

Mission Statement of the Brahma Kumaris on Climate Change

Since 1992, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has as its ultimate objective to stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system. The UNFCCC is looking for a new international agreement that will provide climate security to the world.

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU), as a spiritual international organization, is willing to offer a new angle of contribution in this process.

The mission of BKWSU on *climate change* is based on spiritual *capacity* building to promote paradigm shift through:

- the understanding and experiences aimed for a change in thought patterns that precedes change in values,
- using and recovering ethical values, for example human *solidarity* and *cooperation*,
- demonstrating the positive impact of a sustainable lifestyle worldwide *to reach a low level of consumption and greenhouse gas emissions per capita*.

The BKWSU believes that people who have been spiritually empowered have a better capacity to establish respectful and sustainable models of society.

Five working areas are targeted in the action plan consecutive to the mission on climate change of the organization:

1. cooperate and inspire *a long-term shared vision for climate security* in the international debate, as well as encouraging the *integrity, transparency* and quality of the debate;
2. introduce the practice of reflective silence at the beginning of the sessions of the UNFCCC to support a constructive dialogue;
3. enhance and consolidate the sustainable lifestyle at the BKWSU centres and of individuals (see Policy);
4. enhance educational practices: workshops, meditation tools to empower individuals to implement the paradigm shift expected including the positive impact of vegetarianism on the environment;
5. promote and develop zero and low carbon technology such as solar energy

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