

## Event Details

### German Outbound Travel Has Impact! What Responsibilities Is The German Government Bearing?

Date	Time	Location
March 7, 2019	16:00 - 16:45	CityCube Berlin, Auditorium A3

The Germans travel – and more than ever to developing and emerging countries. This entails a particular responsibility as tourist flows from Germany contribute to changes in the destination. In most cases, these effects can be positive and negative. Outbound tourism creates jobs and generates income aiming at the reduction of poverty. Moreover, under appropriate framework conditions, it can contribute to the protection of nature. In addition to local value creation, outbound tourism is also of great importance for the German economy. Thus, controlled sustainable tourism development brings about great opportunities. However, the steadily increasing number of trips worldwide also results in problems and risks, such as rising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through air and cruise travel, exploitation at the workplace or sexual exploitation of children.

How can tourism strengthen sustainable development in other parts of the world and promote social stabilisation? What contribution can the German Government make to sustainable tourism that strengthens the positive effects of the sector and reduces its risks to a minimum? For the first time at ITB Berlin, high-ranking representatives of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) get together in one panel to discuss with representatives from the destinations. Which concrete measures are already being implemented? Which stakeholders are the ministries working with in Germany and in the partner countries?

#### Moderated by:

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#### Panel guests:

[Hon. Maria Amalia Revelo Raventós](#), Minister of Tourism, Costa Rica

[Thomas Bareiß](#), M.P., Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), Federal Government Commissioner for Tourism

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