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Government of Belize Hosts Climate Data, Geospatial Technologies, Coastal and Fisheries Data Management Training

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Starting today, the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation (MBECA), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Belize's National Designated Authority to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), will host three four-day training sessions for better tracking of ecosystem health and forecasting future climate change impacts.

The sessions will also include the use of innovative technologies such as remote sensing and will be guided by modules designed from a pre-evaluation knowledge survey and training manual. The main thematic areas include Geographic Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing, Climate Data Analysis and Visualization, and Coastal and Fisheries Data Management. The sessions are divided into three modules: Introductory, Intermediate and Intermediate Advance, which are scheduled for April 25 to 28, May 9 to 12, and May 23 to 26, 2023.

At the end of the sessions, the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, the Belize Fisheries Department, the National Meteorological Service of Belize, the Blue Economy Unit under the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, and the University of Belize will have the capacity to track ecosystem health and forecast future climate change impacts using innovative technologies.

The training is a deliverable under the GCF readiness project entitled "Enhancing adaptation planning and increasing climate resilience in the coastal zone and fisheries sector of Belize."

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