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Structural Change, Employment and Small Business : Lessons of Experience from Botswana

This book consists of 12 chapters, most of them dealing with the micro enterprises and the required policies to help invigorate the entrepreneurial skills in Botswana.

Analysing data on the structural change in the Botswana economy, the author underscores the importance of the Services sector to Botswana economy in terms of share in employment and share in Gross Domestic Product.

The message conveyed here is that the industrial sector, especially the manufacturing sector is not yet in a position to absorb the surplus labour from the primary sector. In other words,



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it is not the systematic structural change as happened in the post industrial economies elsewhere, that has taken place in the Botswana economy. The reason is that as early as 1972, the services sector in Botswana topped in its share of employment among selected present day nations in that year, although the per capita income was the lowest among these nations.