



BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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THE BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (NEMO) SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

-For Immediate Release-

On Wednesday, delegations from the BCCI, the Statistical Institute of Belize, the Scout Association of Belize and the Belize Red Cross met with National Emergency Coordinator for NEMO, (Ret'd) Captain Daniel Mendez as well as the Minister of State in the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Ramon Cervantes Jr. The BCCI's presence brought into focus our primary objective to champion the social and economic development of Belize's private sector, and the importance of improved disaster risk reduction for local and regional business communities who continue to face devastating threats caused by global warming and other natural phenomenon. The consensus shared by the BCCI, NEMO, and by extension, the Government of Belize, is that there is a need for ALL PARTIES MENTIONED to work closer and in a more coordinated way to contribute to the successful creation of a more durable, disaster-ready private sector.

Following a constructive discussion, the BCCI's CEO Mrs. Kim Aikman signed an MOU outlining the intended areas of collaboration between the BCCI and NEMO on matters of mutual interest in supporting, consistently with and subject to our respective mandates, priorities, and resources, the strengthening of business resilience at national and local levels. This includes orchestrating joint initiatives of common interests, technical cooperation to strengthen private sector resilience, the publication of reports and public representation as it relates to the existing MOU, etc.

The BCCI reiterates its pleasure in entering into this agreement as it promises to satisfy our Triple-C philosophy to Connect, Capacitate, and Champion the interests of our membership and foster the development of a resilient business sector in Belize.



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