Committed to Human Rights

With regard to business and human rights there are many new and important developments on both national and international level. This is also true for tourism and more and more tourism businesses start addressing their human rights responsibility and how to execute human rights due diligence when doing business.

Tourism businesses need to answer a number of detailed questions such as: Are employees paid fairly by hotels and suppliers? Do fishermen have access to beaches despite a new hotel building? Does the local population have access to the right to water? Those are examples of when the Roundtable Human Rights in Tourism gets involved.

We are a non-profit association and international multi-stakeholder initiative and are promoting human rights in tourism. Members of the Roundtable Human Rights in Tourism e.V. include tourism SMEs, large tourism business, travel associations, certification bodies and NGOs. Based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights we commit ourselves to human rights responsibility and due diligence.

We encourage you to take action for human rights in tourism, participate in the work of the Roundtable and benefit from our guidance documents and information. Participation is open to all tourism businesses, travel associations, NGOs and all industry participants that identify with and commit themselves to the principles of the Roundtable. Guests are also welcome.

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We offer our Members a valuable exchange of best practice and the opportunity to network through working groups, conferences and expert dialogues.

To date we have created a number of practical and user friendly guidance documents that can be used by the tourism industry:

- A Management Guideline for tour operators to develop a human rights strategy
- Specific guidelines: Recommendations for standards in the transport sector and a Guideline for travel products in fragile contexts
- An online training tool to introduce human rights to experts and senior leaders within tourism business (currently in German only).

Please find all materials and further information at: www.humanrights-in-tourism.net

Member organisations:

Tour Operators and Travel Associations:
ABTA - The Travel Association | ANVR - Dutch Travel Association | a&e erlebnis:reisen | DER Touristik Suisse | DRV - German Travel Association | Fairaway | forum anders reisen e.V. | Gebeco | Hauser Exkursionen | Kia Ora Reisen | Kneissl Touristik | Oliva Reisen | ÖRV - Austrian Travel Association | Reisen mit Sinnen | SRV - Swiss Travel Federation | Studiosus Reisen München | Ventura Travel

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