



Presentation on the Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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ABOUT THE BCCI

- The BCCI is the largest private sector organization in Belize.
- Founded in 1920, the Chamber has been consistently championing the causes of its private sector constituency.
- Governed by its Constitution, our mandate is legally enshrined in [Chapter 308 of the Laws of Belize](#) under the Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry Act.
- The Executive Council consists of 12 members: the President, 3 Vice Presidents of Commerce, Industry, and Services (respectively), and 5 Councillors. Elections are held every 2 years.
- Since 1997, the Chamber has been the only recognized “Employers Organization” in Belize under the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) tri-partite social partnership.



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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



**Mr. Giacomo Sanchez
PRESIDENT**



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MISSION

"As the voice of the business community, we are the country's leading advocate for private enterprise, promoting economic vitality and quality of life in Belize."

VISION

"To contribute to the sustainable development of Belize through effective representation of the business community."



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MEMBERSHIP

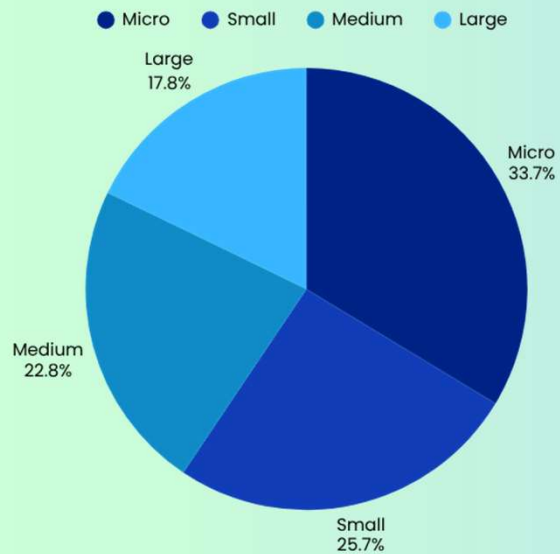
- 400+ financial members, including associations.
- Representing approximately 6,000 employers.
- National Chamber, with one formal chapter in the Toledo District.
- All Sectors: Commerce, Industry & Services.
- All sizes of businesses: Micro, Small, Medium & Large.



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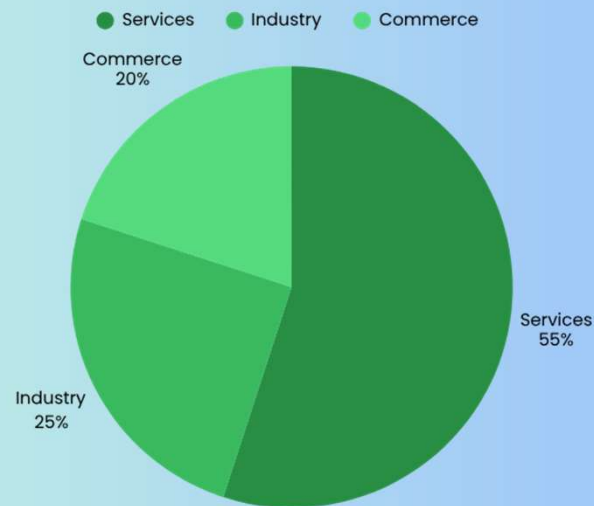


MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION (MC)



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SECTOR REPRESENTATION



Women-Owned
Businesses & Women-
Led Businesses (MC) at
46% as of July 2025.

TRIPLE C PHILOSOPHY

CONNECT

"We Connect by making meaningful networking and connections between members nationally, regionally and internationally."

CAPACITATE

"We Capacitate by strengthening skills, abilities and processes that organizations need to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world."

CHAMPION

"On behalf of our members, we Champion their issues to encourage a healthy business environment."



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COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

70+

National Committees



- Labour Advisory Board
- Belize District Education Council
- Belize Free Movement Committee
- Belize National Climate Change
- Board of Directors (BoD) BELTRAIDE
- BoD DFC
- BoD Social Investment Fund
- BoD Social Security
- Bureau of Standards Advisory Board
- BoD Coastal Zone Management Authority
- Employers & Labour Relations Committee
- Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal



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MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS



- The International Labour Organization (ILO) officially recognized “Employer Organization” for Belize since 1997.
- Member of the Caribbean Employers Confederation (CEC) & the Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM).
- Member of the International Organization of Employers (IOE).
- Affiliate of the ICC World Chambers Federation (WCF) Global Chamber Network.



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EXPORT PROMOTION



- Engage in trade missions to open new markets for Belizean businesses.
- Capacitate members to become export-ready through training and technical support.
- Provide guidance and advice on export procedures and compliance matters.
- Actively promote Belizean businesses in international and regional fora.



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