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VIP Speaker Bios

President Festus Gontebanye MOGAE, MYB, MCC, PH, MP (Botswana), *Former President of Botswana*

Festus Gontebanye Mogae was President of the Republic of Botswana from 1998 to 2008. He previously served as Botswana's Vice-President and Permanent Secretary and as Minister of Finance and Development from 1975 to 1976. From 1976 to 1980, President Mogae served as Alternate and Executive Director for Anglophone Africa at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. Upon his return to Botswana, he held the position of Governor of the Bank of Botswana. President Mogae has received numerous awards, including the highest honour of the Republic of Botswana, Naledi Ya Botswana (2003), and the Presidential Order of Honour of Botswana (1989).