

Botswana President Visits Katse Dam as Part of Official State Visit to Lesotho



On Tuesday, 16 July 2025, the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) had the honour of hosting His Excellency Mr. Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana, for a site visit to the iconic Katse Dam. This visit formed part of the President's official four-day state visit to Lesotho, which ran from 15–18 July 2025.

Accompanied by a high-level delegation, President Boko's itinerary for the day included an aerial transfer from Maseru to the proposed Malealea Dam site—an area earmarked for the ambitious Lesotho-Botswana Water Transfer Project. After receiving a briefing on the project's scope and developmental potential, the President continued to Katse Dam, where he was warmly received by LHDA officials and guided through the site.

At Katse, the LHDA provided a comprehensive briefing on the dam's operational significance within the Lesotho Highlands Water Project and the broader socio-economic impact it has had on Lesotho and the region. The visit was a strategic opportunity to showcase the Kingdom's engineering capabilities and Lesotho's contribution to regional water security and transboundary cooperation.

The visit underscores the strong bilateral relations between Lesotho and Botswana and reinforces the potential for deepening collaboration in the water sector. The LHDA was proud to be part of this historic visit and welcomes future engagements that strengthen regional integration and sustainable development.