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VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR EL NIÑO AND CLIMATE 23-25 OCTOBER 2016

Gaborone, 21 October 2016: The United Nations Special Envoy for El Niño and Climate, Ambassador Macharia Kamau is scheduled to visit Botswana from 23rd to 25th October 2016. Appointed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in May 2016, the Special Envoy has been tasked with calling attention to the severe global human security impact of El Niño on human development, supporting the mobilization of resources required to address immediate needs, and mobilizing an integrated response to prepare for future needs related to the impact of climate change on weather conditions.

During his visit, Ambassador Macharia Kamau will hold meetings with the respective Senior Government Officials of the Ministries of International Affairs and Cooperation; Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration; Environment, Natural Resources, Conservation and Tourism; Local Government and Rural Development; and Agriculture Development and Food Security. Also included in the programme are discussions with the United Nations Country Team, the SADC Secretariat; Development Partners based in Botswana and civil society leaders.

The aim of the visit is to consult a wide range of stakeholders to help respond to this growing challenge posed by climate change with the view to develop a 'Blueprint for Action'. The Blueprint seeks to significantly mitigate the impact of future El Niño events by developing robust multi-stakeholder commitments and interventions at the national and regional levels, to build climate resilience and embed an approach based on prevention and early action in those Member States most affected by El Niño events.

Media representatives are invited to provide coverage of the visit as per schedule below:

Monday, 24th October 2016

- 0715-0745hrs** Meeting with Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi
Location: Ministry Conference Room A
- 1200- 1245hrs** Meeting with Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Honourable Slumber Tsogwane
Location: Ministry Boardroom

Tuesday 25th October 2016

- 0730- 0830** Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture Development and Food Security - Honourable Patrick Ralotsia
Location: Ministry Conference Room
- 0830- 0915hrs** **Press Conference (UN Building, Conference Room,Third Floor)**

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