

SUSTAINABILITY IN TOURISM

MINI CONFERENCE

In honour of the UN 2017 Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development

Hosted by the Faculty of the Tourism & Hospitality Program

School of HRT, Humber College

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5:30 –
8:30
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Agenda

- 5:30 Keynote Speaker Megan Epler Wood
- 6:15 Break-out sessions with representatives of the tourism industry
- 7:30 Donald (Monty) Montgomery, Monty's Beach Lodge, Jiquilillo, Nicaragua
- 8:15 Refreshments, Mix and Mingle, Speaker Expo



Megan Epler Wood founded The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) in 1990. Since 2003, she has consulted on fostering sustainable tourism development in Africa, Asia and Latin America working for USAID, the World Bank group and the Inter American Development Bank. She was the Executive Director of the Planeterra Foundation, of G Adventures from 2010 – 2012. Currently, she is a Senior Associate at the Cornell Center Sustainable Global leading research on the management of tourism for sustainability at the micro, small and medium enterprise levels, the director of the International Sustainable Tourism Initiative at the Center for Health and the Global Environment, at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a lead instructor at Harvard Extension School where she teaches in a global digital classroom at the graduate school of Sustainability and Environmental Management.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

The Breakout Sessions are designed to have separate panel discussions with tourism industry leaders involved in sustainable policy making. The panels consist of airline representatives, destination management organizations, and the hospitality and tour operations sectors. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the panels. Each panel discussion is facilitated by one of our Humber College tourism faculty experts, and provides students and guests to gain insights into the efforts of major industry players to adhere to sustainability and corporate social responsibility mandates.



Monty's Beach Lodge is co-owned by Gerry Caceres and Donald (Monty) Montgomery, our speaker for this evening. Since its inception in 2006 in a remote, untouched fishing village, Monty's Beach Lodge has channeled 100% of its profits into the community to provide locals with employment, housing, medical care, schooling, computer lessons, English education and now a new trades school. In conjunction with its non-profit partner, Together Works Society, and the Nicaraguan Government, Monty's Beach Lodge is committed to foster Sustainable Development in Jiquilillo to protect the local people from the exploitation of commercial investment interests and to make tourism a sustainable pillar and new revenue stream of the local economy.