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PRESS RELEASE

Launch of the Pesticides Control Board's First Strategic Plan

The Pesticides Control Board (PCB) of Belize is pleased to announce the launch of its first Strategic Plan (2017 – 2021) which was developed in partnership with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of the Environment, through the Belize Chemicals and Waste Management Project.

The Strategic Plan will be launched on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Belize City.

In line with the vision and mission of the PCB, the overarching goal of the Strategic Plan is to “increase the responsible use and management of pesticides to protect human health and environment of Belize”. The Strategic Plan sets forth four interrelated Strategic Goals (SGs) covering the areas of 1) registration and post-registration surveillance, 2) responsible use and management of pesticides, 3) strategic partnerships and inter-institutional linkages, and 4) governance, management and operations.

Utilizing a gradual and incremental approach grounded on current work programs, the broad objective of the Strategic Plan is for the PCB to evolve to a higher level as a modern, more effective organization that delivers quality services and provides adequate coverage to the agri-food sector, and other sectors involved in pesticide use.

The priorities addressed in the Strategic Plan are: updated legislation, better strategic planning and execution, improved decision making, institutional alignment, sound governance and management, monitoring, supervision and better control of resources in order to achieve greater organizational effectiveness.

The participatory role of all clients, partners, and stakeholders in the field of pesticide management is fundamental to the successful implementation of the Plan.

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If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend the launch, you may call the Pesticides Control Board at 824-2640 to find out more.