

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE DAY, 2006
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Welcome Address by Mrs. Myrtle Palacio

“Belize Public Service Day: Showcasing our Worth, Valuing our Officers”

The Journey continues.

In October 2005, we embarked on a journey—a journey of change, transformation, modernization, change to improve the Public Service., thereby providing the people of Belize with a more effective service delivery. **Yes Change . . .**

In January 31, 2005 we launched our website for wider accessibility to information, accountability and transparency. I invited you to join the journey then--*mi casa es tu casa*, was my tune. **Did I say Change?**

In April 2006 our road map and blue print for change was accepted by the Minister for the Public Service, the Prime Minister of Belize, the Cabinet; and then shared with the CEOs. That road map is our focus, our direction, our Strategic Plan, and we are implementing that Plan. I invite you to download a copy from our Website and be an active participant in our journey. **Heck Change**

Today, June 23, 2006 is a special day. Why? It is the first time that Belize is joining other UN member states in publicly celebrating this day and making the public Service visible countrywide. Yes, there was no budget, but there was no stopping us; instead it became another first—first in the harmonization of efforts, of networking, of building and

strengthening partnerships. Also, it is the first time in a **very long** while, that we have publicly recognized the of our officers, our workers, our human capital. **I did say change!! . . .** and Belize @ 25 is a good time to start.

. . . . Today, we are showcasing our worth as Public Officers countrywide.

The position of the Office of Governance is to continue to invest in people, develop a high performance skills base by enhancing the soft skills that employees need to work effectively---join us in the ongoing developmental training programs that are facilitated by CARICAD. Come dream with us.....

On behalf of the Staff of the Office of Governance, it is my honour to welcome you to todays journey. Let me also welcome you as partners of change, thereby ensuring mucho broad participation.

I thank you

Myrtle Palacio