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Ministry of Agriculture and FAO Launch Technical Cooperation Projects

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched two technical cooperation projects on November 21, 2022.

Valued at US\$200,000, the first project focuses on the Belize Agriculture Sector Policy with an emphasis on seeds, backyard poultry, marketing, and indigenous territories. The project aims to improve the livelihood of rural farmers and indigenous people through the adoption of an enhanced governance and policy framework enabling diversification through regional trade.

The second project is valued at US\$250,000 and focuses on Digital Agriculture Services for a Sustainable and Inclusive Agri-food System and Value Chain. The project is for sustainable, efficient, and inclusive agri-food systems and agricultural value chains to achieve prosperous rural societies.

Present at the launch was Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise; Dr. Crispim Moreira, FAO Representative for Jamaica, the Bahamas and Belize; Servulo Baeza, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Victoriano Pascual, Chief Agriculture Officer; and other senior staff of the ministry.

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