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Joint Government of Belize- United Nations Development Program Girls in Tech Webinar

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Yesterday, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance (MPUELE), alongside the United Nations Development Programme hosted the “We are Girls in Tech Webinar” in celebration of Girls in ICT Day 2023.

The webinar aimed to encourage and inspire young girls to pursue careers in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) by showcasing the achievements of girls who are currently in the field. The panel of speakers featured a diverse group of high school girls who shared their personal experiences and insights on how to navigate the industry and overcome barriers faced by girls in ICT.

Teachers, students, and the public tuned in to support the speakers and to learn from the technology they have been using. The webinar speakers and topics included:

- **Saint Catherine Academy**- Sapphire Jenkins who presented on Coding.
- **Sacred Heart College**- Jenny Gonzalez who presented on Digital Art and Media.
- **Belize High School**- Karii Domingo and Melysa Choi who presented on Robotics.

MPUELE also held a Digital Skills for Life Video Competition. The video competition allowed girls to highlight challenges they face in building digital skills and solutions to these challenges. The competition winners included:

- **1st Place** Stephanie Mojica
- **2nd Place** Alaine Perdomo
- **3rd Place** Jailyn Patt

The Girls in ICT Day is an international initiative aimed at promoting the participation of young girls and women in ICT-related fields and seeks to empower and elevate the voices of women in technology. Alongside key partners such as the UNDP, the MPUELE’s E-Governance and Digitalization Unit has been actively supporting female inclusion in ICT in Belize.

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