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## **PREFACE**

It is a pleasure for us, after a long silence, to announce the revival of PULA, the African Studies Journal of the University of Botswana.

Several problems that faced the editorial committee of PULA from its inception reached a climax in the months following the departure of its first editor from Botswana. Since then efforts to revive the journal have been slowed down by the difficulty of reorganising, tracking down mislaid correspondence files and manuscripts as well as the impact of the current economic recession on the financial resources for the journal.

On behalf of the new editorial committee I express our deep regret at the resultant break in the publication of PULA, and consequent disappointment experienced by our readers, subscribers and other supporters who had earlier welcomed the birth of this journal so enthusiastically. We nevertheless feel convinced that there is still a need for a journal of this kind to come out of one of Southern Africa's newest universities in the SADOC region.

With this recent reorganisation of financial resources of PULA we look forward to a period of greater stability and regular future publication of the journal. It is accordingly, with this renewed confidence and hope that the editorial committee once more invites scholars from all over the world, especially from Africa and African-based universities and research institutes to contribute articles, book reviews etc. As an interdisciplinary journal PULA welcomes contributions on problems of development with special reference to Southern African countries in the SADCC region.

EDITOR