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GOB Launches #planbelize 2.0 Medium-Term Development Strategy 2026-2030

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The Government of Belize officially launched the #planBelize 2.0 Medium-Term Development Strategy (MTDS) 2026-2030, setting out a renewed national framework to guide public investment, policy priorities, and institutional coordination over the next five years, as Belize works towards its 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Held at Muffles College Auditorium in Orange Walk Town, the launch brought together the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, other senior government officials, development partners, representatives of civil society, and national stakeholders to mark the beginning of a new phase in Belize's development journey.

The Strategy builds on the foundations of the previous MTDS and brings together fourteen strategic objectives under five interconnected strategic thrusts: Sustainable Economic Transformation, Social Protection and Human Resilience, Sustainable Rural and Agricultural Development, Environment, Conservation and Climate Resilience, and Institutional Strengthening and Public Service Modernization.

Delivering the keynote address, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño emphasized the importance of having a shared national direction that connects government priorities with the aspirations of Belizeans.

“We cannot choose every circumstance we are dealt, but we can choose what we do with them. And that is what this Strategy is about. Making deliberate choices about the Belize we want, and then doing the hard, steady work to make it a reality.”

Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of Economic Transformation, highlighted the importance of approaching economic development collectively, requiring institutions to work across traditional sectoral boundaries to achieve better outcomes for Belizeans.

“The MTDS is our call to coordinate. [...] We want every ministry represented here today to look at this Strategy and ask: Where is my mandate in this and who do I need to work with to get better results?”

Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, highlighted Belize's commitment to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of ensuring that international commitments are reflected in national priorities, policies, and development outcomes.

“These international commitments should not be separated from our national development agenda. They must speak to each other and reinforce the development outcomes we are working to achieve.”

A central feature of the Strategy is its emphasis on results-based implementation and the use of evidence to inform decision-making. Through stronger inter-institutional coordination, improved monitoring and evaluation, and more deliberate alignment of public resources with national priorities, the Government aims to ensure that the Strategy translates into measurable improvements in people's lives.

Under the theme *From Plan to Prosperity*, the launch underscored a shared commitment to move beyond planning towards sustained implementation and tangible national results.

As Belize looks towards 2030, the #planBelize 2.0 MTDS 2026-2030 provides a common framework for Government, the private sector, civil society, development partners, and citizens to contribute to a shared national purpose: building a more productive, inclusive, resilient, and prosperous Belize.

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