

**MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MOTE Staff

**DATE:** 8 December 2017

**FROM:** Public Relations Office

**BOCODOL HAS TRANSFORMED TO BOTSWANA OPEN UNIVERSITY (BOU)**

Members of staff are informed that Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL) has now been transformed to **Botswana Open University (BOU)**. There has been a commencement ceremony this morning to unveil the new name.

With effect from today, 8 December 2017, the institution will now be called **Botswana Open University (BOU)**. The tagline for the new University is *inspire tomorrow, today.*

The University is expected to expand the scope of programmes in order to cater for the diverse needs and interests of the various sectors of the economy as well as the increasing population of our country. Botswana aims to be a knowledge economy by 2036 and this can be realized through accelerated human capital development, pursued through a strategy that combines the use of conventional education and Open and Distance Learning. The Open University will thus be expected to claim its space in the education system by delivering high quality programmes and services.

Staff shall be further informed about the new changes accordingly.



Thank you