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BADEA Extends USD 10 Million Funding Facility to National Development Bank to Support Strategic Agricultural Value Chains

Gaborone, Botswana – National Development Bank (NDB) has secured a USD 10 million loan facility from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), marking a significant milestone in strengthening agricultural financing and advancing Botswana's sustainable economic transformation agenda.

The facility, which is currently at the drawdown stage, is specifically targeted and ring-fenced for seasonal input loans for farmers in Pandamatenga and Mosisedi, two of Botswana's most strategic agricultural production zones. These areas play a critical role in national grain production and food security, directly supporting Botswana's drive towards agricultural resilience and reduced import dependency.

BADEA offers a broad suite of financial products and services to public and private sector institutions across Africa, financing projects in infrastructure, agriculture, rural development, and the social sector, while also providing grants for technical assistance. Its financing interventions are aligned with national development priorities, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

This strategic partnership aligns seamlessly with NDB's vision of becoming a catalyst for sustainable economic development, as well as the objectives of the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan, which prioritises economic diversification, food security, rural development, and inclusive growth. By supporting seasonal input financing, the facility enables farmers to improve productivity, enhance yields, and contribute meaningfully to national economic outcomes.

Commenting on the funding, NDB Chief Executive Officer, Ms Ogone Madisa, said: *"This facility from BADEA is a strong vote of confidence in NDB's strategic direction and our mandate to drive sustainable economic development through agriculture. By ring-fencing this funding for Pandamatenga and Mosisedi farmers, we are directly investing in national food security, rural livelihoods, and economic resilience. This partnership is an enabler of the transformations underway across the Bank, aligned with the organization's new strategic focus."*

The collaboration not only strengthens the long-standing relationship between BADEA and NDB but also opens pathways for future cooperation, particularly in green financing, climate-resilient agriculture, and large-scale infrastructure development which are key pillars for Botswana's long-term sustainable growth.

As Botswana continues to pursue a transformed, diversified, and resilient economy, strategic partnerships such as this one reaffirm NDB's mandate to mobilise development finance that delivers measurable impact for communities, farmers, and the broader economy.

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About the National Development Bank (NDB)

The National Development Bank is Botswana's leading development finance institution, committed to empowering individuals and businesses through innovative financial solutions. With a renewed strategic focus as a leading DFI, NDB continues to play a central role in driving Botswana's economical transformation and national development agenda, guided by its ethos: Empower. Transform. Succeed.

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