

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Leading U.S. Technology Firm Invests in Botswana**

The United States Embassy is pleased to highlight the announcement that HP, a U.S. company and global leader in information technology, is establishing an operational base in Botswana. New and expanded foreign investment in Botswana is crucial to advancing the country's goals of economic growth and diversification. HP's presence will strengthen even further Botswana's leadership in using information technology and innovation as tools to build a better future.

HP has also announced a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Botswana that demonstrates the company's firm commitment to Botswana. HP's direct relationship with UB will build a greater base of domestic technological expertise for creating tomorrow's jobs and solving tomorrow's problems.

Ambassador Michelle Gavin said, "I could not be more pleased that this American company – one of the world's premier technology firms – is committing to Botswana. With HP in country, Botswana can now be certain that it enjoys access to top of the line technology and can move forward in its economic development with some of the best tools available to business, government, and civil society alike."

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