



Latin American Initiative of German Business

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

the Latin American Initiative of German Business (LAI) cordially invites you to assist our Webinar

Trade without barriers? A virtual talk about Perspectives of economic cooperation between Latin America, the Caribbean and Germany

as part of the **German International Business Days** hosted by the **German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy**.

Germany's business has traditionally a high level of presence in Latin America and the Caribbean. This goes back at least to the beginnings of the 20th century, when the first German Chambers were founded in the region. Today, we experience a globalized economy coming under increasing stress not only because of the COVID outbreak, but also by a more and more protectionistic behaviour of economic heavyweights on the globe, such as the U.S. and China.

The lines of global trade conflicts have become an issue for many countries in the world even when they aren't directly involved. Therefore, freeing the flow of trade of goods and services and, at the same time, making investments possible is one of the major goals of European and also German trade politics.

In the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Alliances we have found trustable and stable partners for the building of a world with less trade barriers. Today, representatives of German Business want to discuss with them opportunities and issues of a even more intense and trustful economic cooperation.

Our webinar

Trade without barriers? Perspectives of economic cooperation between Latin America, the Caribbean and Germany

will join high ranked representatives of member countries of the region's most important economic and political alliances to give us their view on the potentials of an enhanced cooperation in the future.

Monday, April 19th, 2021, 17:00 to 18:30 CEST (Central European Summer Time). Please register via

https://event.dihk.de/economic_cooperation_LAC_Germany

for your participation. The Webinar is free of charge.



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Program

Welcome adress	<p>Dr. Reinhold Festge, Chairman, Latin American Initiative of German Business (LAI)</p> <p>Marco Wanderwitz, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany</p>
Statements and discussion	<p>H. E. Kamina Johnson-Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jamaica (CARICOM)</p> <p>H. E. Jorge Neme, Secretary for international economic relations, Argentina (Mercosur)</p> <p>H. E. José Manuel Restrepo, Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Colombia (Pacific Alliance)</p> <p>H. E. Andrés Valenciano Yamuni, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica (SICA/SIECA)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Volker Treier, Executive director of foreign trade, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)</p>
Questions and answers	Moderator: Dr. Mark Heinzl , Director Americas, DIHK