



DR BURTON MGUNI IS THE NEW STATISTICIAN GENERAL

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development has appointed Dr Burton Mguni to the position of Statistician General with effect from 01 June 2018. Dr Mguni joined Statistics Botswana in 2014 as the Deputy Statistician General responsible for Economic and Social Statistics.

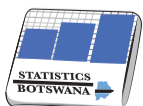
Dr Mguni worked for many years as an academic and a higher education manager at the University of Botswana. He started as a Lecturer in statistics in 1982 and was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in 1994. The higher education management positions he held include Head of the Department of Statistics, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Mguni holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Statistics from the University of Botswana and Swaziland which he obtained in 1978, a Master of Science (M.S.) Statistics Degree from Colorado State University which he obtained in 1982 and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado which he obtained in 1988.

In his role as Deputy Statistician General (Economic and Social Statistics), Dr Mguni provided leadership and

management towards the provision of reliable, timely and quality socio-demographic, economic and environmental statistical information and indicators. As part of this work he was appointed by the organization to represent Botswana in the United Nations Inter Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals (IAEG-SDGs) which developed the Global SDG Indicator Framework. Flowing from this work he has been instrumental in leading Statistics Botswana in setting up the strategies, systems and structures for the monitoring and follow up of the progress in the implementation of the various Development Agenda/Visions that apply to Botswana including SDGs, Africa's Agenda 2063, Vision 2036 and NDP11.

Surveys and Censuses are some of the very important sources of data and in this connection, Dr. Mguni has during his tenure as Deputy Statistician General, overseen the conduct of three major national surveys being the Agricultural Census; Census of Enterprises and Establishments and the Botswana Multi-Topic Household Survey.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Statistics Botswana welcome Dr. Mguni in his new role as the Statistician General and wish him well. ■



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