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Belize Association of Planners in Quito, Ecuador for Habitat III's New Urban Agenda

The Director of Communications, Outreach and Networking of the Belize Association of Planners, Keisha Rodriguez, is participating in Habitat III-The New Urban Agenda currently underway in Quito, Ecuador.

The Habitat III Conference has, as its mission, the adoption of a New Urban Agenda—an action-oriented document which will set global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in urban communities through drawing together cooperation with committed partners, relevant stakeholders, and urban actors at all levels of government as well as the private sector.

As champions and advocates of resilient, inclusive and sustainable urban communities, the Belize Association of Planners welcomes Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda, and encourages the Government of Belize to capitalize on the opportunities available for systemizing the alignment between cities, towns, villages and rural communities and national planning objectives in their role as drivers of national economic and social development.

This century will see a substantial majority of the population of Belize and the world living in urban centers. Throughout modern history, urbanization has been a major driver of development and poverty reduction, and Belize can respond to this key development opportunity by promoting a new model of urban development that is able to integrate all facets of sustainable development to promote equity, welfare and shared prosperity. It is therefore critical that we begin to think urban: how to mobilize ourselves and leverage partnerships to plan for and manage demographic and economic growth.

The Belize Association of Planners extends its appreciation to the Mayor of Belize City, Daryl Bradley for his support in making our participation possible.

For more information and updates on our participation in Habitat III-the New Urban Agenda, visit us at www.facebook.com/belize_association_of_planners or www.belizeplanners.org

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