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Ministry of Agriculture Hosts Panel Discussion to Commemorate International Women's Day

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Today, March 9, 2021, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise hosted a livestream panel discussion under the theme “Women in Agriculture: Overcoming Our Challenges, Inspiring Change.”

The discussion was in observance of International Women's Day which is globally celebrated on March 8th. This day is set aside to highlight women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements and to collectively advocate for a more inclusive and equal world. The theme for 2021 is “Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World.”

The aim of the discussion was to provide a platform for women to share their experiences, challenges, and opportunities related to their leadership roles in their respective organizations. Panelists included women from the Ministry of Agriculture and partners in development.

The Ministry's broader objective is to promote advocacy for equal rights of women and youths in the agriculture sector through inclusive contributions by all stakeholders and, furthermore, to identify and incorporate tangible actions into the Ministry's workplans and agenda for 2021 and beyond.

At the end of the discussion, certificates were issued to all women working with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise in recognition of their efforts and contributions.

During the month of March, women who play a key role in the development of agriculture will be featured in the Ministry's newsletter and Breaking Belize News.

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