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THE BELIZE POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE & THE STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OF BELIZE SIGN TECHNICAL COOPERATION MOU

Belize City, September 9, 2025 – The Belize Policy Research Institute (BEPRI) at the University of Belize (UB) and the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on information exchange and promoting the use of data-driven research to inform policy making in Belize.

The agreement allows for cooperation on utilizing existing data, filling data gaps, joint research proposals and publications, as well as on training in areas such as data management, survey design, and policy analysis. Staff of the SIB and BEPRI and faculty and students of UB are expected to contribute and benefit.

The MOU was signed by Ms. Diana Castillo, Director General of the SIB, Dr. Dylan Vernon, Executive Director of BEPRI and Dr. Vincent Palacio, President of the University of Belize.

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About the Partnering Institutions

The Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)

The SIB is an autonomous statutory body responsible for collecting, compiling, and publishing official statistics for Belize.

The Belize Policy Research Institute (BELPRI)

BELPRI is an independent, non-profit public policy think tank affiliated with the University of Belize.