GREENOVATE Youth Exchange 2026

Crystal Palace Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana | 16–21 November 2026

Welcome

Dumelang! Congratulations on your successful selection to participate in the GREENOVATE Youth Exchange, Botswana. On behalf of BW Jobs 4 Graduates, we warmly welcome you to Botswana. ***'Ke a leboga***' means thank you, and we thank you for joining a community of young leaders committed to green entrepreneurship, climate action and international cooperation.

About GREENOVATE

GREENOVATE is an Erasmus+ Capacity Building initiative that equips young people with practical skills in green entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability, innovation, leadership and intercultural dialogue. Participants collaborate across countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Slovenia to design solutions to climate and development challenges.

The GREENOVATE project empowers young people in Sub- Saharan Africa to become leaders in green entrepreneurship and sustainable development. By fostering collaboration between youth organizations, educational institutions, and policymakers in the EU and SubSaharan Africa, the project addresses critical challenges such as youth unemployment, environmental degradation, and limited access to education and training. The project's objectives are to:

- strengthen the capacity of youth organizations to support green entrepreneurship;
- equip young people with the skills and resources needed to develop and launch green businesses;
- promote cross- cultural collaboration and learning; and
- integrate project outcomes into formal education and national youth policies.

The Youth Exchange is targeted at the young people and leaders from seven countries to building non formal training and capacity-building workshops on green, entrepreneurship, and environmental sustainability. The Youth Exchange will be 36 participants from seven different countries will gather, from seven different cultural backgrounds, habits and history.

The Youth Exchange will have fully packed training and activities mainly training session on green entrepreneurship, climate change and other related topics. Extra activities will be

visiting the mighty Mmokolodi Game Reserve and cultural nights so each country must bring some cultural attire and presentations for showcasing. You can also explore the city at won cost, so bring spending cash.

About BW Jobs 4 Graduates

BW Jobs 4 Graduates is a Botswana youth development organisation connecting young people with education, employment, entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities through partnerships with government, private sector and international organisations.

Program Overview

Monday 16th:	Arrivals, hotel check-in, Orientation, welcome dinner.
Tuesday 17th:	Team building, workshops.
Wednesday 18th:	Climate innovation sessions, Green Hackathon and networking.
Thursday 19th:	Site visits, community engagement and cultural night.
Friday 20th:	Site visits, presentations and farewell party.
Saturday 21st:	Check-out and departures.

Participant Expectations

Attend all sessions; be punctual; respect diversity; participate actively; work collaboratively; uphold professionalism; comply with organisers' guidance; respect accommodation and local laws.

Arrival Instructions

International participants should arrive through Sir Seretse Khama International Airport (SSKIA) in Gaborone, Botswana. Notify organisers of flight delays. Representatives will meet participants in the arrivals hall with GREENOVATE signage and transfer them to the hotel.

Accommodation & Meals

Participants will be accommodated at Crystal Palace hotels on shared accommodation by gender unless otherwise arranged. The hotel is located behind bull and bush at address Plot 54457, Segoditshane Road, Broadhurst, Gaborone. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea breaks, Wi-Fi and meeting facilities will be provided at the venue unless otherwise stated.

Health & Wellness

Carry travel insurance and personal medication. Hospitals include Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone Private Hospital and Bokamoso Private Hospital. EMS, toll free 997, Police 999,

Vaccinations & Border Health

Routine vaccinations should be up to date. Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination may be required if travelling from a risk country. Botswana may implement health screening, including Ebola-

related screening where required by public health guidance. Follow all foot-and-mouth disease biosecurity controls at ports of entry.

Weather

Expect hot November, mostly dry conditions with occasional localized rain and thundershowers which are likely during this period, expected highs of 28-27°C and lows near 18-21°C. Pack light clothing, a hat, sunscreen and a light rain jacket.

Currency

Botswana Pula (BWP). Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted. ATMs are available across Gaborone.

Technology

Electricity: 230V, 50Hz. Plug Type G (British square-pin). Bring a universal travel adapter if required.

Religious Worship

Gaborone has Christian churches, mosques and other places of worship. Organisers can assist participants wishing to attend services.

Safety

Gaborone is a welcoming and generally peaceful city, Botswana is one of Africa's safest destinations, but participants are visitors in a new environment and should exercise the same reasonable precautions they would take when travelling anywhere unfamiliar. Participants are therefore encouraged to look after one another, remain connected with the group and communicate promptly with the host organization whenever assistance is needed. Keep valuables secure, avoid isolated areas at night, travel in groups and use organizer-approved transport. **Emergency Contacts:** Police 999 and EMS/Ambulance 997

Botswana Laws

As an international participant in Botswana, you are expected to respect and comply with the laws, regulations and public standards of the country throughout your stay. Being a visitor means understanding that laws and customs may differ from those in your home country.

Please take the following guidance seriously:

- Always respect Botswana’s laws and regulations.
- Illegal drugs are strictly prohibited**.** The possession, use, trafficking or distribution of illegal drugs can result in serious legal consequences.

- Alcohol should be consumed responsibly and only where legally permitted. Participants must ensure that alcohol consumption never compromises their safety, conduct, punctuality or participation in programme activities.
- Respect Botswana's wildlife and natural environment. Do not approach, feed, touch, disturb or remove wildlife, plants or other natural resources. Follow all instructions provided during site visits, excursions and community activities.
- Be considerate when taking photographs or recording video. Always respect people's privacy and seek permission before photographing or filming individuals, particularly children, community members and people participating in sensitive activities. Exercise caution around security-sensitive locations. Do not photograph or record military facilities, police installations, border-control infrastructure, security operations or other restricted locations.
- Protect personal information and documentation. Do not share another participant's passport details, accommodation information, phone number, medical information or other private information without their consent.
- **When in doubt, ask.** If you are unsure whether an activity, photograph, purchase, location or behaviour is appropriate, consult the GREENOVATE host team before proceeding.

Useful Setswana

Dumelang –	Hello
Ke a leboga –	Thank you
Tsamaya sentle –	Safe journey
Ee –	Yes
Nnyaa –	No

Packing Checklist

Passport, visa (if applicable), insurance, flight itinerary, laptop, notebook, reusable bottle, business casual clothing, cultural attire, comfortable shoes, walking shoes, toiletries, medication, chargers, adapter, power bank. Pack business casual clothing for Diamond Trading Company site visit and dark color clothing for safari.

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Closing Message

Re a go amogela mo Botswana. We look forward to an inspiring week of learning, innovation, collaboration and friendship. Safe travels!