

# Climate Change and Biodiversity in Belize

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the [United Kingdom - Belize Association \(UKBA\)](#)

**Kellogg College, University of Oxford**

**Friday 3rd December, 2021**

**14:00 - 17:30 London time**

14:00 Welcome by Dr David Howard, Kellogg College, University of Oxford

14:05 Introduction by Dr Neil Stuart, President of the UKBA

### 14:15 **Climate change and the implications for Belize**

*Update on the present economic and political situation in Belize*

Her Excellency Therese Rath, Belize High Commissioner to the UK

*Summary of the negotiations by Belize's Mission to the COP 26 climate summit in Glasgow.*

His Excellency Carlos Fuller, Lead Negotiator for the Belize delegation to COP26

### 15:00 **New initiatives to promote biodiversity and archaeology in Belize**

*15:00 The decay of Maya architecture at Lamanai and other sites - Francesca Glanville-Wallis and Dr Elizabeth Graham, Dept of Archaeology, University College London*

*15:30 Proposed extension of the Laguna Grande reserve to the Guatemala-Belize border - Dr Simon Zisman, RSP International*

*16:00 Belize's newest protected area - the Belize Maya Forest - Dr Elma Kay, Managing Director, Belize Maya Forest Trust*

### 16:30 **The impact of populist politics**

Will Grant, BBC Central American Correspondent, *Populista: The rise of Latin America's Strongman*, and considers the implications for Belize of the growth of populism in Latin American politics

### 17:20 **Annual General Meeting of the UKBA**

Chaired by Chris Minty, Selvana, with an invitation to participate in UKBA 2022, the 25th Annual Meeting

17:30 Vote of thanks

Close of Meeting

*Reception for in-person delegates, hosted by the Belize High Commission and Selvana*

