

PRESS RELEASE

Meeting of Indian Business Forum

Under the initiative of the Consulate General of India, Hamburg, a meeting of Indian/Indian origin business persons was convened at Hotel Park Hayatt, Hamburg on February 14, 2014 with the primary objective of bringing together Indian business community in the four states under the jurisdiction of the Consulate (*Hamburg, Bremen, Lower Saxony & Schleswig-Holstein*). A total of 28 people, including Owners/CEOs/MDs/Directors of companies engaged in diverse areas of business attended the meeting. The most important outcome of the meeting was the decision to set up an Indian Business Forum (IBF) to represent Indian businesspersons in these 4 states. Other topics such as ways to promote bilateral trade and investment, India's image in Germany and problems if any, faced by Indian companies in doing business were also discussed.

It was agreed that IBF would be registered with the German authorities (which is expected to take around a month) followed by regular meetings. Four office bearers - President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer - were elected on voluntary basis to complete the formalities of registration and for effective coordination between members. It was also decided to set up a website for the organization containing relevant information such as details of members. A directory containing contact details of members would also be generated and circulated not only among the members but also to local Chambers of Commerce and other such bodies. The members also agreed to convene the next meeting of IBF soon after the registration process is completed.

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