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**THE BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY HOSTS
3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FORUM**

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Belize City, Belize – March 28th, 2025 – The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI), in partnership with the Development Finance Corporation (DFC), held its 3rd Annual Women's Empowerment Forum on Friday, March 28th at the Belize City Civic Center. Under the theme: Wealth & Wisdom - Empowering Women in Business, the BCCI collaborated with some of the most influential women in the public and private sectors to moderate meaningful discussions and networking sessions about leadership, entrepreneurship, and professional growth among women in Belize.

The agenda consisted of panel discussions and testimonials exploring topics such as Financial Confidence: Building Knowledge, Access to Finance, the Importance of Patenting Business Assets, Mindset Shift: Rewriting the Narrative of Women & Money, and Balancing Work & Family Life. We were honored to have special remarks delivered by H.E. Rossana Briceño, Special Envoy for the Development of Families & Children, and Special Guest Speaker - Mrs. Leni Ysaguirre McGann, an Attorney-at-Law and the Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Belize (FIU).

“The Women's Empowerment Forum remains a powerful catalyst for connection, learning and inspiration,” said Mrs. Kim Aikman, Chief Executive Officer of the BCCI. “By cultivating a culture of empowerment, we are not only advancing the careers and businesses of Belizean women but also driving meaningful economic and social progress for our nation.”

The BCCI takes this opportunity to thank our partners at the DFC as well as all attendees, supporters, and presenters who assisted us in making this event a resounding success. We also wish to acknowledge all the Belizean “Women-preneurs” who not only bolster our economy, but continue to act as the bedrock for the development of social institutions such as family, education, health, and more.

As the largest private sector membership based organization in Belize, the BCCI remains committed to promoting initiatives that support women's economic empowerment and professional advancement. The Chamber looks forward to expanding the impact of the Women's Empowerment Forum in the coming years and continuing to advocate for a more inclusive and equitable business environment.





Our Story of Wealth and Wisdom

*In unity we rise, together we stand,
With dreams in our hearts and strength in our
hands. Wealth is our journey, wisdom our guide,
In the world of business, let our voices collide.*

*Through challenges faced and barriers broken,
In every success, let our stories be spoken.
Empowered together, we'll pave the way,
For future generations to seize the day.*

*So let us share knowledge, let us inspire,
With passion and purpose, let our spirits soar
higher. Together we flourish, together we thrive,
In this sisterhood, our dreams come alive.*

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