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AFRICAN UNION GLOBAL COALITION CONTINENTAL CONSULTATION ON SYNTHETIC DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION

*Strengthening Efforts Towards
Addressing Drug Trafficking
and Advancing Crime
Prevention, Criminal Justice
and Rule of Law in Africa*

OPENING CEREMONY

25 August, 2025
Gaborone, Botswana



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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

AFRICAN UNION GLOBAL COALITION CONTINENTAL CONSULTATION ON SYNTHETIC DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION, GABORONE, BOTSWANA 25TH – 27TH AUGUST 2025

Day 1 – 25th August, 2025

Time	Session Topic	Speakers	Moderators
08:00	Arrival of delegates and registration		
08:00	In-country Participants		
08:30	International Delegates		
08:40	Permanent Secretaries		
08:45	Invited Ministers		
08:50	Minister for State President		
08:55	Mr. President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko		
	Opening Ceremony		
09:00	National Anthem, Botswana African Union's Anthem	Botswana Police Band	Dr. Olubusayo Akinola Head, Social Welfare, Drug Control and Crime Prevention African Union Commission
09:05	Opening Prayer		Ambassador Nkoloi Nkoloi Director - Youth Affairs.
09:10	Introduction of Guests	Ms Sebokwane Dikgope Gaborone District Commissioner	
09:20	Welcome Remarks	Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa	

		Minister for State President, Botswana	
09:25	Dipela tsa ga Kobokwe Cultural Troupe		
09:30	U.S. Embassy Gaborone, U.S. Department of State	Amb. Howard A. Van Vranken, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana	Dr. Olubusayo Akinola Head, Social Welfare, Drug Control and Crime Prevention African Union Commission
09:35	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	Dr. Angela Me Chief of the Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC	
09:40	International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)	Prof. Zukiswa Zingela Board Member, INCB	
09:45	Statement by the African Union Commission	H.E. Amb. Amma A. Twum- Amoah Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development	Ambassador Nkoloi Nkoloi Director - Youth Affairs.
09:55	Botswana Police Band		
10:00	Keynote Address, President of the Republic of Botswana	Mr. President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko President of the Republic of Botswana.	Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa Minister for State President, Botswana
10:30	Press Release and Group Photo Coffee Break		
	Bilateral Meeting Agenda		
10:30	Strengthening Partnerships for Development, Security, and Humanitarian Impact	Open Discussion involving all dignitaries	
	Media Engagement Session and Informal Networking		

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