

# Kent Clare

Kent Clare is the current Director of the Belize Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), having taken up this position on October 11, 2016. The FIU is mandated to interdict financial crimes in Belize, in particular money laundering and terrorism financing. The Unit also provides technical resourcing to anti-corruption efforts and the director was a member of the Project Board that oversaw the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in Belize.

Prior to taking up the current assignment, Kent was Commissioner of Income Tax from 2011 until 2016. He was an integral part of the technical team that allowed Belize to successfully navigate its way through both rounds of the Exchange of Information on Request protocols that were mandated by the OECD's Global Forum at the time. The team also presided over the signing of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information which provides a standardized and efficient mechanism to facilitate the automatic exchange of tax information.

He is a born-again Christian after accepting Jesus Christ as his personal savior in 1978. He serves as an elder in his local church, the New Testament Church of Belize. Kent holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Belize and a Master's in Professional Accounting from Colorado State University. He is happily married and the father of three boys.