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### Convening of the Digital Inclusion Team

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Today, the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit, under the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance, established and convened the first meeting of the Digital Inclusion Team, a multi-stakeholder committee established to guide, coordinate, and champion strategic planning activities to foster digital equity through the National Digital Inclusion Program.

In October 2021, Cabinet formally approved Belize's National Digital Agenda 2022-2025, which highlighted the need to address urgent challenges to strengthen an enabling environment, particularly low digital skills, access, and infrastructure. While digital technology has created new opportunities, it has also presented further challenges in the exclusion and isolation of communities due to low digital literacy and access to ICT and information. As a result, the National Digital Inclusion Program, led by the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit, is designed to facilitate access, adoption, and application of information and communication technologies by marginalized communities as a means of socio-economic prosperity.

The National Digital Agenda has three focus areas: capacity, connectivity, and technology. Activities under these focus areas include (i) establishing digital connect centres across rural communities; (ii) conducting digital skills and literacy training for youths, women, and the elderly; and (iii) conducting a national digital divide study. The initial phases of this initiative are being funded through Taiwan's International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Government of Belize.

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