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## **PUC Hosts Regulatory Innovation Workshop in Collaboration with ITU**

*Belize City, March 25, 2026* – The Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Academy and the European Union–Latin America and the Caribbean (EU–LAC) Digital Alliance, has officially opened the Regulatory Innovation Workshop today in Belize.

Under the European Union’s Global Gateway Strategy, significant investments are being made in digital infrastructure across Central America and the Dominican Republic. Within this framework, the ITU is leading the Regulatory Innovation Project, which supports countries like Belize in modernizing regulatory frameworks through innovative tools such as regulatory sandboxes, innovation hubs, and regulatory experimentation mechanisms.

As the national regulator, the PUC continues to seek opportunities to strengthen regulatory development, particularly as emerging technologies reshape the telecommunications landscape. In this context, the Regulatory Innovation Workshop, hosted by the ITU, forms a key part of these efforts.

The two-day workshop brings together over 50 participants from government ministries, tertiary institutions, and utility providers, who will engage in technical sessions focused on regulatory innovation and experimentation. These discussions aim to support the development of more flexible and adaptive regulatory approaches for Belize.

In his opening remarks, PUC Chairman Mr. Dean Molina stated, *"The workshop is one of several initiatives that the PUC is undertaking in the upcoming year in preparation for emerging technologies, recognizing that technological and regulatory innovation go hand-in-hand."*

A key focus of the workshop is enhancing participants’ understanding of regulatory sandboxes, which are controlled environments where new technologies can be tested before full deployment. This approach allows regulators to assess real-world outcomes and develop informed policies and implementation strategies, rather than relying solely on legislative changes to address emerging technologies.

The Regulatory Innovation Workshop concludes on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

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