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### HEAT WAVE WARNING

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism through the Department of Meteorological Services wishes to warn the public of heatwave conditions expected to occur across the country.

Hot to extremely hot conditions are expected to prevail over most parts of the country throughout this week and into the weekend. These conditions will be caused by the inflow of hot-air mass from the tropics as influenced by a dominant surface trough across the country. Maximum temperatures are expected to range between 36°C to 40°C from 22 October to 26 October 2024 with the northern regions (Ngamiland, Chobe and Northern-Central districts) likely to reach top ranges of 38°C and 40 °C.

Considering these extremely hot conditions, the public is advised to take the following precautions:

- i. Drinking plenty of water or other hydrating fluids.
- ii. Avoiding prolonged exposure to direct sunlight; seeking shade when possible.
- iii. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat or carrying an umbrella for protection.
- iv. Limiting participation in outdoor activities. If you plan on participating in outdoor activities, ensure you rest and keep well hydrated

The Department of Meteorological Services will continue to monitor this significant increase in temperatures and will provide updates as necessary. For further clarification or additional information, please contact the Director at 3612271 or the Central Forecasting Office at 3612282/3.

Thank you.

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Boatametse Modukanele  
**Permanent Secretary**

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