

Global Responsible Tourism Meet – Beypore , Kerala

Theme: *Responsible, Resilient & Inclusive Tourism for a Sustainable Future*

Venue: Beypore, Kozhikode

Dates: 7,8 February 2026

DAY 1 - 07 February, 2026		
09:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration & Networking	
10:00 – 11:30 AM Inaugural Session	Welcome Address	Biju K. IAS Secretary Tourism
	Address by Chair	
	Inauguration and Address by Minister of Tourism <i>Declaration of Beypore as Responsible and Inclusive Tourism Destination and Declaration of Gender Inclusive and Women Friendly Tourism Policy</i>	Sri. P A Muhammad Riyas. Hon: Minister for Tourism & PWD
	Special Address <i>Topic: Transforming Global Tourism for Climate Resilience and Inclusion</i>	Dr. Harold Goodwin Founder & Chair, ICRT Global
	Special Address <i>Topic: Gender Inclusive Public Spaces: Adapting Global perspectives Locally</i>	Ms. Kanta Singh <i>Country Representative, UN Women India</i>
Special Address <i>Topic: Transforming Global Tourism for Climate Resilience and Inclusion</i>	Dr Joseph M Cheer <i>Professor of Sustainable Tourism and Heritage School of Social Sciences / Geography, Tourism & Planning / Western Sydney University / Australia</i>	

	Felicitations	
11:30- 11:45 AM Tea / Coffee Break		
11:45 – 12:15 PM	Presentation on Responsible Tourism Initiatives of Kerala focusing on Beypore	Mr. Rupeshkumar K <i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i>
12:15 – 01:15 PM	Plenary Session I <i>Theme: Responsible Tourism as a Pathway to Sustainable Tourism</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Sikha Surendran IAS <i>Director, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i> 2. Mr. Rupeshkumar K <i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i> 3. Dr Joseph M Cheer <i>Professor of Sustainable Tourism and Heritage School of Social Sciences / Geography, Tourism & Planning / Western Sydney University / Australia</i> 4. Ms. Manisha Pande <i>Director ICRT Global</i> 5. Ms. Philippa Jane Kaye <i>Author: Escape to India Founder, Consultant, Author Indian Experiences</i> 6. Mr. Indranil Roy <i>CEO Outlook</i>
01:15 – 02:15 PM Lunch		
02:15 – 03:15 PM	Plenary Session II <i>Theme: Climate Change and Its Impact on Tourism</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Nirmala Ranasinghe, <i>Associate Professor at Nara Prefectural University, Japan</i> 2. Mr. Reynold Scaria <i>Thanima Farm Life, Kerala</i> 3. Ms. Madhura Dutta <i>The former ED of AIACA</i>

03:15 – 04:30 PM	Presentations <i>Theme: Responsible Tourism in Action</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Kevin Phun <i>Director, Centre for Responsible Tourism, Singapore</i> 2. Mr. Oshan Lepcha <i>EC Member & Coordinator - Association for Conservation and Tourism (ACT)</i> 3. Ms. Renu Sharma <i>H2O house, Himachal Pradesh Himachal Homestay Network</i> 4. Ms. Pushpa Thapa <i>Product Development Lead, Community Homestay Network, Nepal</i> 5. Mr. E V Haris <i>Seashell Homestay, Kannur</i> 6. CGH Earth
04:30 – 05:00 PM Tea / Coffee Break and Networking		
05:00 – 06:00 PM	Panel discussion <i>Living heritage and responsible tourism</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Madhura Dutta <i>Former ED, AIACA</i> 2. Mr. Oshan Lepcha <i>EC Member & Coordinator - Association for Conservation and Tourism (ACT)</i> 3. Mr. Margi Madhu <i>Koodiyattam Artist</i> 4. Mr. Vipin Viswanatha Pulavar <i>Shadow Puppetry</i> 5. Mr Muhammed Shihad <i>City Heritage, Kannur</i>
06:00 PM	Cultural Program	
DAY 2 - 08 February, 2026		
09:30 – 10:15 AM	Kerala Women Friendly Tourism Initiatives – Success Stories.	
10:15 – 11:15AM	Plenary Session III <i>Theme: Gender-Inclusive and Women-Friendly Tourism</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Veda Bharadwaja, <i>Country Program Manager, UN Women India.</i> 2. Ms. Ayusha Prasain

		<p><i>Chief Executive Officer Community Homestay Network</i></p> <p>3. Komal Darira <i>Founder Women for World Tours & Travels</i></p> <p>4. Dr. Peeja Rajan <i>State Coordinator - Kerala UN Women</i></p>
11:15 – 11:30 AM Tea / Coffee Break		
11:30 – 12:30 PM	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Theme: Inclusive Tourism for Sustainable Development</i></p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Rupeshkumar K <i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ayusha Prasain <i>Chief Executive Officer Community Homestay Network</i> Ms. Manisha Pande, <i>Director ICRT Global</i> Ms. Annick Sansoni <i>Sustainable Travel Partnership Lead at Community Homestay Network based in Paris</i> Ms. Indukrishna <i>Founder Escape Now, State Resource Person – KRTM Society</i> Ms. Geethu Mohandas <i>Founder Lets Go for a Camp, State Resource Person – KRTM Society</i>
12:30-1:30 PM	<p>Presentations</p> <p><i>Special Segment: Success Stories: Responsible Tourism in Kerala</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Success Story Of Kerala Women-Friendly Tourism Network – Prof. Minu M Gopal State Resource Person – KRTM Society Kerala Agri-Tourism Network

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Role of Tourism Industry in Kerala Responsible Tourism 4. Story Telling 5. Successfull Destination – Mr. Shijin Parambath 6. Muziris Project Mr. Sharon Veettil MD Muziris Heritage
01:30 – 02:30 PM Lunch		
2:30 – 03:30 PM	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Theme: Scaling Responsible and Inclusive Tourism Through Sustainable Marketing</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Ms. Manisha Pande <i>Director ICRT Global</i></p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Casey Lenore Mead <i>Director -CM Communications Melbourne, Australia</i> 2. Mr. Kaushal Shrestha <i>Marketing analyst CommunityHomestay Network</i> 3. Stark communications 4. (India) 5. (Kerala)
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04:00 – 05:00 PM Valedictory Session		