


# VII Annual Meeting

## MIRPS 2024

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Belize City

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#### MIRPS States:

##### Belize:

- Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize
- Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness
- Ms. Tanya Santos, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Immigration
- Ms. Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Prime Minister
- Dr. Julio Sabido, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Health and Wellness
- Mrs. Amalia Mai, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Mr. Nikolai Zelaya, Director, Refugees Department, Ministry of Immigration
- Ms. Dayna Blades, Director, Nationality and Passport Department
- Mrs. Debra Baptist Estrada, Director, Border Management and Immigration Services

##### Costa Rica:

- H.E. Alejandro Solano, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (*virtual intervention*)
- Mr. Jean Paul San Lee, Acting Director of the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners
- Ms. Natalia Bolaños, Officer, Department of International Law and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship
- Ms. Mónica Fonseca, Advisor to the Ministry of Interior and Police
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##### El Salvador:

- H.E. Cindy Portal, Vice Minister of Diaspora and Human Mobility
- Ms. Graciela Pérez Zeledón, Ambassador of El Salvador to Belize
- Ms. Maria Elena Beltrán, Head of the Humanitarian Management Department

**Guatemala:**

- Ms. Fabiola Mazariegos, Director of Migration Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala
- Ms. Alida Poz, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ms. Jennifer Chávez, Director of the Sub-Directorate for Attention and Protection of Fundamental Rights, Guatemalan Migration Institute

**Honduras:**

- Hon. Angélica Álvarez, Secretary of State for Human Rights
- H.E. Nelson Meraz, Ambassador of Honduras to Belize
- Ms. Guadalupe Sandoval, Director for the Protection of Honduran Migrants, Secretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Ms. Joseana Martínez, Head of Human Rights, National Migration Institute
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**Mexico:**

- H.E. Martha Zamarripa Rivas, Ambassador of Mexico to Belize
- Ms. Paula Rodríguez, Deputy Director of Protection and Institutional Liaison, COMAR
- Mr. Guillermo Hernández Salmerón, Head of Border Affairs, Embassy of Mexico in Belize

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- H.E. Ambassador David Castro De Leon, Ambassador of Panama to Belize
- Mr. Gerald Cumberbatch, Director of ONPAR
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**Colombia:**

- Ambassador Isaura Duarte Rodríguez, Internal Working Group Coordinator for Refugee Status Determination - CONARE Technical Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Leonardo González Guzmán, First Secretary, Internal Working Group for Refugee Status Determination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**European Union:**

- H.E. Maciej Popowski, Director-General, Directorate General European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), European Union (*video intervention*)
- Ambassador Erja Askola, EU Ambassador to Jamaica, Belize and the Bahamas

**Spain:**

- Ms. María Salcedo, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Spain in Mexico

**United States:**

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- Mr. Kamesh Chivukula, Political Officer, U.S. Embassy Belmopan

**Inter-American Development Bank (IADB):**

- Mr. Felipe Muñoz, Chief of Migration Unit, Inter-American Development Bank (*video intervention*)
- Mr. Owen Hender, Migration Consultant, IADB Country Office Belize

**World Bank:**

- Ms. Ana Aguilera, Senior Social Development Specialist for Latin America and Caribbean, Department of Social Development, World Bank (*video intervention*)

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- Ms. Julia Hanby, Government Liaison Officer
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- Mr. Mateo Privitera, Communications Officer
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**OAS:**

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- Dr. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States
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- Ms. Sheila Gomez, Help for Progress, Project Manager
- Ms. Susanne Jensen, Humana People to People, Country Director
- Ms. Nancy Domiguez, Humana People to People
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- Mr. Romario Pech, Human Rights Commission of Belize, Paralegal
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- Mr. Henry Garcia, I Hope, Vice President
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- Mr. Marcelo Blake, Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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##### **Food and Agriculture Organization:**

- Mr. Roberto Telleria, Policy Officer, FAO

##### **International Committee of the Red Cross:**

- Mr. Francisco Javier Cepero, Deputy Head of the ICRC Regional Delegation for Mexico and Central America, ICRC

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- Mr. Francesco Carella, Regional Labour Migration and Mobility Specialist, ILO

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- Mr. Rudi Maxwald, Senior Regional Liaison & Policy Officer, Regional Specialist, IOM

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- Mr. Raul Salazar, Resident Coordinator for El Salvador and Belize