



THE TALE OF TWO SIMILAR COLOUR FLAGS

BOTSWANA- ESTONIA



DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

- Botswana and Estonia established relations in 2008.
- 2009 marked the first-ever visit of a foreign minister of Botswana, Phandu Tombola Chaha Skelemani, to Estonia.
- The visit brought about the establishment of visa-free travel for Estonian citizens to Botswana.
- At the meeting with Prime Minister Andrus Ansip and Foreign Minister Urmas Paet, the topics under discussion included bilateral co-operation, developments in Southern Africa, and Africa in general.

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- **The discussion focus was mainly on the field of IT and on opportunities for developing tourism-related cooperation. At the meeting, it was also noted that regardless of the differences between the two countries and nations, there are also important joining aspects, such as the colours of the national flag.**

BOTSWANA

- Botswana is a country that has successfully carried out economic reforms and has become a country with one of the most dynamic economies in Africa.
- Botswana has set the field of IT as its developmental priority.
- Our beautiful nature, where peace and stability prevail and where one could travel visa-free.

BOTSWANA

- A sovereign country in Africa, with a total land area of approximately 581,730 sq km.
- Independence in 1966.
- More than five decades of uninterrupted civilian leadership, progressive social policies, and significant capital investment have created one of the most stable economies in Africa.
- Mineral extraction, principally diamond mining, dominates economic activity, though tourism is a growing sector due to the country's conservation practices and extensive nature preserves.

ESTONIA

- Estonia belongs to the premier league of Research and Development
- Known for expertise on e-services, such as e-Tax Board, e-school, online banking and the use of the ID-card.
- Nortel helped BURS with setting the tax system currently in use. Tax returns are done online