

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Trade and Export Development (TED)	
Title of Travel	Mission to Germany	
Location	Berlin and Frankfurt	
Date(s)	May 29–June 3, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development Brady Peter, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison, TED Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, TED Kevin France, Assistant Deputy Minister, TED	
Purpose of Travel	To officially open the Saskatchewan Germany Office and advance Saskatchewan’s trade and investment interests with Germany	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$18,037.31
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$1,222.70
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$7,966.19
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$3,201.89
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$191.36
Subtotal		\$30,619.45
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$30,619.45

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Germany is an important and growing market for Saskatchewan exports, particularly potash, uranium and agri-food products. In 2022, Saskatchewan exports to Germany grew by 12 per cent to C\$111 million (M), from C\$99M in 2021.

- Germany is a key buyer of Saskatchewan's agricultural products – Saskatchewan was Germany's second-largest supplier of lentils. The country's companies are key investors in the province's potash, agriculture, and technology sectors.

Mission objectives were to:

- promote Saskatchewan exports to Germany;
- reinforce Saskatchewan's position as a global leader in the agriculture and energy sectors and its importance as a supplier of various commodities critical for global food and energy security;
- underscore our provinces position as a global leader in the mining and critical minerals sectors and advance collaboration with German partners;
- highlight investment opportunities in the province for German companies; and,
- promote the Saskatchewan Germany Office in Berlin.

Travel Activity

This was Minister Harrison's first trip to Germany.

The delegation met with officials representing German government and industry including:

- the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK);
- the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR);
- the Federation of German Industries (BDI);
- BASF;
- K+S;
- Bayer;
- BioNTech;
- VDMA; and,
- Plantrients.

The Minister also participated in a SK Innovation Roundtable, focused on opportunities in vaccines and biomanufacturing. The roundtable was hosted by Dr. Baljit Singh, VP Research from the University of Saskatchewan and Dr. Volker Gerdts, CEO of Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organisation (VIDO) and consisted of representatives of the Hasso Plattner Institute, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the World Health Organization (WHO) Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in Berlin, Ceva Santé Animale, Free University of Berlin (FU Berlin), Venetas Consulting and Berlin University Alliance.