

Summary of the Cybersecurity Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to enact the Cybersecurity Act which is intended to ensure the effective implementation of the Botswana National Cybersecurity Strategy developed to prevent, mitigate and provide responses to cybersecurity threats and incidents effectively and efficiently.

Recognizing the rapid advancement of digital technologies and their critical role in Botswana's economic growth, social development, and national security, the proposed Bill will establish a cybersecurity institutional framework to monitor and provide a safe and secure cybersecurity environment while protecting National Critical Information Infrastructure and by extension the citizenry.

Public Consultations will be held on the 20 June 2025 and this notification serves to facilitate a more inclusive consultative process, affirming that effective legislation in this vital domain can only be forged through the collective wisdom, diverse perspectives, and valuable insights of all stakeholders.

The Public may request copies of the Bill from mcipro@gov.bw and on the BOCRA website www.bocra.org.bw. Comments on the Draft Cybersecurity Bill are to be submitted to mcipro@gov.bw by the 23 June 2025.