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**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS HONOURABLE  
BIGGIE GANDA BUTALE ATTENDS THE THIRD INTER-MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

The Assistant Minister of Health and Wellness Honourable Biggie Ganda Butale leaves for Libreville, Gabon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to attend the Third Inter-Ministerial Conference on Health and Environment in Africa from 6-9 November 2018. The conference is co-organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the government of Gabon.

The conference will take stock of the progress realized by countries since Libreville Declaration in 2008 and more specifically:

1. Assess progress in the implementation of the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment in Africa
2. Share experiences and lessons learned with regard to environment and health governance at the national level in Africa
3. Identify emerging issues and threats related to health and environment and options for a healthy environment in Africa
4. Highlight regional stakeholders dialogue and public private partnership on major health and environment issues as well as their respective development policies
5. Identify opportunities for accessing investments and mobilizing domestic and international resources on health and environment priority actions
6. Agree on a strategic agenda for an increased coverage of health and environment interventions for primary prevention in public health and ecosystems preservation.

The Assistant Minister will also proceed to Doha, State of Qatar to attend the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) from 13-14 November 2018.

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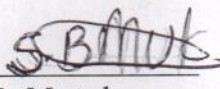
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The summit, which will convene leaders from across the sector, will provide a platform to network, share ideas and seek out innovative solutions to the world's most pressing healthcare challenges.

The Assistant Minister is accompanied by senior government officials and are expected back home on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

For more information please call 3632574.

Thank you.

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