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## Introduction

The Centre for Applied Research (CAR) Pty.Ltd. was established in 2000 in response to the growing demand for high-quality research and consultancies. The Centre is registered in Botswana and located in its modern, fast growing capital Gaborone. CAR is a majority citizen-owned company, and it is ideally located to serve Botswana and southern Africa because:

- Botswana lies in the centre of southern Africa, and has excellent connections and communications with southern African countries.
- Gaborone offers an attractive environment for regional activities and for the Centre's growth due to the stable political climate, good governance and liberal foreign exchange regime.
- Gaborone hosts the secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and has become the "Brussels" of southern Africa.

Botswana has a rapidly growing economy with a high demand for consultancies, research and training.

The Centre's staff and associates have considerable regional and international experience, and CAR can draw upon its local, regional and global networks to carry out work in other countries.

## Location

The Centre for Applied Research is located in Gaborone in south-eastern Botswana, close to the South African border.

## Upcoming/recent events and projects

### New projects:

- CAR contributes to a World Bank mission to develop a policy note for Namibia's Livestock Sector in preparation of the country's new National Development Plan (2011).
- Investigation of the feasibility of commercial tourism on Farm 84-OQ near Ntimbale Dam for the Botswana Tourism Organisation (2011).

The note on Climate Change and Adaptation in Botswana (2011), to which CAR contributed, won a **World Bank Green Award**. The ceremony is later in 2011 in Washington DC.



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The Okavango Water Audit Project -coordinated by CAR for OKACOM and FAO - is ongoing. Specialists in Angola, Namibia and Botswana are working on the project (see [www.okacom.org](http://www.okacom.org)).

The Makgadikgadi Framework Management Plan was launched at Lekhubu Island on the 2nd of June 2011 by the Minister of Environment, Wildlife & Tourism.

A new GEF funded project to prepare a Green Paper on Human-Wildlife Conflicts for DWNP.