

## **Christian Forwick**

Deputy Director-General for External Economic Relations, Trade Policy, America in the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Christian was appointed in July 2018 as the deputy Director-General for External Economic Relations, Trade Policy and America. Prior to this, he was head of the Ministry's budget division. After starting his career in the public

administration in 1994, he worked for many years in the area of foreign economic relations, starting with bilateral relations with South Africa, followed by export financing and export promotion, and finally specializing in trade policy. He spent several years at the German Mission to the WTO in Geneva and in the department of Foreign Economic Relations in the Federal Chancellery.

Christian grew up in Spain and began his academic career in Ecuador (Quito). He pursued studies of law in Germany (Saarbruecken, Muenster, Hamburg) and Switzerland (Geneva). He holds a PhD from the University of Muenster and spent a year as a visiting scholar at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tx. He is married and has a daughter and a son.