

# Belize National Teachers' Union



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## BNTU PRESS RELEASE

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### **Belize National Teachers' Union To Host Caribbean Union of Teachers Executive Meeting and Education Conference**

**Belize City, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The Belize National Teachers' Union (BNTU) is pleased to be the designated host of the Caribbean Union of Teachers (CUT) second Executive Meeting for 2014. The two day event will open with a brief ceremony at 9:00am on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel; after which the closed meeting will continue into the following day. Mayor Darrel Bradley will officially welcome the CUT Executive Officers and delegates from nineteen member units including Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados (BSTU), Barbados (BUT), Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Island, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Nevis, Suriname, St. Kitts, Windward Island, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago.

"We are extremely honoured to have been afforded this opportunity as the history books of CUT has never recorded any activity held in Belize," says BNTU National President, Mr. Luke Palacio. "We welcome our Caribbean brothers and sisters in unionism, who have made the journey to be with us, and we sincerely hope that their stay will not only be productive but a most memorable one."

The BNTU also takes this opportunity to inform that in collaboration with CUT and Education International (EI) it will host an Education Conference beginning Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza. BNTU members from across the country have been invited to join their Caribbean colleagues for an intensive three day event being held under the theme "***Embracing Opportunities in Education and Defending Trade Unionism.***" The programme of events will feature dynamic presentations and discussions on topics such as the Roles and Functions of the Teaching Service Commission, The OSH Bill, the Education Sector Reform Project, Gender Equality, the Rights of LGBT Teachers and Students, the Decriminalization of Marijuana and many more.

The Education Conference starts off with an opening ceremony on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00am.

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