

Policy Dialogue between the Government of Belize and the Inter-American Development Bank

On May 16, 2013 a Policy Dialogue was held between the Government of Belize (GoB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

The aim of the Policy Dialogue was to discuss the development outlook and challenges for Belize, as well as policy options in selected areas of development. The dialogue was instrumental as a new IDB Country Strategy for the period 2013-2017 will be approved later this year.

Presentations by GoB and IDB representatives focused on four key areas:

- Belize's Macroeconomic and Development Outlook
- Accelerating Belize's Economic Growth and addressing our constraints
- Improving our Human Resource Development
- Fiscal Management

Representatives from the GoB included the Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Waight, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, Chief Executive Officers, and other government senior technical staff. The IDB was represented by the General Manager for the IDB's Country Department for Central America, Mexico and the Dominican Republic (CID), Ms. Gina Montiel, the IDB Country Representative for Belize, Division Chiefs from the Sector Departments, CID Regional Economic Advisor and Country Economist for Belize, and other IDB senior technical staff.