

**CHILD PROTECTION AS PART OF SUSTAINABLE and RESPONSIBLE
TRAVEL & TOURISM RECOVERY
23 June, 2.00 – 4.00 pm (Bangkok time)**

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AGENDA

Biographies of Speakers

Opening



Jan Scheer, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand

Jan Scheer is the Minister Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Economic Affairs, Permanent Observer to ESCAP, German Embassy Bangkok since 2017. Previously, he served as the Deputy Head of the Division for Human Resources (Higher Service), Federal Foreign Office, Berlin (2014-2017). He was Counsellor in the Minister's Office, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin (2011-2014) and the First Secretary for Political Affairs, German Embassy Pretoria, South Africa (2007-2010).



Anne Carina Jacob, Advisor Children's Rights, Cross Sectoral Programme Human Rights, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Anne Jacob is a Child Rights Expert, currently working at Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). There she works as an advisor for Children's Rights in German Development Cooperation, providing support for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Prior to her work at GIZ, she worked as an Advocacy Officer at Kindernothilfe, managing the global project "It's Time to Talk!" that aimed to empower working children to advocate for solutions for their challenges and build resilience. She is a board member of the National Coalition Germany and holds a master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies.



Dorothea Czarnecki, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, ECPAT International

Dr. Dorothea Czarnecki has worked in the anti-human trafficking and child protection field for the last 16 years in Latin America, Europe and South East Asia. She holds a Ph.D. in social sciences in the field of sexual exploitation of girls with focus on Guatemala from the University of Oldenburg/Germany. Dr. Czarnecki has conducted research for the European Commission on child trafficking in Germany, for ECPAT Germany on German travelling sex offenders in Cambodia and for UNICEF Vietnam on child online protection and more. Currently she is the Deputy Executive Director/Programmes of ECPAT International and its former Vice-Chair on the Board of Trustees.

Panel 1: Perspectives from the ground. Impact of COVID-19 on children and communities - current and emerging risks of sexual exploitation of children in online and offline environment.

Moderator: Rangsima Deesawade, Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia, ECPAT International

Rangsima Deesawade (Ying) works with ECPAT International as Regional Coordinator for East and Southeast Asia, based in Bangkok, Thailand. Her work is to provide technical support to ECPAT members and partners in the region. Currently, Rangsima coordinates Southeast Asia component of Disrupting Harm project, a partnership between ECPAT International, UNICEF and Interpol to generate evidence of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in 14 countries in Southeast Asia and Africa.



Vo Anh Dung, Head of Child rights monitoring, counselling and protecting Vietnam Association for the Protection of Children's Rights (VACR), ECPAT Vietnam

Vo Anh Dung has 20 years of experience as a researcher in the field of population, family and children in Vietnam and working for VACR since 2017.



Janice Sofia R. Talip, Project Coordinator in Bohol Province (Visayas Region), ECPAT Philippines

Janice has been the Project Coordinator of ECPAT-Philippines in Bohol Province since 2014. She is responsible for ensuring the project implementation on policy and legislative advocacy; conducting community awareness raising and capacity building for stakeholders; as well as working closely with child survivors of sexual exploitation in the region. Since 2004 she has been licensed and accredited Tour Guide of the Department of Tourism in the Philippines.



Dr. Tessema Bekele, Executive Director, Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) Addis Ababa, ECPAT Ethiopia

Dr. Tessema is a community development practitioner and a leader with 26 years of experience in not-for-profits and government organizations. Dr. Tessema is the founder and executive director of the Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) in Ethiopia. He is a part-time professor at a graduate program and he works to empower the young children to be the future leaders.

Panel 2: Leaders in sustainable and responsible travel and tourism with child protection in focus – business perspective on the current crisis and the recovery.



Moderator: Damien Brosnan, Manager of The Code

Damien manages The Code's global secretariat (www.thecode.org), based in Bangkok, with 300+ members across the globe. He works with local NGOs, UN agencies and the private sector to raise awareness and promote action on child protection in travel and tourism. He has worked with The Code since 2015, following roles with Care/UNICEF working on emergency relief.



Ruth Hopfer-Kubsch, Studiosus Reisen München

Ruth is a Consultant for Quality- and Sustainability Management at Europe's leading study tour operator Studiosus. She is also head of the Studiosus Foundation e.V., which she helped building up in 2005 as a not-for-profit association. With a focus on human rights and social responsibility in tourism, Ruth coordinates inhouse social responsibility measures as well as CSR activities in the countries visited by Studiosus groups. She organizes encounters with the local population for Studiosus guests and regular expert panels in which travel and tourism topics are discussed, and builds bridges between locals and the tourism industry. Ruth is involved in the company's climate protection measures and very engaged in the company's activities to protect children from exploitation in tourism. For many years she has been a member of the working group for the German travel association for the continuous implementation of the code for the protection of children from sexual exploitation. She has been working in the tourism sector for 35 years and her continued exchange with the local population worldwide has led to a detailed understanding of human rights topics.



Christian Byczek, Manager Corporate Responsibility, DER Touristik Group

Having worked with Destination Management Companies across Asia in product and operational functions, Christian Byczek has gained in-depth insights on the ground into a broad range of aspects around the interactions of hosts and guests. The implementation of responsible tourism practice with all its challenges and possibilities was integral to his work. Now based in Germany as Manager Corporate Responsibility at DER Touristik Group his responsibilities cover sustainable tourism product, animal welfare and child protection. He is currently working on a broadened approach and new initiatives towards child welfare in tourism for the group of companies.

Panel 3: Looking ahead – prioritising child protection as part of sustainable and responsible travel and tourism recovery.

Moderator: Gabriela Kühn, Head of Programme, ECPAT International



Gabriela is the Head of Child Protection in Travel and Tourism for ECPAT International and oversees the programme for the global network of CSOs operating in over 100 countries to end the sexual exploitation of children. Gabriela brings over 14 years of experience working on children's rights, including at grass-root NGOs that provide direct psychological and legal help to children and their families. In her current role she works with global and regional intergovernmental bodies, governments, law enforcement and the private sector to improve protection of children in the context of travel and tourism.

Michelle Dyer, representing Human Trafficking Task Force of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC); VP Global Strategic Transformation, American Express Global Business Travel



Michelle Dyer is VP Global Strategic Transformation at American Express Global Business Travel (GBT), leading business transformation, M&A integration, and divestments. Michelle is a renowned thought leader on corporate governance and sustainability, and has delivered 100+ keynote and panel presentations and authored several academic publications. She represents GBT as Advisor to the World Travel & Tourism Council, including its Human Trafficking Task Force, and as an advisory board member of the Global Travel & Tourism Partnership.

Lucia Soletti, Chief of Child protection, Cambodia, UNICEF



Lucia Soletti brings over 13 years' working experience in the area of child protection. Since mid-2019, she has been the Chief of Child Protection for UNICEF Cambodia. She has been working in Cambodia since 2015, during which time she led the alternative care and child care reform agenda, and was instrumental in supporting the government in addressing the rapid increase of residential care institutions and prevent orphanage tourism. She has contributed to the Global Good Practices Guidelines on Child Welfare and the Travel Industry developed by the ChildSafe Movement, Friends-International, the Planeterra Foundation and G Adventures.



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