



# TW 3.7 ITEM CONFERENCE 2010



Republic of Botswana

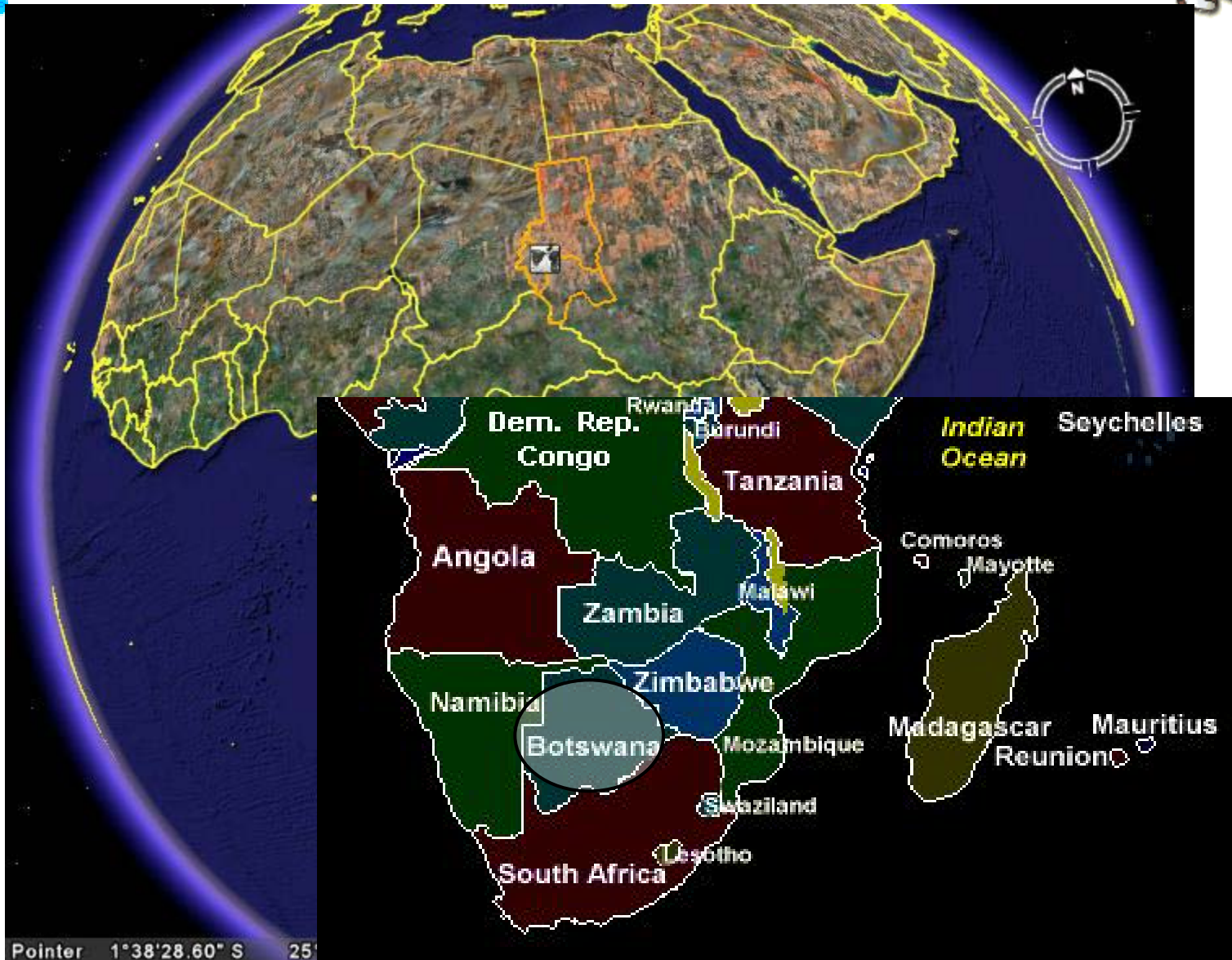
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# Where on earth is Botswana?

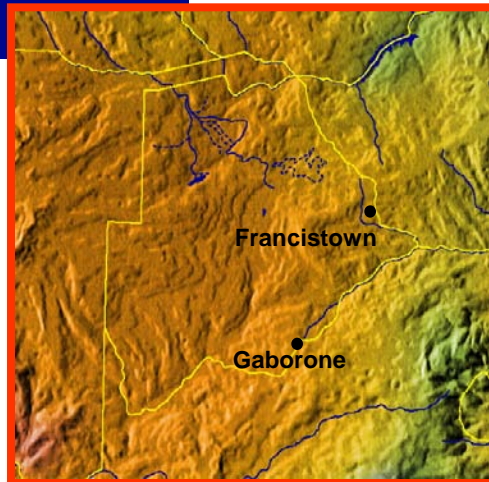


# Context: Africa is a vast and diverse continent



- **55 Countries**
- **Population in excess of 900mn**
  - Highly multicultural
  - ~ 2000 different languages
- **\$910bn Total GDP**
  - Top 10 countries have 75% of total GDP
- **\$2,535 Average GDP Per Capita**
  - Highest - Seychelles \$8,899
  - Botswana \$6,438
  - Lowest - Burundi \$107
- **Average Annual GDP Growth 2001-2006**
  - World Average: 4.2%
  - Botswana: 5.5%

# Botswana: An Economic success story



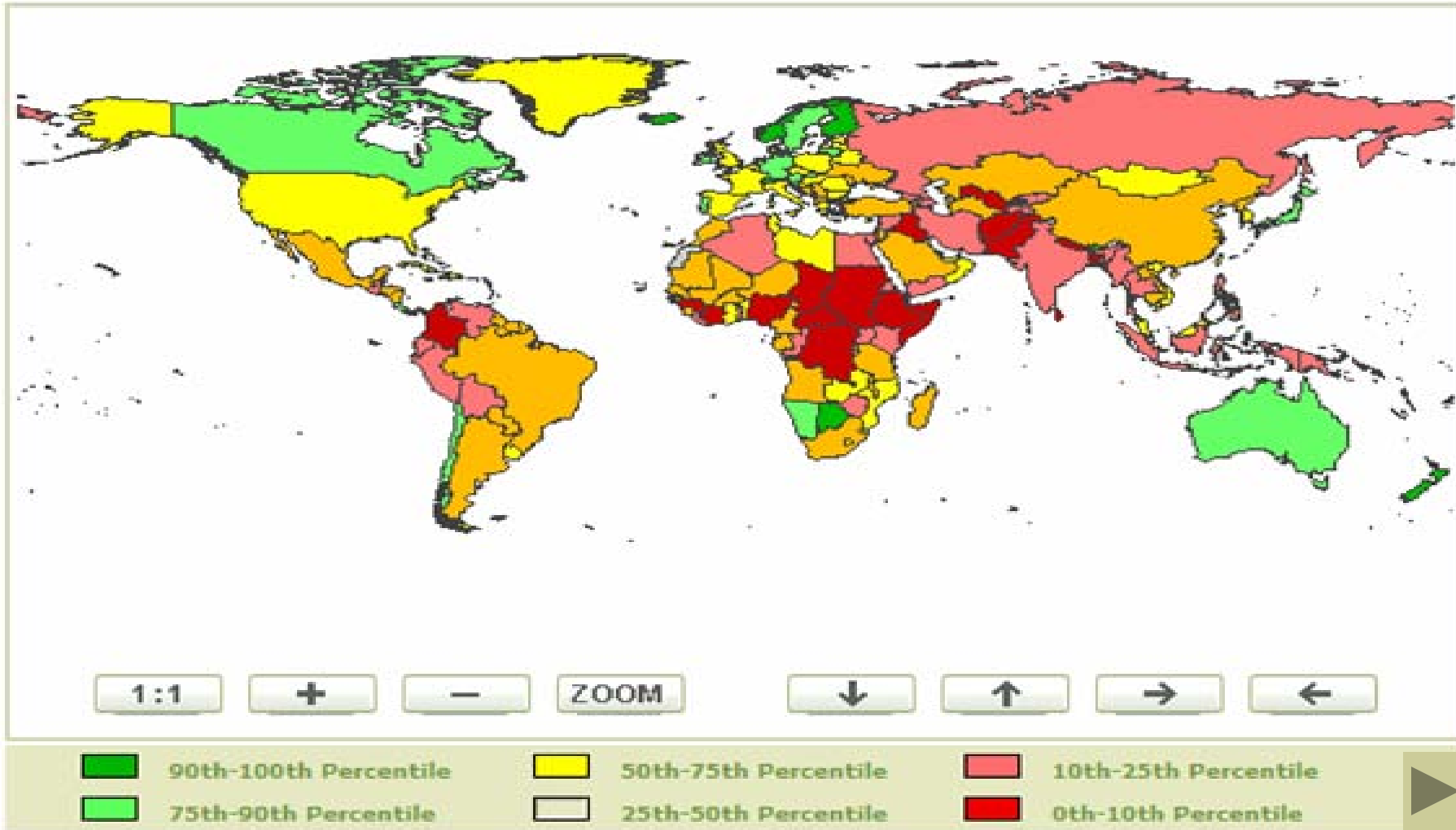
- Graduated from lesser-developed to middle-income status within a generation
- A democratic society with established institutions
- Ranked first place for Africa in the Corruption Perceptions Index
- Top 10 fastest growing countries in Africa (2000-2004)
- No dependency on foreign aid
- GDP per capita: US \$6,438

# Political Stability

■ Governance Matters 2007

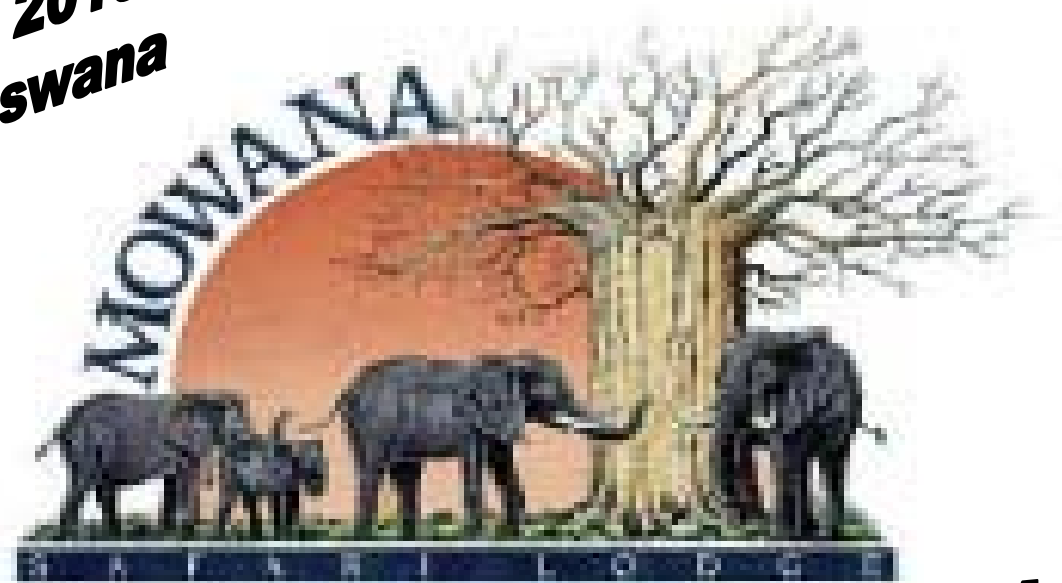


Political Stability (2006)



# Welcome to Kasane

**25-29 July 2010**  
**Kasane Botswana**



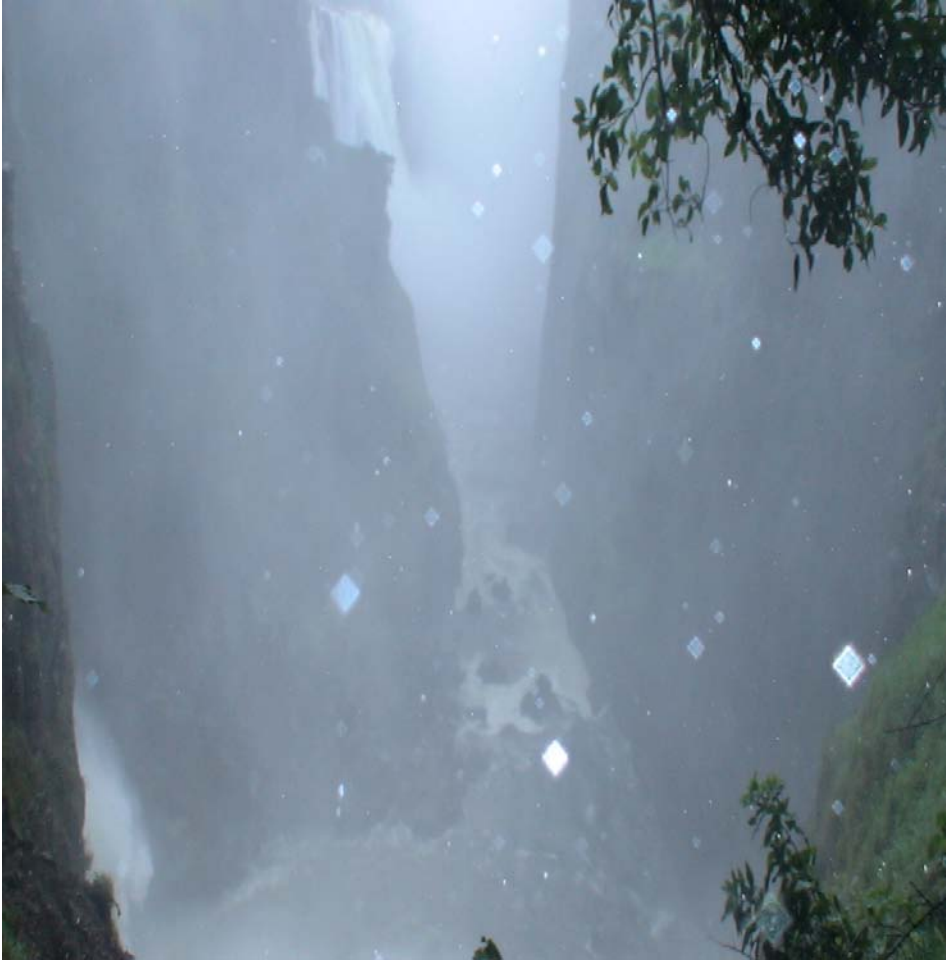
**ITEM Conference 2010**

# Conference Centre & Excursions



- [Cresta Mowana](#)  
Main Centre {where the conference will be held}
- Boat & Game Drives available for spouses.
- [Chobe Marina](#)  
Shall have a sponsored Dinner here
- [Chobe Game Lodge](#)  
Shall sponsored lunch on the Game Drive  
[Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Hotel](#)
- Excursion to the Falls  
Day trip to Victoria Falls and back to base)

**Vic Falls (1 & HALF HOURS DRIVE FROM MOWANA]**





# Work Done so far!

- Establishment of ITEM Preparation Committee: including PS- Communication Science & Technology: Mrs. Marianne Nganunu as vice-Chair and myself as Chair )
- Conference Venue Booked
- Website to be launched next month
- Opened a Bank account
- Fundraising:
  - Raised P150 000 equivalent US\$27 000.00
- To collaborate with neighbouring Countries



# Questions and/or Answers

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