

General Assembly 2026 German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa (GISCO)

Agenda **internal (members-only) session**: Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 3:30 p.m.
followed by an **evening reception** from 7:00 p.m. onwards

Venue: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ),
Stresemannstraße 94, 10963 Berlin

Language: German
Simultaneous translation: English (if required)
Moderation: Martina Gaebler

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION</p>
	<p>WELCOME Reading of the anti-trust rules <i>Ina von Frantzius</i>, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development <i>Aldo Cristiano</i>, Chairman of the board, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa</p>
	<p>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</p>
	<p>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT <i>Evelyn Bahn</i>, Vice Chair, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa</p>
	<p>ANNUAL ACCOUNT 2025 Presentation and Authorisation <i>Dr. Torben Erbrath</i>, Treasurer, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa</p>
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<p>AUDIT REPORT Presentation <i>Dr. Torben Erbrath</i>, Treasurer, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa</p>
	<p>REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES <i>Head of Working Groups and Task Force Representatives</i></p>
	<p>COLLECTION OF MEMBER'S FEEDBACK AND GISCO PROCESSES (BREAK: 10 -15 MINUTEN)</p>
	<p>REPORT ON PRO-PLANTEURS / COTE D'IVOIRE <i>Dr. Johannes Agbahey</i>, Project leader, Pro-Planteurs in Côte d'Ivoire</p>
	<p>MEMBER'S FEEDBACK AND GISCO PROCESSES <i>Board Members</i>, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa <i>Martina Gaebler</i>, Executive Secretary, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa Structured collection of feedback, which is answered by the board and the secretary in plenary.</p>

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DISCHARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Alina Berner, Gubor Schokoladen GmbH

RESOLUTIONS

Aldo Cristiano, Chairman of the board, German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

ELECTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

**7:00 –
7:30 p.m.**

WELCOME NOTE BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (BMZ)

Dr. Bärbel Kofler, State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development

**From
7:30 p.m.**

EVENING PROGRAMME

Storytelling & Quiz Evening: Why Chocolate is a Colonial Story.

Which historical structures in the global cocoa trade continue to shape this reality today? The joint keynote by Dr. Kristy Leissle and Andrea Durry explores colonial continuities in the cocoa sector gives insights into the new exhibition of the Chocolate Museum Cologne.