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Prime Minister Receives Belize@42 Creative Youth Ideas Summit Outcomes Document

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During today's Cabinet Meeting, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño was presented the *Belize@42 Creative Youth Ideas Summit Outcomes Document* by Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology.

First held in 2021, the Belize Creative Youth Ideas Summit is an official event of the National Celebrations calendar. The summit provides a platform for youth to engage in constructive solutions-based dialogue while sharing their thoughts and ideas for sustainable and social development of Belize. This year, youths representing various organizations, socio-economic backgrounds and geographical spaces convened for the hybrid event on September 13.

The Outcomes document outlines responses to the following questions, which focused on the ongoing constitutional reform process and various social challenges faced by Belize as a developing nation:

- *What does Belize@42 mean to you?*
- *In your view, what attributes should the ideal Belizean citizen hold? What should their rights and responsibilities be?*
- *Discuss a critical issue that impedes our socio-economic development and prosperity. Elaborate on how this issue impacts all of us and explore possible solutions.*

The Prime Minister welcomed the opportunity to review the document, which represents the voice of Belize's youth. Copies were also shared with the Cabinet.

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