



Panel discussion

Has tourism become more sustainable?

An evaluation of the situation on the occasion of the UN summit “Rio+20” on Sustainable Development

22 May 2012, 18.30–20.00 hrs

MODUL University Vienna

Am Kahlenberg 1, 1190 Vienna

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From the 20th to the 22nd of June 2012, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development will take place in Rio de Janeiro as follow-up conference to the first “Earth Summit” that took place in Rio in 1992 (Rio+20). The world’s heads of state and government are to provide fresh impetus to sustainable development.

Tourism is another topic of discussion of this conference. The tourism industry is the biggest service sector and has experienced enormous growth over the last 20 years. Similarly growing are the CO2 emissions due to passenger transportation. The demands of an ever growing number of travellers aggravate already existing conflicts about resources (territory, water, energy etc.) in tourist destinations and increase the pressure on local ecosystems. Many of these problems have already been discussed on the occasion of the first Earth Summit in Rio in 1992. The necessity of an institutional and policy framework in order to guarantee sustainable development in tourism has been acknowledged.

What about sustainability in tourism today, 20 years after what was often called the historic Earth Summit in Rio? Which objectives have been achieved, which opportunities have been missed? How have the framework conditions changed over the last 20 years and which new, focal challenges have been added? How will tourism have to work in the future in order to take into account the demands of a “Green Economy”?

Experts take stock and debate about these topics with the audience. The event takes place under the heading of the initiative “Rio+20 – Fairness in a finite world”.

Rio+20 – Fairness in a finite world

An initiative of Austrian environmental and development organisations on the occasion of the UN Sustainability Conference Rio+20, coordinated by Climate Alliance in cooperation with OEKOBUERO and Global Responsibility - Austrian Platform for development and humanitarian aid. The initiative is supported by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). www.rioplus20.at

PROGRAMME

18:30 **Panel discussion and discussion with the audience**

Introduction and moderation by

Dagmar LUND-DURLACHER, MODUL University

Discussion partners

Manfred PILS, Naturfreunde Internationale
Eugenio YUNIS, FEDETUR Chile

**Approx.
20:00 hrs** **Buffet and informal exchange of views**

At 18:00 hrs, a press briefing with the speakers will take place for media representatives.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATION

Dagmar LUND-DURLACHER

The head of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at MODUL University Vienna has been involved in sustainable development and tourism for a long time. Besides other activities, she has been chairing BEST EN (Building Excellence for Sustainable Tourism – an Education Network), an international academical network for the promotion of research and teaching in the field of sustainable tourism, since 2010.

Manfred PILS

From 1993 to 2003, he was Secretary General of Naturefriends International (NFI), the umbrella organisation of the international Naturefriends movement, which counts amongst the oldest and largest non-governmental organisations in the world. In this position, he actively championed socially and environmentally friendly tourism for years. Since 2008, he has been president of NFI.

Eugenio YUNIS

Having studied Development Economics, he has been working in tourism policy and development cooperation since the 1980s. During the time of the first Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, he worked as Director General of Tourism in the government of Chile. From 1997 to 2007, he served as Director of the Department of Sustainable Tourism Development at the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Today, he works as Executive Vice President C.E.O. of the Federation of Tourism Enterprises of Chile, FEDETUR.



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General Information

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