



Bank of Botswana

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BANK OF BOTSWANA WINS BCI AFRICA AWARD FOR CONTINUITY AND RESILIENCE INNOVATION

The Bank of Botswana has won the 2026 Business Continuity Institute (BCI) Africa Award for Continuity and Resilience Innovation, a prestigious continental honour recognising excellence in business continuity, organisational resilience and forward-looking innovation.

Announced at a BCI awards ceremony on 18 August 2026, the Bank emerged the winner from a highly competitive shortlist that included Standard Bank Group, National Bank of Egypt, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and Nampya Farmers Market, and will now represent Africa at the BCI Global Awards alongside five other continental winners from across the world.

The recognition follows the Bank's development of an in-house Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) Maturity Self-Assessment Web-Based Application. Designed against ISO 22301:2019, the tool helps central banks assess the conformity, effectiveness and maturity of their BCMS and was created to support the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) central banks through the SADC Committee of Central Bank Governors ICT Business Resilience Subcommittee. The application helps central banks to conduct practical assessments, enabling them to identify gaps, benchmark performance, track progress and plan targeted improvements through automated scoring, dashboards, reports, trend analysis and peer comparison.

Developed internally, the solution demonstrates the power of home-grown public sector innovation, reduces reliance on costly off-the-shelf systems and provides a scalable model for other sectors and jurisdictions seeking to raise business continuity and resilience maturity. The initiative will enhance peer learning, collaboration and improved regional preparedness for critical financial-sector operations.

BCI judges praised the Bank's initiative as a strong example of public sector resilience, recognising its alignment with international best practice, benchmarking value, peer-learning benefits and potential for wider financial-sector adoption. The award also marks a proud milestone for Botswana and the SADC region, reflecting collaboration, technical excellence and a shared commitment to strengthening the resilience of central banks and critical financial operations.

Furthermore, the success of the Application reinforces Botswana's contribution to regional financial stability and places the Bank's resilience leadership firmly on the global stage. It is also a manifestation of the Bank's vision of being a trusted steward of Botswana's financial system – advancing stability, inclusive growth and economic prosperity, while strengthening its commitment to institutional excellence and operational resilience. The Bank is proud to represent Africa on this global stage and contribute to a stronger and more resilient financial system in Botswana and across the region.

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David Thorp, Executive Director

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