



Caribbean Urban Forum 2017 [CUF 7]

May 17 – 19, 2017

Radisson Fort George Hotel

Belize City, Belize



[GREEN] ENERGY, ECONOMY & SPACE PATHWAYS TO URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

The **Conference Theme**, above, recognizes that the world is urbanizing, and for the Caribbean and Belize, it is at a time when there is increasing vulnerability to the adverse impacts of Climate Change, rising socio-economic and other urban development challenges, for example, poverty, crime and violence, housing deficits, inefficient urban sprawl and environmental degradation, and a slowing of economic growth. In recognition that this requires a comprehensive and holistic programme of action if we are to contribute to the **Paris Agreement of keeping the average global temperature below 2 degrees**, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly **Sustainable Development Goal 11-Bringing about inclusive, resilient, safe and sustainable urban communities**, and if we are to pursue the **New Urban Agenda, that is, rethinking how we plan, manage and live in our urban areas**, so that they can serve as engines of prosperity and centres of cultural and social well-being, while protecting the environment and reducing vulnerability to the impacts of hazards and climate change.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF CUF 7:

- City, Town and Village Councils and Staff
- Chief Executive Officers
- Head of Departments
- Government Officials
- Professionals – Planners, Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, Social Scientists etc.
- Real Estate Developers
- Regional and Multilateral Agencies
- Public and Private Sector
- Local, Regional and International NGO's
- Academics and University Faculty
- Tertiary Students
- Media

- ✚ 45+ **presentations of papers** from national, regional and global institutions, academia, government and civil society on thematic areas
- ✚ **Welcome and Cultural Night** hosted by the Belize City Council
- ✚ **Urban Expo** featuring the ESCI, the Emerging Sustainable City Initiative for pursuing an urban sustainability for Belize City, projects and best practices in urban sustainability in other municipalities and services and products contributing to urban sustainability and a low carbon development pathway
- ✚ **3 Experiential Tours** - *Experiencing the Waterfront and Historic Downtown Belize City, Examining the Concept of a Metro Belize City and Embracing the Water City.*
- ✚ **Mayors' Forum**, featuring CAMCAYCA, the Central American Association of Municipal Authorities and CALGA, the Caribbean Association of Local Government, to examine the question of the role of local government in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the challenges to local government assuming this role, of ensuring proper citizen engagement and the role of decentralization in development and greater autonomy for local government.
- ✚ **3-Adventure Tours** of San Pedro Town and Hol Chan Marine Reserve; Orange Walk Town and Lamanai Archeological Reserve and Belmopan, San Ignacio/Santa Elena and Xunantunich Archeological Reserve;

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