



Pesticides Control Board  
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Miriam Ochaeta-Serrut is a Belizean working on pesticide regulation for the last 29 years with the Pesticides Control Board (PCB) of Belize, holding an MA in World Trade and Development: Regulation and Responsibility from the University of Greenwich in London. Inspired by her early mentors at the PCB, she played a pivotal role in her country's ratification of the Rotterdam Convention in 2005. She is currently Belize's Designated National Authority for the Rotterdam Convention and the Chair of the Coordinating Group of Pesticides Control Boards of the Caribbean (CGPC) which works to improve pesticide management in the region. At the national level, Miriam was recently named the champion for the implementation of PCB's first Strategic Plan (2017–2021) in her role as the Registrar of Pesticides in Belize. Miriam advocates for the recognition of the role of women in the sustainable intensification of agriculture and in environmental conservation. She personally practices permaculture on a small plot that features local edible plants with medicinal properties.