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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DR RAPHAEL DINGALO APPOINTED AS THE NEW HRDC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)**

The Minister of Education and Skills Development (MoESD, Dr Unity Dow and the Board of Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), have appointed Dr Raphael Dingalo as the new Chief Executive Officer. "After thorough succession planning and a comprehensive search process, the board is pleased to have found the best individual to assume leadership of this High Performance Organisation (HPO)" said Mr Christopher Batho Molomo, the Chairperson of the HRDC Board. Dr Raphael Dingalo resumed duty on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016.

Dr Dingalo has a track record of strong leadership having worked in different educational establishments holding various positions including Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Skills Development responsible for Tertiary Education and Technical and Vocational Education. This combined with his deep industry knowledge and institutional tenure makes Dr Dingalo uniquely qualified to lead HRDC.

In this undertaking he had portfolio responsibility over different Parastatals under the MoESD including the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) amongst others as well as Public Universities, the University of Botswana (UB) and Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST). Dr Dingalo spent time as Ag Vice Chancellor of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) based in Botswana overseeing the Lesotho and Swaziland LUCT campuses.

“I am honored to have been appointed as the HRDC Chief Executive Officer. It is a privilege to be part of an organisation that effectively drives the planning, funding and financing the human resource development while translating the vision of HRDC into reality,” said Dr Dingalo. We are an organisation led by a purpose – to make a positive, meaningful impact that matters and brings changes into the human resource development while upskilling and upscaling the lives of Batswana. I will do my best to serve the network by helping enable our leaders and people to fulfill their passion to make a difference.”

Dr Dingalo has also worked at length at the University of Botswana, Centre for Academic Development’s (CAD) Academic Programme Review Unit. At CAD he was responsible for programme development and review of the University of Botswana and its Affiliated Health Institutions and Colleges of Education. Furthermore, he championed the University’s Academic Quality Management Policy, running workshops for UB staff both academic and non-academic on quality assurance and programme review.

He was the founding Chairperson of the Press Council of Botswana’s Media Complaints Committee. The said Media Complaints Committee (MCC) was charged with receiving petitions from the public about the performance of members of the Council, and adjudicated on such matters and applied such remedies as appropriate.

Dr Raphael Dingalo holds a professional degree of Doctor in Education (EdD) from the Institute of Education (University of London, UK) awarded in 2002; a Master in Education (M.Ed) from the University of Manchester School of Education, (UK), awarded in 1995; and a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) from the College of St Mark and St John (UK), awarded by the University of Exeter in 1992.

Dr Dingalo will lead the HRDC, a parastatal under the Ministry of Education and Skills Development. HRDC provides policy advice on all matters of national human resource development; coordinates and promotes the implementation of the National Human Resource Development Strategy; development of the National and Sector Human Resource Development Plans and planning and advising on tertiary education financing and work place learning.

We wish Dr Raphael Dingalo a fruitful professional journey at the HRDC.

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