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Central Bank of Belize Hosts 57th Annual Monetary Studies Conference

BELIZE CITY, BELIZE, 17 November 2026 – The Central Bank of Belize in collaboration with the Caribbean Economic Research Team (CERT) is hosting the 57th Annual Monetary Studies Conference (AMSC) at the Fort George Belize in Belize City. The Conference is being held from 17 to 19 November 2026 under the theme, *"From Vulnerability to Capacity: Recalibrating Policy and Growth Drivers in Small States amid Global Shifts."*

Established in 1968, the AMSC is the Caribbean's longest-standing forum for economic research and dialogue. It brings together economists, policymakers, academics and development partners from across the region to share research, knowledge, and perspectives on economic development and policy.

In his opening remarks, Governor Kareem Michael noted that the Caribbean has demonstrated considerable resilience in the face of repeated global shocks. However, sustainable growth requires that the region look beyond recovery by investing in the institutional, financial, human, and analytical capacity of the Caribbean economies. Governor Michael emphasized the need to strengthen these capacities to reduce the economic impact of future global shocks and create the conditions for stronger and more sustainable growth.

"Capacity is about being better prepared before the shock arrives. It means strengthening the policies, institutions, financial arrangements, and knowledge that reduce the economic losses when shocks occur, while also improving the conditions for stronger growth," Governor Michael said.

More than thirty research papers will be presented over the three-day conference, exploring topics such as monetary and exchange-rate frameworks, trade and external shocks, financial stability and productive credit, labour markets and migration, climate resilience, public finance, and institutional credibility. The Central Bank of Belize is contributing research on growth-at-risk and the role of formal credit in the Belizean cattle production.

The programme also features the *39th Adlith Brown Memorial Lecture*, to be delivered by Senator Christopher Coye on Wednesday, 18 November, and the Governors' Panel Discussion on Thursday, 19 November.

The Central Bank of Belize extends its appreciation to the CERT, participating institutions, authors, session chairs, and participants for their valuable contribution to this year's conference.

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