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**SENSITIZATION SESSIONS FOR NPO AND NGO COMMUNITIES
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED**

June 26, 2024 – The Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry (BCCAR) announces successful completion of a series of sensitization sessions held between June 18th and 21st 2024 which aimed at raising awareness about registration, annual filing, and compliance requirements for non-profit organizations (NPOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Over 200 participants, representing existing and aspiring NPOs and NGOs, supporting organizations, and financial institutions, benefited from these sessions which took place in Corozal Town, Belize City, Belmopan, and Punta Gorda Town.

Key topics focused on understanding the registration process, annual filing requirements, compliance and obligations, navigating the regulatory landscape, and best practices to avoid vulnerabilities for NPOs and NGOs in Belize.

Key highlights:

Inclusive and engaging Participation: A diverse and inclusive dialogue. The sessions were designed to be engaging and accessible to all, with materials and discussions tailored to meet the needs of NPOs and NGOs. The sessions provided a platform for the public to voice concerns, feedback and clarify uncertainties.

Expert-Led Sessions: Leading experts and practitioners in the respective fields facilitated the sessions, providing valuable insights and practical knowledge. Their expertise helped demystify complex issues and offered actionable steps for community members to take.

Feedback from Participants:

“I want to thank the BCCAR & FSC for taking time to share this valuable information to us, we have more clarity now.”

“Thank you for a great session. Great presentation style with lots of opportunities to ask questions & resolve uncertainties.”

BCCAR and FSC remain committed to providing access to information and services that empower organizations contributing to the social needs of Belize. The success of these sensitization sessions is a testament to the power of education and community collaboration in addressing critical needs.

Stay tuned for further educational information and future webinar sessions.

About BCCAR

Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry (BCCAR) is Belize's business entity registry providing incorporation, registration, and post-registration services for Companies (including foreign companies), Business Names, Limited Liability Partnerships, International Trusts, International Foundations, and Non-Governmental Organisations & Non-Profit Organisations.

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About FSC

The Financial Services Commission of Belize is the primary regulatory body overseeing non-bank financial services, including securities and capital markets. Its mission is to ensure a robust, fair, and transparent financial system in Belize while protecting Belizean investors and supporting the growth of the Belizean capital markets.

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