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# Sustainable agriculture in Botswana – A mentoring approach to aid regenerative and resilient farming practices

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An evolving partnership between The Duchy College, Outsourcery Services LLP and 4 Agricultural Colleges in Botswana aims to enhance agricultural skills and promote sustainable farming practices in Botswana. The project focuses on curriculum development by supporting mentoring activities in arable and livestock farming, embedding a student-led culture of sustainability and regenerative farming.

The project, funded by The British Council has involved 1:1 mentoring sessions, workshops and sharing of resources, with areas of focus on UN sustainability goals. The idea is to share best practices and introduce innovative methods that can be adapted to educational practices and settings.

Dr Robin Jackson – Director of The Rural Leadership School at Duchy College states “Farming is the backbone of Botswana’s economy, and empowering the agricultural colleges with the right knowledge and understanding is crucial for their future. This partnership will help improve sustainable agricultural practices and inform the future farmers and agricultural specialists for years to come.”

The project is helping the colleges identify characteristics, priorities and opportunities to embed green skills relevant to their localities and types of production, skills that include regenerative and conservation practices to make those farmers and growers more resilient and profitable. The opportunities explored have been wide-ranging, including soil health, water quality and resources, renewables, reducing chemical inputs and resource efficiency, crop diversification, integrating livestock, peer groups and knowledge exchange, fostering entrepreneurship, and working with stakeholders.

***"mentoring and helping them discover and be inspired by the potential for green skills, and to chart a course for themselves, their colleagues and students is really important. This will help them build communities of practice around regenerative and resilient farming". - Dr Robin Jackson, Duchy College***



Sharing knowledge will help Botswana to produce healthier food but also protect land for future generations. By sharing knowledge and expertise, the UK can help Botswana build a sustainable and green agricultural sector that can withstand the challenges posed by climate change whilst also learning from tropical agricultural process that inform our own professional development.

Partners in Botswana state "Agriculture is essential for our national food security and economic stability and we need to learn more about sustainable practices so we can instil this into our curriculum" said Botswana's Ministry of Education and Skills Development, "We are building a future where agriculture can thrive sustainably."

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