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## **Media Advisory: Botswana Delegation develops partnerships with N.C. Private Sector**

**What:** Delegation from Botswana, to include Chief Executive Officer of the Botswana Innovation Hub and Director of Cluster Development, visits RTP and NCSU Centennial Campus to develop civilian-to-civilian partnership

**When:** Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 1 p.m.

**Where:** Springboard Innovation Center, NCSU Centennial Campus, 1021 Main Campus Drive, Raleigh, N.C.

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**Special Instructions:** Media organizations should arrive 10 minutes prior to the event in order to setup equipment and identify locations to capture footage of the event. The event will last approximately 1 hour. Botswana Delegation and NCSU professionals will be available for interview following/before the event. NCNG PAO will provide high-resolution photos after the event at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ncngpao>.

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## **Botswana Delegation Visits RTP; NCSU to Develop Private Sector Partnerships**

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – As part of North Carolina’s State Partnership Program (SPP), a delegation from sister country, the African nation of Botswana, will visit Research Triangle Park and North Carolina State University’s Centennial Campus this week in order to learn about N.C. technology company business models, how to promote technology development and transfer that knowledge to Botswana.

The Botswana Delegation comprised of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors of Development and Communications of the Botswana Innovation Hub will visit the Springboard Innovation Center located on NCSU Centennial Campus, Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m., at 1021 Main Campus Drive, here.

The SPP helps develop collaborations between the United States and other nations in order to develop useful sharing of ideas and concepts in fields including government, education, science and technology and military matters. North Carolina has partnered with the Republic of Botswana since 2008 and has also paired with Moldova since 1995.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Botswana Innovation Hub Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of De Beers Holdings Botswana Neo Moroka was scheduled to attend but cancelled.