

Belize's National Bio-Safety Committee

"Development of the National Biosafety Framework for Belize"
UNEP/GEF Project

Invitation to the 2nd National Consultation on the Development of a National Biosafety Framework in Belize

The Government of Belize, as part of its obligation under the Cartagena Protocol of the Convention of Biological Diversity, is developing a National Biosafety Framework (NBF) for the safe use and handling of Living Modified Organisms or Genetically Modified Organisms (LMOs/GMOs) in Belize.

The development of the NBF requires extensive consultation and collaboration with stakeholders to ensure that the mechanism developed for the safe use and handling of LMOs/GMOs will provide the appropriate level of protection for Belize.

You or your organization has been identified as a valuable contributor to this effort, and we take this opportunity to invite you to the 2nd National Consultation on the Development of a National Biosafety Framework for Belize to be held at the different venues and dates as indicated below:

Orange Walk	October 18	<i>CLICO (Formerly British Fidelity Assurance Ltd)</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
Belize City	October 20	<i>Northern Fishermens Cooperative</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
Belmopan	October 25	<i>George Price Center</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
Punta Gorda	October 27	<i>Father Ring Parish Hall</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>

Attached please also find a copy of the draft biosafety policy, the agenda outlining the objectives of the consultation with a brief summary of the organization and work of the National Biosafety Committee in Belize.

We thank you for your collaboration and look forward to your participation in the national consultation.

Sincerely,

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