

SUMEET BETANCOURT

Belize

EXPERIENCE

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Deputy Chief Climate Change Officer

Present

Leading national work on carbon markets and implementation of the Paris Agreement. Responsible for readiness and governance systems related to national MRV arrangements, authorization processes, and development of a national registry. Serving as Belize's Lead Negotiator on market and non-market mechanisms.

UNFCCC SECRETARIAT – TRANSPARENCY DIVISION

Fellow, CGE/ETF Support Unit

2023 – 2025

Supported the design and delivery of capacity-building programmes for the Enhanced Transparency Framework across multiple regions, with a focus on BTR preparation and NDC tracking. Supported high-level coordination for the incoming COP29 Presidency. Contributed to official UNFCCC reports and transparency guidance.

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Emission Factor Lead Officer

2022 – 2024

Technical expert for GHG inventory development, Forest Reference Levels, and REDD+ Technical Annex submissions. Served as negotiator for Article 6 at COP26, COP27, and COP28.

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

REDD+ Technician

2018 – 2021

Coordinated national data collection for Paris Agreement REDD+ mechanism, prepared FRL/FREL and GHG inventory components for national submissions, and contributed to Belize's national climate reports.

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Intern - Environmental Technician

2016

Conducted environmental inspections, compliance assessments, and reporting.

EDUCATION

MSc. Disaster Risk Management and Climate Governance

Bachelor of Science – Natural Resource Management