



Pesticides Control Board

This first strategic plan for the PCB seeks to modernize the institution through a more effective governance system for the implementation of the government's policies and strategies on safer use and management of pesticides. The plan will facilitate the PCB to be more responsive to the dynamic circumstances surrounding the regulation of all aspects of pesticide management to ensure that pesticide use in Belize does not present unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment.

Strategic Overview 2017-2021



Summary

The Pesticides Control Board (PCB) established in 1985 is responsible for regulating pesticides in the country ensuring that pesticides imported and used pose minimal risk to human health and the environment.

The functions of the PCB include:



(a) Registration of pesticides; (b) Re-evaluation of registered pesticides; (c) Surveillance, monitoring, compliance and enforcement of post registration requirements; and (d) Training, public awareness and outreach initiatives to improve the regulatory process and promote responsible pesticide use and management.

The PCB has four levels of governance and operations- the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the Registration Committee, the Registrar of the PCB and the staff involved in operations and execution of technical and administrative activities.

The PCB has consistently delivered on its mandate through:

- Alignment of activities with the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management, while fostering a cooperative relationship with its stakeholders;

- Early steps for the prohibition of pesticides considered too dangerous to justify their use and special requirements for pesticides classified as restricted-use;
- Establishment of the country's only existing formal chemicals registration scheme, for the registration of Pesticides.
- A recognized programme for training of pesticide users, increasing awareness on pesticides management best practices;
- Addressing the gaps in pesticide management, such as ensuring the availability of personal protective equipment to pesticide users.

Going forward, the PCB recognized the need for greater systematic planning and programming to become a more effective organization that delivers quality services and provides adequate coverage to Belize's agri-food sector.

The Process

The process for the development of the Strategic Plan involved an assessment of the performance and operations of the PCB; including its structure within the Government's policy priorities for the agricultural sector and the execution of the PCB's mandate; an analysis of the scope of technical services provided, client orientation and satisfaction, and strategic alliances in both the public and non-public sectors, and a SWOT analysis of the organization.

The Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 defines the strategic goals (SGs) for the PCB for the next 5 years and major actions to be taken at the governance, managerial, technical and operational levels to enable the institution to respond more effectively and efficiently to rapidly changing demands, and the needs of its clientele and achieve higher levels of performance.



Overview of the strategy

Vision

A Belize where the environment and associated eco-systems, human health and socio economic development are protected through the rational use of pesticides

Mission

To safeguard the health of the Belizean people and the environment, through pesticide regulation and capacity building, thus promoting the availability of wholesome food through rational pesticide management

Overarching Goal

Increase the responsible use and management of pesticides to protect human health and the environment of Belize

Strategic Goals

Improve quality and efficiency of the registration process

Safeguard the responsible use and management of pesticides

Strengthen and expand strategic partnerships and inter-institutional linkages

Improve Governance, Management and Operations

Key successes expected:



- A PCB that better understands and interprets the challenges and issues related to pesticide use and management and is well-positioned to contribute to safer human and environmental health in Belize
- The adoption of more sustainable farming practices in areas that deliver greater resource efficiency and reduced negative environmental impact.
- A more streamlined and effective governance system that makes sound policy decisions and provides adequate guidance and advisory services to the PCB's operations.
- A decision-making process based on sound scientific evidence and information, coupled with stronger enforcement mechanisms achieved through updated legislation.
- Enforcement processes for efficient compliance by stakeholders.
- A better skilled, more knowledgeable, and efficient personnel working in an integrated manner ensuring the achievement of measurable results.
- A more financially and technically sustainable PCB to effectively address the challenges and problems of Belize's agri-food sector in the area of pesticide use and management
- A PCB that ensures that Belize meets its compliance requirements as a signatory to regional and international agreements.
- Strategic partnerships for better coordination at addressing challenges in pesticide use.
- Improved awareness, participation and understanding in pesticide management and regulation.
- Wider recognition of PCB's important value-added contribution to safer human and environmental health, through its efforts to safe and sustainable farming systems.

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