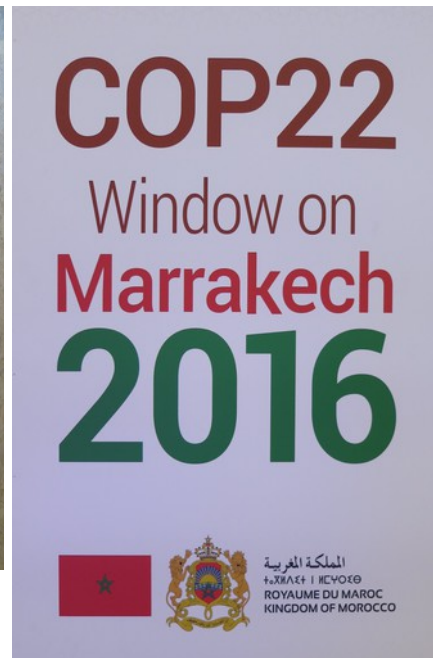
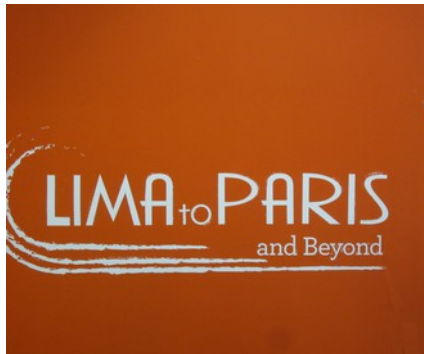




Friday 11th December

The Road to Paris and Beyond



We came from Lima, with hope for Paris to be the solution. Another window of opportunity will open in Marrakesch, Morocco in 2016. Brahma Kumaris will be there too.

COP Team review



On this morning, we had a meeting to share experiences of the last couple of weeks of COP. The French family has taken care of us with a huge amount of love, which has been much appreciated. The Brahma Kumaris' activities at COP have been the best ever. We also had a chance to reflect on what could happen further in COP22, in Morocco, next year.

The international and French family COP team



Meeting with Nicolas Hulot



Sister Jayanti, Valerian and Golo went to COP to meet Mr Nicolas Hulot, the special envoy for the President of France for the environment. We had met him on the day of the programme at the Basilique Saint Denis. It was a very lovely meeting. He loves India and spirituality, and really understands that awareness needs to change if there is to be a transformation. He also stated that we have the technology and money, but we don't have a majority of people who see the world as one yet.

Sister Jayanti shared our position on climate change and awareness and then shared about our work on lifting awareness. She introduced our use of solar technologies in Madhuban. Golo then talked about the solar plants that we already have. We cook with solar energy and have the capacity to cook 40,000 meals a day. Mr Hulot was very interested and asked questions about our technology and the way we make use of it.

After that, we started talking about how energy independence for every village and country would contribute to make the world independent of fossil fuels. Currently, fossil fuels are costly and degrade the resources of our planet.

He also invited Hindou Oumar, co-ordinator for the indigenous peoples of Africa, to join us in the conversation and she shared about the importance how Nicolas Hulot is really an ambassador of change. He shared how, in his view, the politicians really needed to have a more forward looking vision in order to take better decisions.

We ended with a very sweet and powerful meditation guided by Sister Jayanti



Meeting the Climate Coalition Network



Francois, Brahma Kumaris co-ordinator for France, went to a meeting with Climate Coalition Network to discuss how to continue to work together beyond Paris COP21. The Climate Coalition Network is a very lively and diverse grouping of trade unions, activists, women's groups, interfaith groups and artists. It has some 100 member groups.

The meeting took place in "Space 104", a large cultural space in Paris. There was discussion about the demonstration to take place next day. Paris is still in a state of emergency, but special permission was given for a final demonstration for the climate. See more at: <http://coalitionclimat21.org/en>

Climate Change or Consciousness?

Sister Jenna, of Silver Spring, Maryland, USA wrote an article for the Huffington Post summarising the outcome of the Paris negotiations from a spiritual perspective. The article includes the Climate Change Studio interview with Sister Jayanti from COP21 (5 minutes) where Sister Jayanti described how the Brahma Kumaris have been influencing the decisions being made in Paris. The article and the video can be seen at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sister-jenna/a-climate-of-consciousness_b_8802646.html



*Sister Jayanti giving the interview
(a screen shot from the video)*



Around the COP



BK COP team thanking Prince Goodluck Obi (white waistcoat) and his colleague from "Global Alert for the Defence of Youth and Less Privileged", an NGO in Nigeria. They have helped Brahma Kumaris with nominations for many years.

Paris Pledge for Action

L'Appel de Paris (the Paris Pledge for Action) represents a unique opportunity for non-state actors to welcome the Paris Agreement on climate change and commit to implementing it.

The pledge demonstrates that non-state actors are ready to play their part to support the objectives of the Paris Agreement. By joining the pledge, businesses, cities, civil society groups, investors, regions, trade unions and other signatories promise to ensure that the ambition set out by the Paris Agreement is met or exceeded to limit global temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius. Details can be seen at: <http://www.parispledgeforaction.org/>

Brahma Kumaris have signed this pledge.



With thanks to the French family



Here is an assembly of the French family and the international team. Babeth gave everyone a gift of two key rings, each with a funny shape attached. She explained that one, with Eiffel Tower represented the Paris family and the other, with Arc de Triomphe, the international team. When they were brought close, they magnetically snapped together to make a heart shape with the words 'Paris' and 'Love'. It was very sweet. The French family have looked after the international team with great care and love with family members being brought to Paris from all over France to help out. It was all hugely appreciated. Many, many, many thanks.

Summary of Brahma Kumaris' activity over COP21

The following totals were counted from the COP21 reports:

Interviews	17
Brahma Kumaris events	13
Events where BKs spoke	20
Other events attended	18



Social Media

Romina reports the following success of entries in Facebook. The total is impressive!

Facebook	People reached	Number of Likes	Shares
1st post about BK attending COP	4 374	115	61
2nd post about COY11	6 568	121	18
3rd post with 1 photo of Sr Jayanti with other faith leaders on stage with 1.8 signatures board	10 948	248	75
4th post about last day COY 11	1 659	62	2
5th post about 1st day COP with family meeting and Christina Figueres and Sr Jayanti	6 494	292	44
Post share from BK UN about participation at Opening ceremony	3 455	109	
Post with Sr Jayanti, Press Conference room UN Climate Change	6 481	150	30
Post about UNESCO event with Sr Jayanti and Interfaith Event with Sonja Ohlsson + interviews Golo/Sr Jayanti	5 249	111	44
Post with BK at COP stand, Sonja with Nigel, Public program at centre with Natalie Cohen band and Laura/Marie Madeleine with Segolene Royal	3 648	148	44
Post shared from BK UN Interfaith Panel (week 1) Valérieane Bernard	2 025	78	
Post about Ecumenical service (Notre Dam) Youth Day, Interfaith Press Conference	1 943	62	22
Links to Interviews of Sr Jayanti and Golo (Climate Change TV)	3 154	64	15
Post about Climate deal agreed (Shared from UNFCCC)	2 765	72	
Post on side event (Ethics & awareness) Valérieane/Sr Jayanti, Golo/Angelica ICDD & Place to B Valérieane, Climate of Hope event	7 474	240	46
Post on Interview Sr Jayanti- shared from Huffington post link	2 441	26	2
Post with Climate of Hope event, Interview Julia, gender day, ZAC (Golo), Sustainable Innovation forum (Sr Jayanti, Valérieane, Sonja & Golo)	4 275	164	33
TOTALS	72 953	2 062	436



The Eiffel tower has been adorned with the hot word from the Paris COP21 negotiations.

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