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Belize Attends Caribbean Youth Summit in Jamaica

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Belize participated in the Caribbean Youth Summit (CYS) in Jamaica from November 22 to 25. The delegation included Ms. Indira Loague, Deputy Director of Youth Services; Ms. Marissa Cervantes, Belize's Caricom Youth Ambassador; and Ms. Dominga Cucul, Indigenous Youth Representative (Maya Culture).

The inaugural summit was hosted under the theme, "Securing Our Future: Youth Co-Creating a Peaceful and Sustainable Caribbean Community Against GBV."

Participants gained knowledge of strategies for becoming more involved in fighting and reducing violence in their countries, with a focus on mental, sexual and reproductive health, and gender-based and community violence. The sessions also focused on capacity building, empowering attendees to participate in decision-making processes. It also provided opportunities for sharing ideas on the prevention of gender-based violence, while receiving support to improve their own mental and social well-being to address any challenges correlated to violence.

The Caribbean Youth Summit is in line with sustainable development goal #5, which aims to achieve gender equality by ending all forms of discrimination, violence, and harmful practices against women and girls.

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