

Media Advisory

Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, top candidate for Chairperson of the African Union Commission attends COP22

Acknowledging the importance of sound environmental policy for Botswana, Africa and the world, Dr. Venson-Moitoi is attending COP22 to better understand the issues and the science that influence global environmental policy.

Dr. Venson-Moitoi believes that the environment is a key element in a holistic approach toward the implementation of Agenda 2063. Environmental issues affect a broad diversity of sectors in Africa from migration to agriculture to health and should be an important part of the African Union's agenda. The UN Secretary-General's Climate Resilience Initiative A2R (Anticipate, Absorb, Reshape) should be part of the African Union strategy to reduce the impact of climate change on the Continent.

Dr. Venson-Moitoi is making herself available to the media to discuss the environment, the African Union, Agenda 2063, or her candidacy for the Chair of the African Union Commission.

WHAT: Meetings/Interviews
WHO: Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi
WHEN: Available from November 13-18, meetings or interviews must be scheduled in advance.
WHERE: All meetings/interviews will be held at Area D1, Delegation Pavilion 5
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The Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi is the 8th Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana. She took office on the 31st October 2014. Born on the 13th May 1951 in Botswana, she is married with two children. Her areas of specialty lie in Public Service Management and Administrative Systems Analysis and design. She has a Diploma in Local Government from the Institute of Public Service in Connecticut, USA. She holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, USA. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in Social Development based on a review of her work and writing on government and governance. She has more than 40 years of public and private sector experience with work done in Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Gambia, Mozambique, and other African countries. As a long-time member of the Botswana Democratic Party, she served in various capacities within the party before she was elected as Specially Elected Member of Parliament in 1999. Her political career has seen her win subsequent elections and continually holding various Cabinet portfolios in Works, Transport and Communications, Trade and Industry, Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Science and Technology as well as Education and Skills Development.