



FUEL TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - A LEVER TO EMPOWER CITIZEN TRANSPORTERS

Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) has reaffirmed its commitment to citizen economic empowerment and sustainable energy logistics through the official launch of the Fuel Transportation Supplier Development Programme (FT-SDP), held under the theme, "Empowering Citizens, Driving Energy Excellence".

The launch brought together citizen fuel transporters, financial partners, supply chain stakeholders, and BOL leadership for comprehensive engagements that reinforced the importance of building a reliable and citizen-driven transport ecosystem for Botswana's petroleum sector.



Delivering the keynote address, BOL Chief Executive Officer, Mr Meshack Tshekedi, highlighted that the FT-SDP represents a significant milestone for both the company and the nation, advancing economic diversification and inclusive growth. He noted that the programme is designed to create opportunities for citizen-owned enterprises, strengthen partnerships with financial institutions, and build local capacity within Botswana's fuel transport sector.

The programme is led and managed by Ms. Loungo Letshwiti, the BOL CEEP Specialist, who explained that the FT-SDP is aimed at





strengthening the technical, operational, and compliance readiness of Citizen-Owned Fuel Transporters.

Beyond providing access to contracts and financing, the initiative will support both emerging and established transporters by addressing key gaps such as HSSEQ culture, fleet maintenance, financial literacy, digital transformation, operational visibility, and legal and contractual compliance. It also promotes prequalification and

certification, development of secondary value chains, integrated operations management, and governance practices that uphold accountability and transparency.

The panel discussion, moderated by Phatsimo Moeti-Joel, Senior Manager Risk at BOL, featured industry and financial experts including Godiraone Olatotse (Sky Bridge Logistics), Resego Keipidile (FNB), Tebogo Erick (BOL), and Ronny Orlando

(BOL). The conversation focused on facilitating of citizen transporters through access to finance, improved operational standards, and stronger collaboration across the supply chain, reinforcing the programme's role in building a resilient and inclusive fuel transport sector.

In conclusion, the FT-SDP is expected to position BOL as a leader in citizen empowerment and sustainable logistics while creating opportunities for

citizen-owned enterprises to access contracts, financing, and capacity-building initiatives. This is achieved by strengthening collaboration with financial institutions and supply chain partners, contributing to job creation, safer fuel transport, and national economic diversification.

Through the FT-SDP, BOL continues to drive citizen participation in Botswana's energy industry while ensuring a safe, reliable, and inclusive fuel supply chain.

