



## 7. Botswana

### HIGHLIGHTS



#### Index Performance

Total Score



Size	Domestic Mandate	Source of Funding	Governance & Disclosure
Good	Non Existent	Not Diversified	Solid

Botswana's 26-year-old Pula Fund is Africa's oldest SWF. It is one of 6 funds that do not have a domestic investment mandate but one of several funds dependent on only natural resources.

With a GDP of \$15 billion and SWF size of about \$6 billion, Botswana has the third best SWF to GDP ratio on the continent. Its fund is 34% of its GDP. But

none of the fund is invested domestically. Despite its longevity, it has managed to only grow its fund over 3 times its initial startup capital since its establishment over two decades ago. It is one of only four (4) funds on the continent that provides updated yearly audited reports of its fund status.

#### TIME TO RETHINK THE PULA FUND

Botswana's economy, although one of the more successful ones on the continent, is also dangerously over-dependent on diamonds. Botswana needs to think about how it can restructure the Pula Fund into an 'economic transformation fund' to power the long-overdue diversification of the economy beyond diamonds.