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PRESS RELEASE

Competition Authority Celebrates World Competition Day on Monday 5th December 2016

The Competition Authority will on Monday 5th December 2016, join the rest of the world to celebrate World Competition Day (WCD). Every year on December 5th civil society organisations, consumer and competition agencies celebrate World Competition Day under a chosen theme. This year the WCD theme is 'Competition and Intellectual Property Rights'.

As part of the festivities to mark this year's celebrations, the Competition Authority (CA) will host a panel discussion with participants from the CA which is the competition regulatory body, the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA), which is the custodian of intellectual property rights, and the Copyright Society of Botswana (COSBOTS, which deals with copyright issues. The panel discussion is likely to generate some interesting debates particularly on the intersection of intellectual property rights and competition, and the likely benefits that should accrue to originators of copyrights and intellectual property.

Still at the same occasion, the Chairperson of the Competition Commission, Dr Onkemetse Tshosa will officially launch the Competition Authority' 2015/16 Annual Report to members of the press. There will be a question and answer session arising from the highlights of the report.

Members of the press are invited to attend and cover this important event. The event starts at 09:00 Hours at the CA offices at Plot 28 Matsitama Road, Main Mall.

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