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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **National Garifuna Council to Hold 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on July 12, 2025**

Dangriga, Belize - June 7, 2025, The National Garifuna Council (NGC) is pleased to announce that its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, in Dangriga Town, the cultural capital of Belize. This year's Convention marks a significant moment in the life of the organization as it is an election year, where members will exercise their right to vote for the incoming executive leadership.

Themed around charting the future of the Garifuna people, the Convention will host critical discussions and working sessions focused on:

- The Way Forward for Garifuna Land Rights – addressing historical and contemporary challenges and identifying strategies for advocacy and legal protections.
- Agricultural Development Panel – highlighting opportunities for sustainable agriculture in Garifuna communities, including food sovereignty, youth participation, and climate-smart practices;
- Amendments to the Articles of Association – ensuring the organization's governance structures remain responsive, inclusive, and aligned with current needs.

The Convention serves as the NGC's highest decision-making body and is a vital platform for setting strategic direction, reviewing accomplishments, and reaffirming the Council's commitment to defending the rights, culture, and dignity of the Garifuna people.

The NGC invites all members, branch representatives, elders, youth, and allies to participate in this important gathering. Your voice and presence are essential as we continue the work of cultural preservation, self-determination, and development rooted in our ancestral values.

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