

For Immediate Release

CAAB not closing Airports

Gaborone: 18 December 2020: The Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana would like to inform all its stakeholders and customers that there has been NO decision made to close its Airports and Airstrips.

The Aviation sector, like any other sector of the economy continues to face financial challenges due to low traffic emanating from the restrictions on travel caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

CAAB remains hopeful that the Aviation sector will recover, as travel restrictions are eased and with the discovery of the COVID 19 vaccine.

Kind Regards,

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[Our Vision](#)

To be a world class provider of safe, secure and sustainable aviation services

[Our Mission](#)

To effectively and efficiently regulate and promote a safe, secure and sustainable aviation industry in line with

[Our Values](#)

Integrity | Accountability | Collaboration | Customers Focus | Continuous Improvement

ABOUT CAAB

The Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) is responsible for the regulation and development of air transport, providing air navigation services, managing airports and advising Government on all aspects of civil aviation.

It is a Statutory Corporation established by the Civil Aviation Act of 2004, and commenced full operations as an autonomous regulator on 1st April 2009. The continued existence of CAAB was provided for by the Civil Aviation Act, 2011 which repealed the previous Act establishing the Authority. Before its establishment, most of its functions were performed by the former Department of Civil Aviation (DCA).

CAAB under its airports management portfolio, is responsible for the operational oversight of Sir Seretse Khama, Kasane, Francistown and Maun International Airports as well as the Selibe-Phikwe and Ghanzi Airport. The Authority is also responsible for strategic airfields dotted across the country, which are essential in cases of emergency rescues and are useful for the tourism sector.

In 2016, the CAAB was recognised by the European Union and bequeathed an award by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), both for the Botswana's progress in resolving safety oversight deficiencies and continued improvement of the effective implementation (EI) of applicable ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) ranking Botswana well above the world average.