

Botswana

1. This report is Botswana's first annual peer review report. Consistent with the agreed methodology this report covers: (i) the domestic legal and administrative framework, (ii) the exchange of information framework as well as (iii) the appropriate use of CbC reports. There is no filing obligation for a CbC report in Botswana yet.

Summary of key findings

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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^[2]) relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of the first exchanges of information.

5. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of the first exchanges of information.

6. It is however noted that Botswana will not be exchanging CbC reports in 2019.

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. Botswana expects to implement the legislative and administrative requirements of Action 13 during 2019.

(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

8. Botswana does not yet have its legal and administrative framework in place to implement CbC Reporting and thus does not implement CbC Reporting requirements for the 2018 fiscal year.

9. 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.

Conclusion

10. In respect of paragraph 8 of the terms of reference, Botswana does not yet have a complete domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC requirements on the Ultimate Parent Entity of an MNE Group that is resident for tax purposes in Botswana. 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

11. As of 31 May 2019, 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. It is however noted that Botswana will not be exchanging CbC reports in 2019.

(b) Content of information exchanged

12. Botswana does not have processes or written procedures in place that are intended to ensure that each of the mandatory fields of information required in the CbC reporting template are present in the information exchanged.

(c) Completeness of exchanges

13. Botswana does not have processes or written procedures in place that are intended to ensure that CbC reports are exchanged with all tax jurisdictions listed in Table 1 of a CbC report with which it should exchange information as per the relevant QCAA.

(d) Timeliness of exchanges

14. Botswana does not have processes or written procedures in place that are intended to ensure that the information to be exchanged is transmitted to the relevant jurisdictions in accordance with the timelines provided for in the relevant QCAs.

(e) Temporary suspension of exchange or termination of QCAA

15. Botswana does not have processes or written procedures in place that are intended to ensure that a temporary suspension of the exchange of information or termination of a relevant QCAA would be carried out only as per the conditions set out in the relevant QCAA.

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

16. Botswana does not have processes or written procedures in place that are intended to ensure that its Competent Authority consults with the other Competent Authority before making a determination of systemic failure or significant non-compliance with the terms of the relevant QCAA by that other Competent Authority.

(g) Format for information exchange

17. Botswana has not confirmed the format that will be used for the international exchange of CbC reports.

(h) Method for transmission

18. Botswana has not indicated that it uses the Common Transmission System, or any other mechanism, to exchange CbC reports.

Conclusion

19. 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.

20. Further, 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^[2]) relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of its first exchanges of information. It is however noted that Botswana will not be exchanging CbC reports in 2019.

Part C: Appropriate use

21. Botswana does not yet have measures in place relating to appropriate use. It is recommended that Botswana to take steps to have measures in place relating to appropriate use ahead of the first exchanges of information remains in place.

Conclusion

22. It is recommended that Botswana take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of its first exchanges of information. It is however noted that Botswana will not be exchanging CbC reports in 2019.

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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