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## **CEO Caucus Prepares for 2021 Hurricane Season**

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June 1 signals the start of the Atlantic hurricane season. To this end, Ambassador Stuart Leslie, Cabinet Secretary, led a briefing and planning session with the caucus of the chief executive officers to prepare for the 2021 hurricane season.

At the session, Ronald Gordon, chief meteorology officer, provided an overview of the forecast for this year's hurricane season while Col. (Ret'd) Shelton Defour, national emergency coordinator for NEMO, presented on the state of preparedness.

The CEOs serve as chairs of various national committees including search and rescue, transport and evacuation, damage assessment, relief and supplies management, among others. During the session, the CEOs proposed further policy and practical mechanisms through which to strengthen the integrated disaster management for Belize.

As is the norm during this time, all Belizeans are advised to tune in to the weather forecasts and prepare for the likelihood of a storm. The hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

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