

Press Release

The official launch of consultations for the development of the National Identification (ID) Bill

Belmopan, February 3rd, 2026.

On February 3rd 2026, the Government of Belize successfully hosted the official launch of consultations for the development of the National Identification (ID) Bill. This important initiative seeks to strengthen identity management, enhance service delivery and improve citizens' access to social and economic opportunities.

The kick off session marks the beginning of a collaborative and engaging consultation process designed to guide the drafting of a comprehensive and inclusive National Identification Bill. The event brought together a diverse range of stakeholders, including representatives from civil society, academia, the private sector, and government institutions.

The session was both informative and highly interactive. Participants engaged in constructive dialogue, sharing initial questions, concerns, recommendations, and key opportunities to support the development of a robust and citizen-centered National Identification Framework.

The proposed National ID Bill and supporting regulations aim to:

- Establish a unified and secure legal foundation for identity management.
- Safeguard data privacy and protection for all individuals.
- Define institutional roles, governance structures and oversight mechanisms.
- Improve access to public services, financial systems, and social protection programs.
- Strengthen national security and administrative efficiency.
- Accelerate digital transformation across government and private sector services

Over the coming weeks, additional consultations, engagements, and awareness activities will be carried out. The Government of Belize encourages all stakeholders—including the general public—to participate actively and share their perspectives to help shape a modern, secure, and inclusive National Identification System. The mechanisms for public participation will be posted in the Ministry of E-Governance Facebook page.

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