

## BOTSWANA

**ACP Region:** Southern Africa  
**Population:** 1.6 million  
**Official Language:** English  
**Capital:** Gaborone

**National authority responsible for culture:** Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs/Ministère du Travail et des Affaires Intérieures. Department of culture and youth. P/Bag 00185 Gaborone. Tel: 267 3909 222. Fax: 267 3909 227. [http://www.gov.bw/government/ministry\\_of\\_labour\\_and\\_home\\_affairs.html#culture\\_and\\_youth](http://www.gov.bw/government/ministry_of_labour_and_home_affairs.html#culture_and_youth)

**Culture policy:** Adopted in 2002, available on the Government and the OCPA websites.

**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- Botswana National Cultural Council (BNCC)
- National Archives and Records Services
- National Museum, Monuments and Art gallery
- National Library

**Some professional organisations:**

- Botswana Music Union
- Botswana Publishers Association
- Botswana Publishing Industry Association
- Botswana Society for the Arts. <http://www.bsa.botsnet.co.bw>
- Reetsanang Association of Community Drama Groups
- Writers' Association of Botswana

**Some events:**

- Maitisong Arts Festival

**COOPERATION WITH THE EC**

**Cultural cooperation:** With funding from the EDF, it was possible to contribute to the celebrations for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence in 1991 (€11,500), to obtaining technical assistance for the National Museum (€77,500) and to supporting a symposium on culture(€4.000).

**Regional cooperation:** EC/SADC Programme

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