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# ***Vision 2016 Council***

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**To:** All Botswana Media

**From:** Publicity Manager  
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**SUBJECT: NATIONAL VOTERS REGISTRATION**

The Vision 2016 Council calls upon all Batswana aged eighteen years and above to register to vote in the 2004 general elections, in large numbers, when the registration exercise starts on 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

By registering as voters for the coming elections, and actually taking part in the elections through voting, Batswana would be not only exercising their constitutional right, but would also be enhancing the achievement of the Vision 2016 goal of being an open, democratic and accountable nation. The goal calls upon the nation to protect and nurture our tradition of democracy by actively taking part in politics

and national debate, and one of the ways of doing so is by voting representatives of our choice. This can only be done by registered voters.

The Vision 2016 Council is concerned as much as the rest of the nation, about the growing voter apathy, as shown by the low turn out of voters in the recent bye-elections.

The Council therefore implores all those eligible, particularly the youth, to go to the registration points in droves.

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