

# Botswana

1. Botswana was first reviewed during the 2018/2019 peer review. This report is supplementary to that previous report (OECD, 2018<sup>[2]</sup>).
2. There is no filing obligation for a CbC report in Botswana yet.

## Summary of key findings

3. Botswana does not yet have legislation in place for implementing the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC reporting requirements as soon as possible. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.
4. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to put in place an exchange of information framework that allows Automatic Exchange of Information and have QCAAs in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework which meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use prerequisites and with which Botswana has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.
5. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference (OECD, 2017<sup>[3]</sup>) relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of the first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.
6. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of the first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

## Part A: The domestic legal and administrative framework

7. Botswana does not yet have legislation in place for implementing the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard.

### ***(a) Parent entity filing obligation***

### ***(b) Scope and timing of parent entity filing***

### ***(c) Limitation on local filing obligation***

### ***(d) Limitation on local filing in case of surrogate filing***

### ***(e) Effective implementation***

### ***Conclusion***

8. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC reporting requirements as soon as possible.

## Part B: The exchange of information framework

### **(a) Exchange of information framework**

9. As of 31 March 2020, Botswana has no bilateral relationships in place for the exchange of CbC reports. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to have qualifying competent authority agreements in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use conditions and with which Botswana has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information.

### **(b) Content of information exchanged**

10. No changes were identified.

### **(c) Completeness of exchanges**

11. No changes were identified.

### **(d) Timeliness of exchanges**

12. No changes were identified.

### **(e) Temporary suspension of exchange or termination of QCAA**

13. No changes were identified.

### **(f) Consultation with other Competent Authority before determining systemic failure or significant non-compliance**

14. No changes were identified.

### **(g) Format for information exchange**

15. No changes were identified.

### **(h) Method for transmission**

16. No changes were identified.

### **Conclusion**

17. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to have qualifying competent authority agreements in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use conditions and with which Botswana has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

18. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference (OECD, 2017<sup>[3]</sup>) relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of its first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

## Part C: Appropriate use

### ***Appropriate use***

19. No changes were identified.

### ***Conclusion***

20. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of its first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

## Summary of recommendations on the implementation of Country-by-Country Reporting

Aspect of the implementation that should be improved		Recommendation for improvement
Part A	Domestic legal and administrative framework	It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC requirements as soon as possible.
Part B	Exchange of information framework	It is recommended that Botswana take steps to put in place an exchange of information framework that allows Automatic Exchange of Information and have QCAAs in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework which meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use prerequisites and with which Botswana has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information.
Part B	Exchange of information framework	It is recommended that Botswana take steps to implement the necessary processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference relating to the exchange of information framework.
Part C	Appropriate use	It is recommended that Botswana take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of the first exchanges of information.

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