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Dear Stakeholders,

In our previous issue we mentioned that the 2015/2016 report of the Auditor General, had been officially published. Since then, the Joint Public Accounts Committee (JPAC) first 2025 hearing was held on Friday 24 October, 2025. This hearing was hosted by the National Assembly and chaired by the Member of the Opposition, Lee Mark Chang. The committee includes members of both the House of Representatives as well as the Senate. This committee exists to ensure that public funds are spent efficiently, transparently and for the benefit of the Belizean people. During this hearing the Auditor General had an opportunity to respond to questions presented by the committee members concerning the Auditor General's 2015/2016 report.

The recording of this hearing was made available through the [Government of Belize Press](#)

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Signing of MOU

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Office of the Auditor General of Belize, the Auditor General's Department of Jamaica, The Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI), and the Intosai Development Initiative - IDI. This agreement provides for technical peer support to the Office of the Auditor General of Belize for the period of 2026-2027, strengthening regional cooperation and institutional capacity within the Caribbean audit community.





Visit from Public Debt Expert – October 23, 2025

The Office of the Auditor General was pleased to welcome Mr. Tsegaye Assyew, Public Debt Expert, accompanied by Ms. Alisha Guy (Budget Analyst) and Mr. Glenford Parham (Business Analyst). Their visit formed part of the “Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Project, Public Debt Consultancy”, coordinated by the Central Executing Unit of the Ministry of Finance and funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).



The Auditor General meets with Mr. Peter Boulding

Peter Boulding BA, PhD, FCPFA facilitated audit staff under the SPEM project for the Ministry of Public Service (MPS). He is an experienced trainer and consultant, and previous assistant Director International at the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA). Mr. Boulding has more than 30 years of experience providing technical leadership in Public Financial Management (PFM) and Public Sector Reform (PSR).



Wellness and Awareness

During the month of October, the Office engaged in several activities to promote wellness including a visit by representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), activities which focused on stress management and self-care. World Mental Health Day also served as an important reminder of rest, recharge and reconnect.

Pink Friday at the OAGB

The Office of the Auditor General proudly joined in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a “Positively Pink Friday.” Staff wore pink to show solidarity and to promote positive thinking and well-being.



EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional Intelligence remains one of the sought after, soft skills in the workplace. As the Office seeks to build capacity, it invests in professional and skill development for its most valuable resource, its human resource.

The Belize Training and Employment Center, a unit of BELTRAIDE, hosted a workshop for men and boys in the community which focused on emotional intelligence, leadership, and resilience-building, equipping participants with tools to grow, connect, and thrive. The male staff at the Office of the Auditor General had an opportunity to participate in this invaluable workshop.

Additionally the OAGB invested in another series of Emotional Intelligence workshops, November 25 and 26, 2025 for female staff.

Bridge the Generation Gap

On September 25th, Supervisors of Audit Ms. Marcie Requena and Ms. Edeldi Ayala attended a one day BELTRAIDE workshop entitled "Bridge the Generation GAP". The session explored strategies for fostering effective collaboration across age groups in the workplace.





SPMR WORKSHOP

As OAGB's previous strategic plan was nearing completion, the office embarked on the development of a new strategic plan under the leadership of the newly appointed Auditor General, Mrs. Maria Rodriguez. To support this process, OAGB collaborated with the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) through participation in the Strategy, Performance Measurement, and Reporting (SPMR) Initiative.

As part of this engagement, SAI Belize attended a workshop hosted by the INTOSAI Development Initiative in Nassau, Bahamas, from November 17–21, 2025. This workshop marked the final stage of the strategic planning process. Representatives from SAIs across the CAROSAI Region including the Bahamas (host), Grenada, Jamaica, Suriname, and Belize immersed themselves in an interactive Monitoring & Reporting Workshop. The sessions focused on key areas such as developing and finalizing a monitoring framework and monitoring plan, performance reporting, change management, risk management, and effective decision making. Participants took part in theoretical presentations, case studies, and mentoring sessions, all aimed at strengthening their understanding of critical components of strategic planning. By the conclusion of the workshop, SAI Belize had successfully finalized its monitoring framework and monitoring plan. The workshop proved invaluable, contributing significantly to the completion of the new strategic plan, which is scheduled for launch in January 2026.

IVLP Exchange Program

The International visitor leadership program (IVLP), administered by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, was officially launched in 1940 to strengthen ties between the United States and other nations through professional exchanges and interactions with participants from around the world. Auditor General of Belize, Mrs. Maria Rodriguez was invited as a guest to take part in this initiative. Following the program, Mrs. Rodriguez, received, a certificate of participation, from the United States Embassy, recognizing her involvement in the IVLP.



The OAGB Celebrates

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Years of Service to Belize.
November 16, 2025



Maria Rodriguez
Auditor General



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Stakeholder Engagement

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The Office of the Auditor General hosted its annual Fraud Awareness Forum and Stakeholder Engagement on Thursday November 13, 2025 at the Grand Resort Hotel in Belize City. This forum brought together professionals from various sectors to participate in a discussion on the work of the office, red flags, stakeholder responsibilities, and how we can work together to uphold policies and procedures. The Office of the Auditor General, Belize is an official supporter of the International Fraud Awareness Week.



Fraud Awareness Week

Stakeholder Engagement





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Auditor General Mrs. Maria Rodriguez, was invited to conduct Spanish Mock Examination at Our Lady of Guadalupe for their 4th year students in preparation for CXC Spanish exams.



Audit Clerk Ms. Berthalee Parks engaging young learners at the St Joseph R.C. School. Her presentation on the work of the Office of the Auditor General was engaging and, in their words, "fun".

Highlights



The OAGB says no, to gender based violence.

#NWC initiative



Garifuna Settlement Day Celebration.

Spreading cheer one gift at a time.

The Office of the Auditor General staff donated gifts for the children at the hospital.



2025 HONOREES



Edeldi Ayala

Mrs. Ayala's team issued a total of fourteen (14) reports.

Marcie Requena

Ms. Requena's team issued a total of six (6) reports that included their core audit functions, cash survey and financials.



Leonellie Caliz

Ms. Caliz team issued a total of six (6) reports however, these were only cash surveys and financials





Season's Greetings

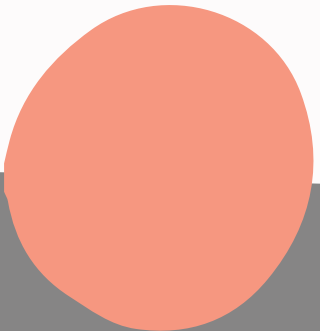
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JOYFUL SEASON AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR!

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