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Webinar Series

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THEME:

A future for ODeL in the
21st Century - challenges
and opportunities

TOPIC:

Good Governance for Open
and Distance Learning (ODL)
Institutions



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Dr Lesedi Lesetedi is the Deputy Vice Chancellor- Corporate Services for Botswana Open University (BOU) since 2017. She is responsible for directing and coordinating the planning and implementation of strategies of differentiated non-academic support operations ensuring adherence to good corporate governance principles. She joined her current role after serving at Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) where she was a founding Director of Internal Audit. She was the Head of Internal Audit units in various Government Ministries including Ministry of State President. She also worked for the Botswana National Productivity Centre (BNPC) and Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) as the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) and Director-Internal Audit respectively.

Dr Lesetedi is a partner in corporate governance who is an Executive in organisational management with a wealth of experience in leadership, administration, risk management and others. She holds a Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) from Brentwood University (based at USA & France, completed in 2023) and MSc in Internal Audit and Management (done at UK, completed in 2001). She finished her Bachelor of Commerce (B.com) Management degree in 1993 at the University of Botswana. Lesetedi completed her Executive Development Programme (EDP) in 2020 with the Stellenbosch University in Capetown, South Africa and holds Certificate in Distance Education for Practitioners (CDEP) Programme with Botswana Open University in 2019. She is a professional Internal Auditor who acquired a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA), Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL) and a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) in 2020, 2014 and 2004 respectively.

Lesetedi is currently serving in the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Global governance structures and has been the Director-at-Large for the IIA Global Board with Headquarters at Orlando, Florida, USA and also served as the International Secretary in the Executive Committee of the Board. Has been a member of the FAO Audit Committee with Headquarters at Rome (Italy) from April, 2013 to April 2019 and became the Committee Chairperson from December, 2015. She was also appointed a member of the UNICEF Audit Committee in February, 2013 to February, 2019 for 6 years and became the Chairperson from July, 2016 with Headquarters at New York, USA.

She has served in other Boards, including at Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) and its Finance Committee, as well as at the African Federation of Institutes of Internal Auditors (AFIIA) where she was Chairperson for two terms (2011-2015), and was also the President of Institute of Internal Auditors Botswana (2004-2011). Lesetedi is a resource person who made presentations at conferences in Botswana, and internationally at Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Tunisia, Nigeria, Angola, Cameroon, Mauritius, New York, Finland and Portugal where for most of the mentioned countries it was done more than once in a number of consecutive years

Abstract

Corporate governance drives companies and other institutions by defining relationships between the Executives (Management) with Shareholders and Stakeholders for the success of the business or mandate; however, relationships might be more complicated in the educational institutions particularly in the ODL space, because governance encounters a different shape of relationships and/or groupings. Nonetheless, basic principles of corporate governance could be instrumental to be applied in these educational institutions governance as well. Thus, good governance is vital in the education entities because these, in many ways, are much more complicated organization than a normal business, and their governance must provide a framework for meaningful groupings that are beneficial. Having principles that are comparable to those in business does not mean that leadership in the educational institutions should behave exactly like corporate entities, since the primary objective for education institutions is provision of knowledge as their core business/ mandate. Educational institutions also need good corporate governance because as indicated; “Governance refers to a system of making and implementing decisions concerning resources

and administration”, (Lahn, Marcel, Myers & Stevens, 2009:5).

Then one can conclude that good governance in educational institutions drives performance in the pursuit of knowledge, and manages the risks involved to enable managing relationships among different stakeholders at the fore to ensure that sustainability is achieved, which starts and finishes with good governance. The institutions cannot flourish without adherence to some principles which will inform and facilitate decision making to enable growth and prosperity, achieved with accountability and transparency. It is upon that good governance provides an overarching framework that allows the educational institutions to be sustainable in the long term.

As said by Mark; “Governance and leadership are the yin and the yang of successful organizations. If you have leadership without governance you risk tyranny, fraud and personal freedoms. If you have governance without leadership you risk atrophy, bureaucracy and indifference.” – Mark Goyder (Director of Tomorrow’s Company)

Programme

Thursday 3rd August, 2023

Director of Proceedings: M. K. Seeletso (PhD)

Time: 1000hrs (2 hours)

1. Prayer

Volunteer (5 mins)

2. Welcome Remarks

M. K Seeletso (10 mins)

3. Presentation

Dr. L. Lesetedi (DBA) - CIA, QIAL, CRMA

4. Question & Answer Session

Ms N. Ntwayagae (45 mins)

5. Vote of Thanks and invitation to the next session

Mr U. Mooketsi - BOU Director HR (Ag)