



**BIOGRAPHY OF HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. F.G. MOGAE, NYB, MCC, PH, MP
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

His Excellency was born on 21st August, 1939 at Serowe in the Central District of Botswana. He matriculated at Moeng College and went on to train as an Economist at the Universities of Oxford and Sussex in the United Kingdom.

He took up post as Planning Officer in 1968 and progressed to become Director of Economic Affairs. He was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning from 1975 to 1976. He became Alternate Governor for Botswana at the International Monetary Fund, African Development Bank and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from 1971 to 1976. His Excellency served in various parastatal boards, as, Member of the Board for Water Utilities, Botswana Housing Corporation, Botswana Meat Commission, Botswana Meat Commission (United Kingdom) Holdings, ECCO Cold Stores Limited and Allied Meat Importers Limited. He was also Director, then later Chairman, Botswana Development Corporation, Representative of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, Director of the De Beers Botswana Mining Company (Pty) Limited (Diamond Mining Company), Botswana RST Limited, Bangwato Concessions Limited (BCL) and Bank of Botswana.

His Excellency served in Washington, DC as Alternate and Executive Director, International Monetary Fund for Anglophone Africa from 1976 to 1980. He then came home to take up the position of Governor of the Bank of Botswana from 1980 to 1981. From 1982 to 1989 His Excellency was Permanent Secretary to the President, Secretary to the Cabinet and Supervisor of Elections.

He was appointed Minister of Finance and Development Planning in 1989 and became Vice President in 1992, until 31st March, 1998 when he became the Third President of the Republic of Botswana. He was Chairman of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Council of Ministers from 1992 until 1996. By virtue of his position as Vice President, he was also Leader of the House for Botswana National Assembly. In 1994, he contested in the general elections and won a seat for the Palapye Constituency. He was an active member of the Botswana Democratic Party and served in various committees of the party including, Member of the Botswana Democratic Party Central Committee and Chairman of its Finance and Economic Committee, and Member of the Central Committee responsible for Letswapo Region from 1992 to 1995.

He was also Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Member of the Parliamentarians for Global Action based in New York and the Global Coalition for Africa based in Washington D.C.

His Excellency was Governor for Botswana for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Member of the Joint Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the transfer of real resources to developing countries, Washington DC from 1989 to 1990.

He was also involved in community oriented organizations which include Kalahari Conservation Society, Botswana Society (Research Organisation) of which he is President, Lions Club of Palapye, President of the Botswana Society for the Deaf as well as being Patron of the Junior Achievement Botswana. He is also Chairman of the National AIDS Council (launched 30 March 2000).

Mr Mogae serves on the boards of several international organizations involved in leadership, governance and the fight against HIV and AIDS. These include his leadership of the Champions for an HIV-Free Generation group of some former African leaders such as First President of Zambia Dr Kenneth Kaunda, Former President of Mozambique Chissano, Former President of Tanzania Benjamin Mkapa and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. He is also Chairperson of the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA), and a Board Member of the MasterCard Foundation. He is also a member of the Commission on HIV Prevention of UNAIDS and Commission on HIV and the Law of UNDP. He is the co-Chairman of the High Level Review of the Fiduciary Controls Panel of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria based in Geneva, Switzerland.

His Excellency has been honoured with several national awards from a number of countries, including Botswana; the United States of America; Lesotho; the United Kingdom; France; to name a few.

He was appointed Chairman of the **Champions for AIDS-Free Generation** – Gaborone (from August 2008 to date); Chairman of the Board of **Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA)** – Addis (from March 2009 to date); **United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Climate Change** – (Sept-Dec 2009); **Chairman of the Commonwealth Observer Group for Nigerian Parliamentary and Presidential Elections** - (April 2011); **Chairman of the Commonwealth Observer Group for Kenya General Elections** – (March 2013); Member of the **UNAIDS-Lancet Commission “Defeating AIDS – Advancing Global Health** (2013-2014); **African Union Commission High Level Panel in Support of a Peaceful & Inclusive Transition and the Restoration of Constitutional Order in Egypt** - (2013); **Chairman of the Commonwealth Observer Group for Lesotho General Elections** – (Feb 2015); Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) **Chairman of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) for South Sudan** – (from Nov 2015). Co-Chairperson of the **United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines** – (from December 2015).

Former President's tenure office ended on 31st March 2008 and was succeeded by his former Vice President Lt. General Seretse Khama Ian Khama as the 4th President of the Republic of Botswana.

His Excellency is married with three daughters born between 1969 and 1987 and a grand-daughter.