

BME Press Conference 2 March @ 5pm

Talking Points

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Welcome and Introduction (5 mins)

- Welcome attendees and acknowledgement of all the speakers present by name
- First started in 2023, Botswana Mining & Energy Conference and Expo (BME) is now in its 4th edition.
- What BME is about – Botswana’s largest *international* mining, commodities, renewable, solar, technology & manufacturing conference and exhibition, showcasing the economic opportunities within these sectors in the country to people of Botswana as well as a pan African and global audience.
- Organiser
 - This event is organised by Spire Events, a leading global events company based in Singapore. Spire Events, established in 2014, specialises in organising global mining and energy conferences and exhibitions.
 - BME is part of Spire Event’s global lineup of mining and energy conferences and is the only stop in Africa this year for Spire Events thus far.
 - In 2025, 16 events were held by Spire Events across Asia, Australia, Europe, Middle East, North and Latin America and Africa.

Closing (5 mins)

- Thank you to all the speakers, attendees for taking time
- Reminder on event dates: 16 – 17 March 2026 at Boipuso Hall, Fairgrounds
- Sign up for booths, delegate and speaking passes via event website:
www.bwminingandenergy.com

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BME 2026 OVERVIEW (including attendees, business community invitation for booths etc) and THEME SCOPE PROFILE OF ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS (10 mins)

Self Introduction (1 mins)

- Professional background. Speaker at BME over the past few years. Role this year in BME 2026 as the Country Manager – outreach to speakers, coordinating pre-event logistics, planning press conference etc

How BME came about (2 mins)

- Botswana Mining & Energy Conference and Expo (BME) actually started as Mining Investment Botswana back in 2017.
- Spire Events launched this event to showcase the investment opportunities in the growing mining sector in Botswana. This was the only major mining conference in Botswana at that time and attracted many regional and international participants who wanted to invest in Botswana's mining sector.
- As the event grew in size, there was a need to expand its focus beyond mining to include the energy and renewables sector given the symbiotic relationship between them. Furthermore, the world was also moving towards green energy transition so renewables were an increasingly important component of these ongoing conversations.
- Hence the event was rebranded as 'Botswana Mining and Energy Conference and Expo' in 2023.

Profile of attendees and companies (3 mins)

- Since 2023, we have been honoured to have major Botswana and international companies and institutions sponsoring and exhibiting at this event. They include Botlala Energy, Vivo Energy, Old Mutual Botswana, Hollard Insure, BITRI and SGS.
- However, we have also attracted a range of companies from Botswana, the SADC region and even China – across various sectors such as technology companies and equipment providers – all keen to make their presence known in the Botswana market.
- In 2025, we had 14 exhibitor booths and around 400 attendees, of which 30% were global attendees from places as far as Canada, USA and Australia. The delegates were a mix of mostly senior and mid-level as well as junior professionals, thus providing useful networking and knowledge exchanges on multiple levels.
- We are also committed towards empowering the next generation of Botswana mining and energy graduates through BME. In 2025, 30% of expo visitors were students or graduates from local universities and tertiary education institutions. Feedback from these students were overwhelmingly positive as they singled out the networking and learning opportunities.
- For 2026, we are on track to match or exceed 2025 numbers, with new companies from Botswana, South Africa and China joining returning exhibitors such as Howden and I-Carbon. We look forward to more sponsors and exhibitors confirming over the final 2 weeks before the event.
- In particular, we are also proud to welcome our exclusive bank gold sponsor First Capital Bank Botswana and exhibitor Risk Engineers Botswana for the

first time. You will hear from them later during the press conference on their participation at BME 2026.

Conference themes (2 mins)

- Conference will feature various themes. At a macro level, the conference will dive into top level policy discussions such as Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) which is essential for the country's immediate and long-term future.
- Other topics include mining and energy industry trends, investment opportunities, project updates, technology, risk management and ESG.
- Spire Events has always been a firm advocate for supporting gender diversity in mining. Through our global events, we provide opportunities for female mining leaders to speak on their areas of expertise, be it exploration, capital raising, human resources or others.
- We are thus proud to continue our long-term partnership with Women in Mining Botswana Organisation (WiMBO). Besides taking up a booth at BME 2026, WiMBO speakers will also be sharing during the conference on their areas of expertise and personal experiences in this sector.

Invitation to business communities (2 mins)

- There are still opportunities available for companies interested to take up booths to showcase their projects, products and services targeted at the mining and energy sector.
- For those who prefer to attend the conference and learn from esteemed speakers, delegate passes are also available.
- Speaking opportunities are also available for those who wish to share their expertise and position themselves as thought leaders in the industry.
- These are all available for booking via our website www.bwminingandenergy.com
- In conclusion, Botswana Mining and Energy Conference and Expo (BME) unites the entire mining and mineral resources value chain in Gaborone and globally. We sincerely invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion and we thank all of you in attendance for helping to spread the word.