



Formulation of a National Energy Plan for Belize (Sector Diagnostic and Policy Recommendations)

What is it?

The Formulation of a National Energy Plan for Belize (Sector Diagnostic and Policy Recommendations) is a one year project currently being implemented by the Public Utilities Commission. It is funded by the United National Development Fund (UNDP), the Government of Belize and the Public Utilities Commission.



What will it do?

The project is analysing the current energy sector to make policy recommendations to Government to promote affordable, efficient and accessible forms of sustainable energy. Sustainable energy is environmentally sound, safe, reliable, affordable energy which will allow Belize to grow without harming people or the environment. It includes all forms of energy, for example: vehicle fuel, cooking fuel (butane, wood) and electricity.

The project is working with a wide range of people from Government, industry, academia and NGOs to get as much input as possible.

Why do we need it?

- Not everyone in Belize has access to safe, clean, affordable energy
- Belize imports a lot of its energy, requiring expensive foreign currency and making us dependant on other countries who can cut us off or charge us more
- It is expensive to get energy to small villages in remote areas
- Belize is not making full use of the renewable energy opportunities for example: wind power, small hydro power and solar.
- We have not got into the habit of saving energy, and there is little encouragement to do so

We hope that this project will be the first step in creating a National Energy Policy and will start a focus on sustainable energy and energy efficiency in Belize.

