

We are slowly approaching the end of our event. It has become, by now, a tradition that an economic forum on Liberia is being followed by a business trip. You are invited to join the representatives of the African Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and me on a trip to Liberia where you can meet with representatives of the government, of commercial banks, of enterprises, etc. and to gain personal impressions and first-hand knowledge of the Republic of Liberia, the nation, and its people. Such a visit allows one to make a sound decision on an investment decision. I can assure you that all past business trips have been successful and continue to be. A large number of well known companies were among past participants. As far as I know, the Hamburg shipping company BOCS, the Health Focus GMBH from Potsdam, the engineering firm IMO from Bavaria, and the renowned companies Caterpillar and Liebherr are still active in the region.

In order to inform you about the trip, which usually lasts four business days, I have brought the program from the year 2013. You can expect travel expenses of approximately 2.000 Euros. In exchange, you will have an opportunity to gain extensive insight into the main structures of the country, the Liberian market, with its four million inhabitants, is relatively small. Therefore, I always recommend to view Liberia with its favorable conditions as a stepping stone from which one can approach the entire continent or at least the West African Economic Union ECOWAS.

Should you have an interest in such a business trip, please let me know. We need a minimum commitment of eight participants in order to organize such a business trip. We anticipate a trip in late 2016, November or December, or else early 2017, March or April.

I would like to extend a thank you to several people. Thank you very much Mr. Krausser for the well done moderation. Thank you to all the contributors who are visiting from Germany, Switzerland, the United States, and Liberia. They have all selflessly donated their services to us and we want to emphasize this. The same is true for the co-organizers of this forum, the African Association of German Economy, as well as the IHK Leipzig, and last but not least thanks to you, Mr. Koepfig, as the President of the Association Friends of Liberia. Your help was instrumental in the execution of this event. Your association has generously funded travel expenses, accommodations, and paid for all catering expenses. A heart-felt thank you to you and to all of those who support the Association financially.

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope that you have been satisfied with our forum and should you wish to support the highly efficient activities of the Association on Friends of Liberia, then you can do so here and now. Mr. Koepfig has brought forms by means of which you can make a donation. Smaller donations in cash as well as completed forms can be placed in the donation box over there. In the name of the Association and the people of Liberia, I cordially thank you for your generosity and good company and conversation.