

22st Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom - Belize Association
Centre for Sustainable Forests & Landscapes

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), Infirmary Street, Edinburgh
Saturday 5th October, 2019

9.15 am Coffee and Registration

9.30 Welcome by Dr Jaboury Ghazoul, Director, Centre for Sustainable Forests & Landscapes

9.45 Welcome by Dr Neil Stuart, President, UK-Belize Association

10.00 am - 11.15 am

Belize – an overview of the present economic and political situation - Mrs Amaris Leal, First Secretary to the Belize High Commission.

Trade for Sustainable Development - Belize's new National Trade Policy - Berisford Codd, Trade Economist, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Commerce, Government of Belize.

Developing community businesses in Belize as a strategy to tackle poverty and protect biodiversity – Duncan Macqueen, Forest Team Leader, International Institute for Environment & Development, Edinburgh.

11.15 am - 11.45 pm Coffee Break

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Belize's National Herbarium– further development of an important national resource –Dr Zoë Goodwin, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Denver Cayetano, Environmental Research Institute, University of Belize (and University of Gottingen).

Bioquality hotspots in the flora of Belize – Dr Gail Stott, Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh

Outcomes of the Darwin Savanna Fire management project in Southern Belize 2015-18 – Drs Neil Stuart, Cathy Smith and Duncan Moss, University of Edinburgh

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Lunch (courtesy of CSFL)

2.00 pm - 3.15 pm

Do we need more Technology and less Taxonomy in Conservation? - Christopher Minty MBE, MAYA 2020 project.

The Chiquibul Forest Reserve – Live update from Belize’s frontline of forest conservation–Rafael Manzanero, Head Ranger, Friends for Conservation and Development. Belize.

The potential of the Forests 2020 programme to Belize – Sarah Middlemiss, ECOMETRICA.

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3.30pm – 4.15pm

Film: The Woodcutters of Belize

A short documentary film about the Belizean foresters who migrated to the UK during and after the Second World War to support UK Forestry Operations

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm Annual General Meeting of the Association
Planning for UKBA 2020, the 23rd annual meeting

Vote of thanks – Dr David Howard, University of Oxford

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Drinks reception,
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