

# Botswana

**Official Title** Republic of Botswana



## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	Gaborone	
<b>Total Area</b>	581,730 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 1,584,000
<b>Currency (2005 av.)</b>	1 CAN\$=	5.27 Pula (BWP)
<b>National Holiday</b>	30 September, Independence Day	
<b>Language(s)</b>	English, Setswana	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Parliamentary republic  
**Type of Government**  
 Bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Chiefs and the National Assembly

**Head of State**  
 President Festus MOGAE  
**Head of Government**  
 Prime Minister

**Ministers** Foreign Affairs Mompoti MERAFHE, Lt. Gen. (Ret.)  
 Trade and Industry Daniel Neo Moroka  
 Finances Jacob GAOLATHE

**Main Political Parties**  
 Botswana Democratic Party

**Elections** Last: 30 October 2004 (presidential and legislative); Next: October 2009 (presidential and legislative)

## Economic Information: (2005)

	Botswana	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$12.35	\$1,372.10
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$7,801.50	\$42,568.87
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	6.2	2.9
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	8.6	2.2
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	6.8

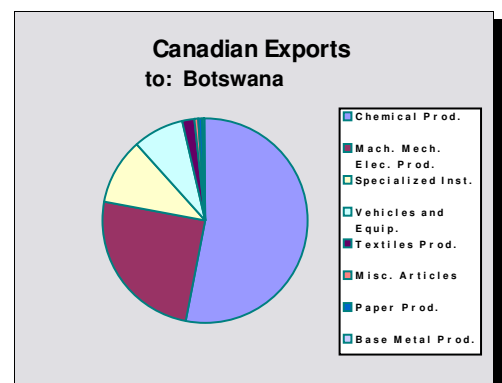
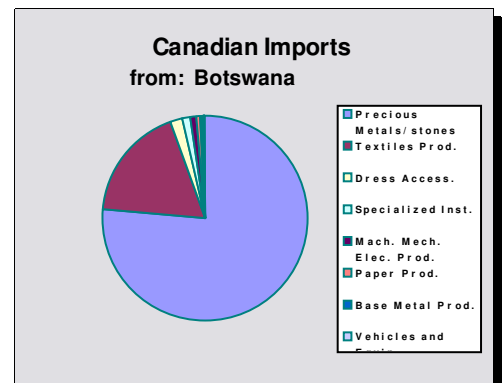
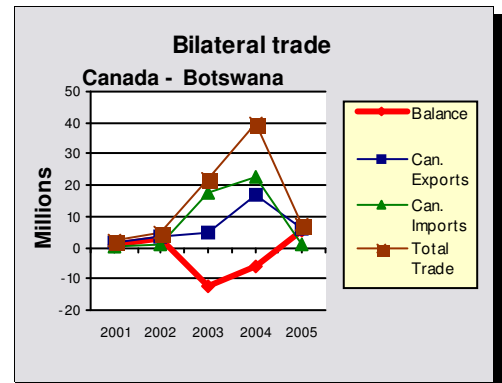
## Trade and investment: (2005)

<b>Canadian Exports to Botswana</b>	\$6,291,045
<b>Canadian Imports from Botswana</b>	\$997,080
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	n/a (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment to Botswana</b>	n/a (million)

## Representation:

**Foreign Representation in Canada**  
 His Excellency, High Commissio Lapologang LEKOA

**Canadian Representation Abroad**  
 Ambassador Roxanne Dubé



Sources:  
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