



## 2009 LOBBY AND ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

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Emang Basadi Women's Association (EB) has been engaged in a number of lobby and advocacy initiatives on **Gender and Human Right related issues**, the Organisation's major activism focus, which included the following:

- **SADC Protocol on Gender and Development:** EB is actively involved in the initiatives to have Botswana Government to sign the protocol as a sign of his commitment to gender and human rights equality, which is spearheaded by the **Gender and Development Sector, Botswana Confederation of Non-Governmental Organisations (BOCONGO)**, The EB Executive Director, Ida Mokereitane, is the **Alternate National Coordinator** for the event (*The campaign is on-going until mission accomplished!*)
- **Beijing +15 Platform for Action Commemoration:** EB is one of the key stakeholders involved in the preparations activities for this event, spearheaded by a national coordinating committee housed in BOCONGO. It was also involved, through its Executive Director, in organising the Local Stakeholders' Seminar held on Friday December 4, 2009. The Seminar review progress to-date, concerning Botswana's twelve (12) Critical areas of Concern. The commemoration will be held in New York in February 2010, with the Theme: **From Commitment to Action**. Emang Basadi's Executive Director has been appointed a member of the **Regional Taskforce** for this event
- **Botswana Elections Support Network (BESNet), Local Elections Observer Mission:** EB, together with other stakeholders, trained and deployed 250 election observers to 30 of the 57 constituencies throughout the country for the National General Elections held on October 16, 2009
- **Specially Appointed Members of Parliament:** EB, together with other stakeholders, made a special appeal, in writing, to Botswana President to have special consideration and preference for women, when selecting individuals for this quota, after the just held 2009, National General Elections where only TWO women elected
- **Botswana Women's Manifesto 3rd Edition:** EB organised a stakeholders' Workshop (*August 20, 2009*) to review the 2nd edition of this publication in line with relevant gender equality, women empowerment and their human rights developments. The objective is to produce the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of this publication, having considered progress made to-date, challenges, issues to be carried forward and those to be added in order to facilitate continued lobby and advocacy initiatives with government and relevant institutions.