

Revenue Services Lesotho and Ministry of Environment Sign Landmark MoU to Strengthen Environmental Protection

Maseru, Lesotho – 28 July 2025 - Revenue Services Lesotho (RSL) and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 25th July 2025, marking a significant milestone in their collaborative efforts to enforce the Ozone and Non-Ozone Depleting Substances (ONDS) Regulations of 2024.

This strategic partnership underscores the shared commitment of both institutions to protect Lesotho's environment and borders by regulating the importation and exportation of substances that pose a threat to human health and environmental sustainability. As the nation's lead agency for revenue collection and border security, RSL will assume a key role in implementing the ONDS Regulations through enhanced border control, inspections, and surveillance operations.

The MoU establishes a framework for coordinated action, including information sharing, joint monitoring, policy review, and capacity building. These initiatives aim to strengthen the effective implementation of the ONDS Regulations, while also supporting Lesotho's obligations under international agreements such as the Montreal Protocol. This move reinforces the country's dedication to global environmental standards and sustainable development goals.

The partnership reflects a mutual recognition that environmental protection, economic development, and revenue mobilization are not mutually exclusive, but rather interdependent priorities. Through collaborative enforcement, RSL and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry aim to ensure that Lesotho's growth trajectory is both inclusive and environmentally responsible.



Both institutions expressed gratitude to their technical teams, international partners, and stakeholders whose support and collaboration made the agreement possible. The MoU is envisioned as a dynamic, evolving instrument laying the groundwork for ongoing cooperation and continuous improvement in environmental governance and regulatory enforcement.

In conclusion, this agreement does not represent an endpoint, but rather the beginning of a transformative journey toward stronger governance, improved service delivery, and a healthier environment for all Basotho.

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