

Smart Buildings for
Sustainable Caribbean Islands

German **Green** Technology Conference

Date

March 24th, 2021

Location

Renaissance
Convention Center,
Oranjestad, Aruba

Time

9 am - 3.30 pm

Join us and get in touch with distinguished speakers, leading companies and world-class experts from Germany and the Caribbean.

Meet the consortium “German Green Technology Hub” which seeks cooperation partners to plan and build sustainable buildings in the Caribbean. The consortium builds smart energy houses for housing cooperations and private households, develops and builds energy-efficient buildings, participates in the development of energy-efficient residential areas, offers financial support for energy-efficient projects in the Caribbean as well as expertise and trainings for installation companies.

Expert Panel Discussion

with politicians and experts from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and Germany.

Program

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome
9:05 am	Opening Keynote <i>Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba</i>
9:20 am	Opening remark <i>H.E. Hennyson Thielman, Commissioner Bonaire</i>
9:30 am	Green Tech made in Germany <i>Elmira Schaltuganow on behalf of the German Energy Solutions Initiative supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy</i>
9:45 am	Keynote: Sustainable buildings for Sustainable Caribbean Islands <i>Johannes Hegger, Member of the Board, HHS Planer + Architekten AG</i>
10:15 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am	The “German Green Technology Hub” and potentials in the Caribbean <i>German participating companies and associated partners</i>
11:30 am	How to build smart AND affordable in residential, industry and tourism - Panel discussion with government officials, experts and leading companies from Germany and the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>H.E. Hennyson Thielman, Commissioner Bonaire</i>• <i>Ewald Biemans, Founder & CEO of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort - the first Carbon neutral hotel in the Caribbean</i>• <i>Wolfgang Bonder, CEO, MIG Material Innovative Gesellschaft MbH</i>• <i>Edward van Heyningen, CEO, EOM Group</i>• <i>Johannes Hegger, Member of the Board, HHS Planer + Architekten AG</i> <p><i>Moderator: Frank Eibisch, Managing Partner, BC Berlin</i></p>
12:30 pm	Network Lunch
2:00 pm	Matchmaking <i>Individual cooperation talks with the consortium “German Green Technology Hub”</i>
3:30 pm	End

Entrance Fee: This event is facilitated by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs & Energy. Admission to the conference including lunch and drinks is free of charge.

Meet the consortium “German Green Technology Hub”

In addition to the conference, individual business meetings with the German consortium can be arranged on either Aruba, on Tuesday 23th and Wednesday 24th (in the afternoon), or Curaçao, on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th.

If you are interested in one-on-one talks with the German consortium, please send an e-mail to [Alexandra Sierra \(a.sierra@dnhk.org\)](mailto:a.sierra@dnhk.org). Please find the presentation of the “German Green Technology Hub” [here](#).

Speakers



Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes

Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes, LL.M. is the current Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, Integrity, Energy, Innovation, and Government Organization for the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba. Aside from forming the first coalition government in over 20 years, she made history by being the first female Prime Minister of Aruba. After assuming the role of Prime Minister of Aruba, the big innovation gap and its impact on the Aruban economy became apparent. Therefore, the vision of Aruba's new Government is to achieve socio-economic resilience by accelerating the innovation capacity of the island through a human-centered approach, putting the Aruba people at heart of all policies.



H.E. Hennyson Thielman, Commissioner Bonaire

Mr. Hennyson Thielman is the current commissioner concerning economic development, finance and tourism for the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire. He studied business administration with a specialization in entrepreneurship in the Netherlands and decided to come back to Bonaire to contribute in making it more resilient and sustainable. Like many countries and islands across the world, the COVID-crisis brings big challenges to Bonaire. At the same time, it also brings many opportunities. By fostering the creativity and innovation power of people, Hennyson is convinced Bonaire will become the first Blue Destination in the world.



Ewald Biemans, Owner and CEO of Bucuti & Tara

Ewald Biemans is the owner and CEO of the Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort on Aruba as well as a board member of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA). Mr. Biemans is highly involved in the tourism industry to encourage resorts on island to become more eco-friendly. The Bucuti Beach Resort holds the most eco-certifications in the Caribbean, under which

- Certified CarbonNeutral® - Caribbean's First Certified CarbonNeutral® Resort
- LEED Gold - Highest ranking Caribbean resort for extensive retrofitting
- Green Globe Platinum - "World's Most Sustainable Hotel"



Johannes Hegger, Member of the Board, HHS Planer + Architekten AG

Johannes Hegger is a renowned German architect with focus on R&D in the field of energy concepts and redevelopment strategies for areas up to individual buildings in new and existing contexts as well as coordinated master planning and neighborhood concepts.



Elmira Schaltuganow, German Energy Solutions Initiative

Elmira Schaltuganow is Senior-Project Manager in the coordination office of the German Energy Solutions Initiative. The Initiative is coordinated and financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). As such, the initiative facilitates business partnerships between German SMEs and local businesses in the field of green energy solutions worldwide. Ms. Schaltuganow supervises various projects regarding export promotion and green technology marketing within the Initiative.



Wolfgang Bonder, CEO MIG Material Innovative Gesellschaft MbH

Wolfgang Bonder is the CEO of MIG mbH. He is a trained concrete engineer and gained his project experience in the Middle East where he launched the first concrete admixture factory in Israel in 1990. In 2001, together with Dipl.-Chem. Ing. Burkhard Brandt, he founded the company MIG. MIG stands for the development of environmentally friendly, resource-saving products.



Edward van Heyningen, CEO EOM Group

Edward van Heyningen (1968) is a Datacenter and the Managing Director of EoM Limited which has its main corporate office in Curaçao and branch offices in Trinidad and Columbia. Edward is responsible for the development and execution of the operational and sales strategies of the EoM services in the Caribbean and Latin American region.



Frank Eibisch, Managing Partner BC Berlin (Moderator)

Frank Eibisch is Managing Partner of BC Berlin-Consult GmbH, and contracted by the Federal Ministry of Economy and Energy for establishing and supporting Joint Ventures of German companies in the Energy Sector in international projects.

