

Press release

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Second edition of film and discussion night DocuDoka on sustainable tourism

AMSTERDAM – On Friday, September 30th, Volkshotel presents the second edition of their film and discussion night in Doka, located in the basement of the Volkskrant building. Under the title DocuDoka, every two months an urgent issue in today's global society is discussed on the basis of one of more films and discussion with special guests. This time the night features the Dutch premiere of two documentaries on the delicate balance between sustainable and unsustainable coastal tourism in Latin America and the Caribbean: *The Goose with the Golden Eggs* (2014) and *Caribbean Green Travel* (2016). Introduced and hosted by Inge Hermann, the films will be the starting point for a discussion on sustainable tourism by two experts from the field and the audience.

Both documentaries are produced by the Center for Responsible Travel (CREST), a non-profit research institute based in Washington, DC. committed to the promotion of responsible tourism policies and practices globally, so that local communities may thrive and steward their cultural resources and biodiversity. Provocative and informative, *The Goose with the Golden Eggs: Tourism On Costa Rica's Pacific Coast* examines the impacts of different models of coastal tourism in Costa Rica, from small-scale eco-lodges and a sustainable mid-sized resort to large-scale resorts, vacation homes, and cruise ships along the northern Pacific Coast. *Caribbean Green Travel: Your Choices Make a Difference* highlights (apparently) exemplary travel and tourism practices on four Caribbean Islands: Aruba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada and Jamaica. These innovative efforts will benefit local businesses and the islands' peoples, while conserving energy and preserving the environment.

The discussion panel of the night will consist of Paul Peeters, Associate Professor in Sustainable Transport and Tourism at the NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences, and Frans de Man from Retour, a foundation committed to more sustainable development in tourism. After a short reflection on the films, the two invited experts will stimulate a lively discussion with the audience about the possibilities and impossibilities of sustainable tourism. The films will be in English (incl. English subtitles) and the main language of the discussion will also be in English to enhance inclusion and participation.

Tickets for the second edition of DocuDoka on September 30th can be purchased online for €10 at <http://bit.ly/docudoka2> or at the door on the night itself for the same price. Advanced ticketing is recommended, since only a limited number of seats is available.

DocuDoka #2: Is Sustainable Tourism Really Possible?

20.00 Doors open

20.15 Introduction by Inge Hermann (Associate Lector in Ethics and Tourism, Saxion)

20.25 *The Goose with the Golden Eggs* (34 min., Dutch premiere)

21.00 *Caribbean Green Travel* (45 min., Dutch premiere)

21.45 Break

22.00 Discussion with Paul Peters, Frans de Man and the audience

23:00 After-chat with drinks at the bar

00:00 Start regular Doka party (until 7am!)

TICKETS (€10): <http://bit.ly/docudoka2>

MORE INFO & RSVP: www.facebook.com/events/232040347195358/

Note for the editor (not for publication)

For more information, please contact Dudes in your Face (Gasten in je Gezicht), Dr. Emiel Martens, emielt@gasteninjegezicht.nl, tel. 06-26636691.

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About DocuDoka

DocuDoka, an initiative of Volkshotel in collaboration with Gasten in je Gezicht and Caribbean Creativity, is an engaging film and discussion night on the adverse effects of globalization. Every two months (usually the last Friday of that month) in Doka (located in the basement of the de Volkskrant building), an urgent issue in today's global society is discussed on the basis of a documentary and discussion with special guests and the audience. The first series focuses on the impact of tourism. What are the effects of modern tourism on people and the environment?