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BELIZE INVESTMENT SUMMIT

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER



Honourable John Briceno

Prime Minister of Belize
Minister of Finance,
Economic Development and
Investments

Belize, like most countries in the world, continues to be affected by COVID 19 and the ravages of the global economy. In the interest of our people and community, we must continue to actively explore strategic avenues that will enhance economic recovery with deliberate intent. For the first time in Belize, we have launched the Belize Investment Summit, under the theme "Belize: Open for Business" which falls in line with our Plan Belize mandate to promote robust economic initiatives, diversity, and inclusion of all.

Our strategic location, bountiful natural terrestrial, mineral, and marine resources, a young vibrant population, and an investor-friendly government enable an abundance of opportunities that make us uniquely attractive as an investment destination. The Government of Belize prioritizes economic development and is making the necessary legal, policy, and procedural changes, to create an environment that is conducive to doing business in Belize.

Belize is looking forward to accelerating investment growth, aligned with the sustainable development goals; improving our fiscal position, reducing our debt burden, and improving economic prosperity.

Our country boasts exceptional and untapped growth potential and has a wealth of opportunities in areas, such as, Agriculture, Tourism, Blue Economy, Business Process Outsourcing, Manufacturing and Renewable Energy which will be the highlight of our first Investment Summit.

I am convinced, as Prime Minister, that it is the opportune time to invest in Belize; whether foreign or local, to establish strategic partnerships and find investment opportunities. Join us on November 10th and 11th and seize upon the many investment opportunities we have to offer in this jewel you can call home.

BACKGROUND

The Belize Investment Summit 2021 is a first-of-its-kind event focusing on attracting and promoting investment for economic development in Belize. This high-profile occasion is being led by the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Finance, Investment, and Economic Development under the theme: "Belize is Open for Business". It is a call to both local and international investors for identifying opportunities and showcasing Belize's readiness to support global investment through vastly improved service delivery.

The Summit will feature an address by the Prime Minister highlighting the government's vision on enhanced and strategic investments, presentations from other high-profile international experts, public officials such as Chief Executive Officers, policymakers, and enterprise movers and shakers who together shape the investment climate in Belize. This will be complemented by industry-specific presentations, a Doing Business in Belize Expo, and the opportunity for robust connecting across investment stakeholders through a Match-making session.

The Summit will be delivered in a hybrid virtual and face-to-face setting allowing participants the advantage of in-person networking among investors, government officials, and other key economic agents.

Belize is Open for Business and we are ready to be your investment destination!!

OBJECTIVES

In a Post-Covid environment the Government of Belize (GOB) makes an extremely urgent call for investment to jump start and accelerate the economy. Increased investment will allow Belize to reposition itself so that it emerges from the COVID pandemic/crisis with an accelerated recovery.

Both local and foreign investments are essential to guarantee positive economic growth along with increased employment ultimately improving the quality of life of our people. To accomplish this goal, a two-day investment Summit will be held as a means to promote and generate investment for Belize that can lead to FDI and GDP growth.



GOB Key Objectives

1. Differentiate Belize as an Investment Haven to attract FDI.
2. Improve and incentivize more local investments.
3. Facilitate the transfer of skills through FDI.
4. Deepen the sophistication of our financial system.
5. Increase the inflow of foreign exchange.
6. Facilitate Industrialization



Summit Objectives

1. Inform participants about the current policies and regulations regarding investing in Belize
2. Identify and discuss emerging investment trends, opportunities and risks within Belize.
3. Foster diversity by facilitating women-led discussions and providing a networking platform for potential investment partnerships.
4. Provide an opportunity for one on one government and business dialogue on the investment climate and ease of doing business.
5. Provide a platform for local businesses and investors to engage, match and partner with global investors.

OVERVIEW

Who Should Attend

- Investors of all sizes, at all stages that are looking to establish or expand operations in the Belize.
- Companies looking for opportunities for new investments, joint venture partnerships, sale of venture, or concessionary leases.
- Investment, trade, chamber of commerce and other organizations and service providers that facilitate investments and trade with Belize and other countries.



Over 200

**Anticipated
Participants**

Existing Trade Relationships



**Foreign
Delegates**



**Matchmaking
Session**



Sectors

Agriculture

Tourism

New Growth

Blue Economy

Offshore Outsourcing

Sustainable Energy

WHY BIS 2021

Belize offers a competitive advantage for foreign direct investment attraction assigned to its strategic location in relation to important markets with preferential treatments, its wide availability of skilled and bilingual (English-Spanish) labour force and an attractive Fiscal Incentive Programme. Moreover, Belize has a strong and supportive policy framework that supports start-ups, micro-small and medium enterprises and multinational companies. This framework will be further strengthened through Belize's National Investment Policy and Strategy.

The Summit offers the opportunity to learn about investment opportunities, to promote the advantages of investing in Belize and in specific sectors, to connect with investment stakeholders, to network with them and to push your investments forward.

Reasons to Attend

- Meet face-to-face with investment promotional agencies and government officials to learn more about resources and incentives available to support business investment in Belize.
- Hold bilateral meetings with investors, local companies and government officials from across the country and region especially those that have trade agreements with Belize.
- Acquire insight into major challenges for doing business in Belize and how the Government of Belize is addressing those challenges.
- Create strategic partnerships and expand your network through local and global connections via a matchmaking session.
- Learn about export programs , how to gain entry into new markets and how to generate new sales leads and increase your brand awareness.
- Hear from a variety of high-level government and corporate speakers via moderated panels on the latest trade and investments opportunities and updates.
- Pitch your business face to face with investors looking for connections within your sector.
- Enjoy a unique business atmosphere

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS



The Belize Investment Summit will host two days of strategic discussions on a range of investment promotion initiatives, policy reforms, incentives for investors, and matchmaking opportunities, closing with an Expo to help investors deepen their understanding of the processes for doing business in Belize.

Prime Minister John Briceno

Belize: Open for Business

Managing and Promoting Investment Projects in Belize

High-Level Ministerial Panel on Strategic Investment Opportunities and Economic Reactivation

Belize's Investment Landscape panel: An Overview of the Investment Incentives and Legislative reforms

National Investment Policy and Strategy: Aligning Belize's National Horizon 2030 Vision and Belize's GSDS

Navigating Belize's Trade Landscape and Exploring Current Trade Agreements and Export Opportunities.

AGENDA



On Women and Investments: Adjusting the Investment Playing Field

Women in Business: Dilemmas, Opportunities and Investing Beyond Labels

Using the Sustainable Development Goals as a Tool for Attracting Investments

Financing your Investments and Strategies for Sustainable Investing in Belize

Perspectives, Plans and Opportunities for Intelligent Investing in Belize's key sectors

Strategic Investor Matchmaking Session and Government of Belize Expo

Doing Business in Belize



Registering for Taxes



Environmental Clearance
Process



Securing Your Immigration
Status



Acquiring Property in Belize



Obtaining a Work Permit



Building Clearance Process



Registering for
Social Security



Land Registration Process



Establishing a Business in Belize
(Business Registration and
Incorporation Process)

PROFILES

Connect with companies via a matchmaking session to identify business opportunities, start the investment process and establish strategic alliances.



Santander

Santander Sugar Group is an agro-industrial company that produces sugar, molasses, and electricity. They established their facilities in the Western region of Belize in 2016. The sugar product is intended for direct consumption and hopes to invest in growing sugar cane fields and electricity.



BAHAR Agro-Ventures Ltd. (BAVL)

BAVL is a Central American-based agribusiness company engaged in high-value agricultural and agro-forestry projects that are customized to be profitable yet sustainable and sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the local population, ecosystem, and natural resources.



Port of Belize

The Belize Port Authority (BPA) is a statutory body established in 1980 and currently falls under the portfolio of the Ministry of Transport & National Emergency Management. The Authority is administered by a Board of Directors and its main headquarters is in Belize City. Their main focus is to safely monitor the security of shipping operations and the protection of the marine environment.



Cementos Progreso

A company dedicated to providing high-quality cement using quality control laboratories and robotics that ensure optimal production and performance.



Blue Zen

High Quality condos situated on the beach with breath-taking views of the Caribbean Sea on the charming and idyllic island of Caye Caulker. This development offers 125 units perfect for tourism, retirement residencies with conference and catering facilities.



Caribbean Premiere Products Ltd.;

Caribbean Premier Products Limited is a beverage bottling & distribution facility located in Belmopan City, Belize C.A. Established in August, 2007 the company has in excess of 60 employees; facilities which include a hot-fill bottling line, over 15,000 sq ft. of refrigerated and dry storage space and an agro-processing department. Our product offerings include: Non-Carbonated Beverages, Purified water, Natural Juices & Private Labelling.



Aunt Sadie's / Hot Mama's

Aunt Sadie's Belize is a company that is offering a great selection of Belizean-made food items for your eating enjoyment. It is a registered company in Belize and does the manufacturing for all of Aunt Sadie's products. This facility is registered as a Foreign Food Facility with US FDA and the process and products have approval for entry into the USA.



Cardelli Farms

Located in Belize South, the village of Independence, Cardelli Farms Ltd has been in shrimp production since 2006. They boast a 150-acre property with 6x25 acre ponds and has built a reputation around the quality of their products.



Finca Chocolat

Finca Chocolat is a producer of fine flavor Belizean cacao. Our single-origin fermented and dried cacao is traceable, reliable, and grown in a sustainable manner ensuring customer satisfaction and employee well-being.

FIND OUT MORE!

More Company Profiles will be added soon. You can find details of these and other investments on the BIS webpage: <https://www.investmentsummit.bz/opportunities.html>

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