**Land Bank plays integral role in AADFI CEO Forum**

The World Federation of Development Finance Institutions (WFDFI) and the Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) held the first WFDFI CEOs Forum in Gaborone, Botswana from November 02-04, 2016. The Forum was carried out in partnership with Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) as the host institution, with the support of the Ministry of Investment Trade and Industry and the Government of Botswana.

Even though the world is becoming wealthier and more globalised, developing countries in particular are increasingly facing global challenges that are setting a new context for development and growth. From a local and international perspective the role of DFI’s is to help tackle the effects of a growing number of global challenges on poor countries. The Forum brought together Chief Executive Officers and Senior Management Executives of Asian, African, Latin American, and European DFIs; Multilateral Development Finance Institutions(MDFIs); Officials of African DFIs Supervisory Authorities and Government Agencies responsible for the promotion of sustainable financing for real economy development; Officials of Central Banks, Ministries of Finance, Commercial Banks, and other stakeholders. In this regard, the Forum witnessed the largest gathering of role players in the development financing sector.



Attending on behalf of the Land Bank was Loyiso Ndlovu, the Executive Manager: Strategy, Policy & Marketing. At the special interest session on leadership chaired by Mr. Octavio Peralta, Secretary General of the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP), Ms Ndlovu delivered a thought provoking lesson on leadership.

She opened her speech with an old Xhosa adage “Umntu ngumntu ngabantu” (“I am because we are”) rounding off with compelling words urging DFI leaders to remain true to their catalytic role by rebuilding distressed countries, facilitating better use of natural resources and supporting drought stricken countries.

**Loyiso Ndlovu:** Executive for Strategy, Policy and Marketing at Land Bank.

Some of the topics tackled at the forum include:

* DFIs and the Agenda for Development: Expanding Possibilities
* Innovative banking & finance for sustainable future
* Adapting to changes in financial systems, policies and structures
* Adapting to changes in organizational and institutional frameworks
* Adapting to changes in technology
* Agenda for implementation of the sustainable development goals (sdgs) – Perspectives from Africa and Asia
* DFI’s Sustaining relevance

For more information on or enquiries on the recently held WFDFI Conference, visit its website on www.adfi-ci.org.