



CHOBE CONNECT-2026

AGRO PROCESSING, TOURISM & TRANSFORMATION

INVESTOR CONFERENCE KASANE, CRESTA MOWANA

30TH - 31ST MARCH



In partnership with:



EVENT OVERVIEW

Chobe Connect 2026 is a high-level, premium Investor Conference scheduled for 30th - 31st March 2026, designed to position Chobe District as an emerging regional investment hub within Botswana and the broader Southern African region. The Conference responds to Botswana's national development priorities, including economic diversification, private sector - led growth, regional integration, and the implementation of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

Chobe District occupies a uniquely strategic position at the confluence of Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, offering exceptional cross-border connectivity, world-renowned tourism assets, and growing agro-industrial potential. With approved BETP projects and the establishment of the Pandamatenga Special Economic Zone (SEZ), the District is poised to become a catalyst for agro-industrial value chains, tourism regeneration, and logistics- driven regional trade.

Chobe Connect 2026 will convene policymakers and capital providers to unlock these opportunities, bridge policy and investment, and stimulate bankable partnerships.



Pandamatenga Silos - Launch



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The overarching objective of Chobe Connect 2026 is to mobilise investment, partnerships, and policy alignment to accelerate sustainable economic growth in Chobe District and beyond.

Specific objectives include:

- Showcasing investment-ready projects in priority sectors, with a strong focus on the Pandamatenga SEZ.
- Positioning Chobe District as a competitive investment destination aligned with national and regional development strategies.
- Facilitating high-level dialogue between policy makers, investors, and development partners to de-risk and unlock capital
- Promoting agro-industrial value chain development, tourism regeneration, regional connectivity, and sports tourism.
- Strengthening collaboration around approved BETP projects in Chobe District.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Chobe Connect 2026 will convene a curated group of high-profile and strategic stakeholders, including:

- Government leaders and policy makers (national, district, and regional)
International and domestic investors
- Embassies and High Commissions
- Development finance institutions and development partners
- Commercial banks and financial institutions
- Private sector leaders and project sponsor
- Academia and research institutions
- Civil society and community development organisations
- Regional and international business councils

Pic: Pandamatenga Farms - Aerial view

Botswana's premier large - scale farming hub, offering high potential arable land ideal for profitable grain production and agricultural investment.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT SECTORS

The Conference will focus on the following key sectors

AGRO-INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT

- Value-added Agriculture and Agro-processing
- Climate-smart and export oriented production
- Supply chain and logistics integration
- Skills development and vocational training linkages.



TOURISM REGENERATION

- Sustainable and high-value tourism models
- Eco-tourism and conservation - linked investments
- Hospitality infrastructure and destination development
- Community - based tourism enterprises
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- Community-based tourism enterprises



AGRO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

- Farm based tourism and agri-experiences
- Integration of agriculture, culture, and hospitality value chains
- SME and community-led Agro-Tourism enterprises
- Infrastructure, branding, and market access for Agro-Toursim destinations



SPORTS TOURISM

- Sports infrastructure and events
- Youth development and talent development
- Regional and international sports tourism circuits
- Public-Private Partnerships in sports development



REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

- Transport, logistics, and trade facilitation
- Cross-border infrastructure and corridors
- SEZ-enabled regional value chains
- Digital and trade-enabling infrastructure



INVEST IN THE CHOBE REGION - where wilderness meets borders and opportunity flows as wide as the Chobe River.



PANDAMATENGA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (SEZ) SHOWCASE

A flagship feature of Chobe Connect 2026 will be the Pandamatenga SEZ Investment Showcase, highlighting:

- Investment-ready agro-industrial projects
- The SEZ's strategic role in advancing agro- industrial value chains
- Vocational and skills development opportunities supporting industrialisation
- Linkages between primary production, processing, logistics, and export markets
- Incentives, regulatory frameworks, and infrastructure readiness.

AGRICULTURAL DATA



Farm sizes

Large-scale commercial farms



Rainfall

450–650 mm annually



Soil Type

Clay (black cotton soils)

Pic: Pandamatenga Silos





position, tourism assets, agro-industrial potential, and national reform agenda, the Conference will catalyse investments that drive long-term economic resilience and regional integration.

Pic: Kazungula Bridge

VENUE OF THE EVENT



KASANE, CRESTA MOWANA SAFARI RESORT & SPA...

ALL-IN-ONE CONFERENCE VENUE

Provides quality accommodation, fully equipped conference facilities, catering, and leisure amenities in one secure, professional setting- ideal for multi-day investor engagement.

HIGH-VALUE DELEGATE EXPERIENCE

River views, safari activities, golf, spa, and fine dining create strong networking opportunities and increase delegate satisfaction and attendance appeal.

CREDIBLE HOSPITALITY BRAND

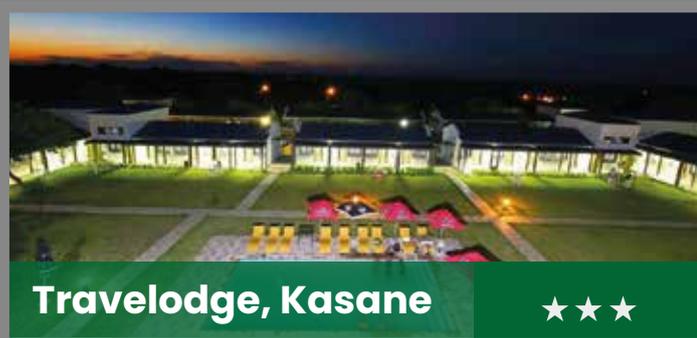
Operated by Cresta Hotels, a respected regional hospitality group, ensuring professional service standards aligned with an investor-level event.

STRATEGIC FIT

Hosting the conference here reinforces Botswana's positioning as a premium tourism and investment destination, aligning environment, business, and growth opportunities in one setting.



ACCOMODATION, KASANE



Travelodge, Kasane

★★★

A stay at Travelodge Kasane offers a comfortable and convenient experience with modern amenities, warm hospitality, and easy access to the wildlife and natural beauty of the Chobe region.



Two Rivers Lodge

Two Rivers Lodge offers a riverside experience with s **★★★★** comfortable accommodation, and close proximity to Chobe National Park's abundant wildlife.



Sandpiper Lodge Chobe

★★★★

Sandpiper Villas Chobe offers a calm and comfortable retreat with modern amenities, warm hospitality, and easy access to the natural wonders of the Chobe region.



Tlou Safari Lodge

★★★

Tlou Safari Lodge offers a peaceful, intimate bush experience where you can relax by the pool and enjoy close encounters with wildlife near Chobe National Park.



Chobe Safari

★★★★

A stay at Chobe Safari Lodge offers a front-row seat to one of Africa's richest wildlife regions, right along the banks of the Chobe River in Kasane, near Chobe National Park.

TOP ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT IN KASANE

Chobe River Cruises (Sunset or Sunrise)

A sunset cruise is one of the most iconic things to do in Kasane, offering close-up views of elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and abundant birdlife as the light turns golden. Sunrise cruises offer a calmer, softer wildlife experience.



Game Drives in Chobe National Park

Kasane is the northern gateway to Chobe National Park, home to Africa's largest elephant population. Both half day and full day game drives are widely available. Expect sightings of lions, buffalo, giraffe, and rich birdlife.



Full Day Safari + Combo Experiences

Many operators offer package experiences combining a morning game drive and an afternoon river safari, often with lunch included—excellent for maximizing wildlife encounters in one day.



Cultural & Community Tours

Impalila Island Cultural Tour (Namibia): A short cross border heritage experience via boat.

Village visits and local cultural insights around Kasane are offered by several operators.



Hot Springs Walks (Nyungwe Valley)

Between Kasane and Kazungula lie natural hot water springs, accessible via short guided walks—something different from the typical safari experience.



Relaxation at Local Lodges & Spas

Kasane's lodges make excellent leisure spots, including:

- Riverside sundowner decks
- Spa treatments (e.g., at Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa)



Photography Safaris

Kasane is known for specialist photographic tours—especially Pangolin Photo Safaris, which provide custom built boats and vehicles for photographers. Beginners and pros are welcome.



Fishing on the Chobe River (including Tiger Fishing)

Tiger fishing is a memorable adrenaline activity available through local operators. Great for both novices and experienced anglers.



CARACAL Biodiversity Centre

A conservation and education centre featuring rescued wildlife and local biodiversity displays - an interesting stop if you want something low key and educational.



Chobe Crocodile Farm

A unique and family friendly experience to learn about crocodiles and local ecosystems.



Dining & Local Nightlife

Kasane offers casual dining options such as:

- Local restaurants and lodge dining experiences
- Nando's Kasane for easy meals



Retail & Leisure Activities

While limited, Kasane has small craft markets, town shops, and occasional entertainment at lodges. Some tours include stops for pottery or small cultural workshops.



Day Trips to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe/Zambia)

Kasane is only about an hour from Victoria Falls. Guided day trips include transfers, tours, and border assistance—ideal if you want to experience one of the world's most famous natural wonders without staying overnight.

