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**MEDIA RELEASE: BOTSWANA EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL PARTICIPATES
IN THE 31st AEAA ARUSHA CONFERENCE**

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) acting Executive Secretary Dr. Moreetsi Thobega and other BEC officials returned on Friday, 16th August 2013 from Arusha, Tanzania where they participated in the 31st Association for Educational Assessment in Africa (AEAA) annual conference which ran from the 12th to the 16th August 2013.

The 31st Conference was held under the main theme *Enhancing Assessment Practices for Quality Education* with eight other subthemes which among others addressed classroom assessment, Information and Communication Technologies, language, breach of examination security, innovation in assessment, teachers' capacity in assessment, assessment of soft skills and continuous assessment.

Other issues shared during the conference included a programme known as *Big Results Now* to arrest the general decline in performance among Tanzanian students and that of the important role of assessment which informs government on how the education system is faring.

At the end of the conference, Dr. Joyce Ndalichako, the Executive Secretary of the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) took over the reins of the AEAA Presidency that was previously held by BEC Executive Secretary Dr. Serara Moahi.

About 400 delegates from Africa and other organisations like the World Bank, the American Institute of Research, Stephen Austin and Sons, and Smith and Ouzman LTD attended the Arusha Conference.

The next 32nd AEAA conference will be held in Livingstone, Zambia from 11th-15th August 2013.

The Arusha conference was a sequel to the 30th Conference which was held in Gaborone, Botswana in 2012 during which Botswana assumed the presidency of the AEAA for a twelve month period.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Charles Keikotlhae
For the Executive Secretary