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### **Virtual Structured Dialogue to Validate Belize's Country Programme for Engagement with the Green Climate Fund**

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Today, the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment, Belize's National Designated Authority (NDA) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), began a three-day workshop to conduct Belize's Second Structured Dialogue to validate the Country Programme for engagement with the GCF.

The workshop will be held from March 29 to 31, 2021 and is being conducted in collaboration with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and facilitated by the consulting firm Willis Towers Watson. It is a follow-up to the First National Dialogue which took place in October 2020.

At the event, the NDA secretariat and national stakeholders will validate the updated Country Programme and its proposed pipeline of projects as well as a proposed procedure for continuously updating the Programme. Belize's Country Programme for engagement with the GCF is a document that guides Belize's GCF investment priorities and readiness support requests by translating national climate change priorities into a pipeline of fundable projects and programmes, prioritised by national stakeholders and the Government of Belize.

By the completion of the exercise, Belize will have developed a robust pipeline of projects and programmes (adaptation, mitigation and crosscutting) for submission to the GCF, as well as a clear roadmap for investment priorities to tackle climate change as part of GCF's first replenishment period of 2020-2023.

The Government of Belize has engaged with the Green Climate Fund since 2015 to improve access to climate finance. The GCF is the largest fund dedicated to climate change in the world, which can provide critical support to achieve environment goals.

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