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The Vice-Chancellor and the Senate of the University of Botswana have kindly given their agreement in principle that the 56th meeting of the Executive Council of the International African Institute (IAI) be held on the campus of the University of Botswana in the third week of September. It is intended that the Council meeting will immediately be followed by the 11th IAI's distinguished seminar series. NIR have kindly consented to act as host. It is expected that a group of distinguished academics from different universities in Africa, Europe and America will be brought together in Gaborone. Furthermore, the proposed seminar on the "Professionalisation of Traditional Medicine" is of considerable current interest and falls into one of the fields of NIR research priorities.

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W.D. HAMMOND-TOOKE

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