



BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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BCCI's 104TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- For Immediate Release-

The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry held its 104th Annual General Meeting on the 25th of April, 2024 at the Best Western Plus Belize Biltmore Plaza. A new Executive Council was introduced. Members cast their vote for a slate of 5 councilors; Mr. William Neal who topped the polls, Mr. Luis Ugarte, Mrs. Amira Correa Pelayo, Mr. Salem Guerra, and Dr. Sharmayne Saunders. Officers presented were President Ms. Katherine Meighan, Vice President Services, Ms. Noriko Gamero, Vice President Commerce Mr. Jody Williams, Vice President Industry Mr. William Usher, Treasurer Mr. Giacomo Sanchez, and Secretary Mrs. Ashanti Arthurs Martin.

The Immediate Past President, Mr. Marcello Blake gave an overview of the Chamber's initiatives in 2023 that were geared towards advocating for fair competition in the private sector, facilitating the creation of networks, and creating opportunities for our members. The Chamber thanks Mr. Blake for his unwavering dedication during his time at the helm of our Executive Council and look forward to his continued participation in our endeavors as the Immediate Past President of the BCCI.



BCCI's Treasurer, Mr. Giacomo Sanchez, delivered the presentation and adoption of the 2023 Financial Statements and referenced the Chamber's current financial position and the decisions that were made in the past year.

The guest speaker, Ms. Lucia Lattore – Generative AI and Emerging Technologies Specialist at the IDB gave a riveting presentation entitled **“Technology and its Role in Enhancing Business**



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Efficiency: Embracing AI” enlightening our members about the benefits of leveraging digitization strategies and artificial intelligence to enhance their existing business models.

Newly appointed BCCI President, Ms. Katherine Meighan delivered an address detailing her vision for the future of the BCCI under her leadership. During her remarks, Ms. Meighan pledged to introduce more “coopetition” into our strategies as a means of growing the Chamber’s influence, inspiring innovation, and embracing new business paradigms in the 21st century.



(L): Guest Speaker: Ms. Lucia Lattore (R): BCCI President: Ms. Katherine Meighan

The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry continues to embrace our role as a champion institution for the private sector and the business community as a whole, a commitment guided by our Triple C Philosophy to Connect, Capacitate, and Champion. We are grateful for the support of all parties who made our 104th year a success, and we look forward to further fruitful collaborations with our members.



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