTSWANA

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) and University of Botswana (UB) take pleasure in joining the United Nations Statistics Division to celebrate the first World Statistics Day (WSD).

The World Statistics Day (WSD) steering committee in Botswana has prepared a comprehensive programme of activity for this day. The highlight of the day's activity is as follows:

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITY

(1) Census promotional materials to be distributed to all Senior High Schools in Gaborone. This is to facilitate the pupils understanding of the rationale for the forth coming Census in Botswana.

(2) (i) Public lecture on World Statistics Day with the title as **ROLE OF STATISTICS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**. The speech would be delivered by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Development Planning. We have commissioned both UB and CSO staff to prepare the speech.

(ii) A Talk on the **many achievements of Statistics in Botswana and SADC**, especially on capacity building is expected to be delivered by a Representative of the United Nations Statistics Division in the person of Prof. Ronald Jansen.

(3) There will be Schools' Challenge on **RELEVANCE OF CENSUS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – A CASE OF BOTSWANA**. The modus operandi will be:

* To invite ten (10) Senior High Schools within Gaborone and shortlist five (5) on a first come, first served basis.

* The awards to these schools would be performed by the Honourable Minister for Youth and Culture in Botswana.

(4) Electronic Media Discussion Programme: There will be discussion programmes on the forthcoming census in both Television and Radio stations to sensitize the public on the commemoration of World Statistics Day Celebrations.

(5) Exhibition: There will be Stalls inspections to show case many publications of CSO as well as other published works of statisticians in Botswana.

(6) The World Statistics Day Celebration would witness the Inauguration of BOTSWANA STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION (BOSA). It is expected that Prof. Ronald Jansen of the United Nations will inaugurate this association at a luncheon to be held at GICC, Gaborone.

(7) A Botswana Traditional Troop will be invited to entertain guests on this day.