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# Interviews Bostwana

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## A. Interviewee

- Function and mandate?
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## B. Institutions

### (i) Unitarism

- Is a unitary structure – in your opinion – good for your country? Why (not)?
  - ⊕ How do you see the power of the Regions and their mandate?
  - ⊕ Where do you think **real** power resides?
  - If central government makes decisions “outside its mandate” – who can intervene and how?
  - If the Regions (ex. Actors within councils) make decisions “outside their mandate” – who (citizens, central government...) can intervene and how?
  - Voters elect representatives at central level (National Assembly) and at the regional level (elected councillors). These have different mandates and representatives.  
  
→ Do you think it's difficult for the voters to keep track of their representatives (and mandate) at different levels / in different fora and hold them accountable?
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- ### (ii) **Parliamentarism and Presidentialism** Government dependent on parliamentary confidence but Head of State (HOS) also simultaneously being Head of Government (HOG)

- Your country has a President elected by Parliament. How do you see this procedure, what are the advantages and disadvantages?
  - ⊕ The President is said to be a dominant figure in Botswana society. Do you feel the Pres. has too much power? Why?
  - If yes, how should power be divided, who should be empowered?
  - Do you feel that parliament has good enough insight into the doings of the President (and government)?
  - What are the mechanisms through which the President is held accountable? Are this mechanisms accessible and efficient?
  - Are votes of no confidence common? Why / not?
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**(iii) Candidate-centered electoral system**

- Describe the electoral system
- Who has the final say with regards to ballot access?
- Do you feel party officials have too much power when it comes to nominations and rankings? Do they hold candidates / representatives to account?
- Do voters see elections as a tool for holding representatives accountable?
- Who can sanction representatives in between elections?
- Many Austrians are members of a political party. People are said to link party membership with personal benefits (such as employment), what do you think?
- ⊕ Does it happen that friends of the party leadership are placed high on the list?

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**(iv) Small bureaucracy** – smaller funding envelope, power and work force

- Do you think bureaucrats have more power than politicians?
  - Advantages / disadvantages of this in your opinion?
  - Do you feel that parliamentarians / ministers are able to control what the bureaucracy does?
  - If you as a citizen are interested in decisions made by the bureaucracy (for instance why a certain building company was awarded a contract), would you be able to get information about the tendering/ contracting process?
  - What sanctions can be applied with regards to wrong-doers?
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**C. Corruption**

- Does corruption – in your opinion – exist in your country?
  - What kind of corruption? (Give examples) Where? Who's involved?
  - Is corruption a problem in your line of work?
  - How do you see the scores for Botswana on the CPI and the WGI?
  - **Why** do you think corruption exists / doesn't exist in Botswana? (causes)
  - **Is enough being done by the state? What more could be done? Is there political will?**
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