Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Calendar of Events at the Climate Change Conference COP19 2013 in Warsaw, Poland

For nominated delegates to COP19, National Stadium

Exhibition 11th – **16**th **November: Shifts in consciousness and systemic thinking** open the doors to beneficent technologies and sustainable life-styles grounded in integrity and care. We showcase the sunrise technologies of Sustainable Yogic Agriculture and India One's Solar Power Plant as examples of such innovation and thinking.

11.30-12.00 Press Conference - Room 2 (located on Level -2/Zone E6 right next to Plenary 2) Sustainability enacted by the Guiding Values of UNFCCC

Speakers; Curtis FJ Doebbler, Prof. of Law, International-Lawyers.Org - BK Jayanti Kirpalani, Director Brahma Kumaris, Europe - Joachim Golo Pilz, Dir. Solar Research Institute

Wednesday 20th November at 11.30 -13.00 – Side Event Room 3 Global Justice, Equity and Sustainability

Climate negotiations are grounded in UNFCCC values, such as equity and cooperation, but are weakened by narrow interests. We consider the crucial role of systemic and holistic thinking and the principles of international law, human rights and inter-generational equity in the transition to a sustainable world. Partners: The International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN), lead organization and Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) and Alert for Defense of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP).

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BK Jayanti Kirpalani, Director Brahma Kumaris, Europe.

Obi Goodluck, Dir. GADYLP, Nigeria

Joachim Golo Pilz, Dir. Solar Research Institute,

Mr. Mithika Mwenda, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

Moderator Oluwole Oshota, President ISMUN

Public Events Open For All

Thursday 14th November 18 – 20 - Living in Harmony - Restoring the Balance in Nature

Address: Związek Nauczycielstwa Polskiego, Warsaw, Smulikowskiego 6/8



Harmony is synonymous with inner peace and balance, which give feelings of happiness. Everyone wants happiness, and harmony is required for this - harmony within the self, harmony in relationships and harmony with the natural environment. How can we maintain our inner harmony in the face of negativity?

Guest speaker: Jayanti Kirpalani, Director of the Brahma Kumaris for Europe and the Middle East and spiritual leader and an emissary for peace for the last 45 years. She has been the head of the delegation and a speaker at the UN Climate Change Conferences since 2009. Proceeded by: Duśka Markowska Resich – journalist, director, and dramatist. Author of prize-winning ecological movies in Poland and abroad.

Tuesday 19th November 18.00 – 20.00 Consciousness and Climate Change

Address: The Meditation Gallery, Smolna 11, lok. 8A, 00-375 Warsaw



Guest speaker: **Golo Pilz,** Director of the Solar Research Institute in Rajasthan, has played a key role over the past 20 years in establishing the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University as one of the major developers of renewable energies in India. Golo is a popular speaker at international conferences, addressing audiences on the potential of renewable energies, as well as highlighting the relationship between consciousness and the manner in which technology impacts on the future of our planet. Golo is currently coordinating the design and construction of India One, a 1MW solar thermal power plant. This advanced dish-based power plant features thermal storage for continuous operation, generates heat and power, and will be a landmark in the future of the Indian renewable energy scenario. www.india-one.net

Global Climate YOUTH Meeting – COY9

Registration: http://powershift-cee.org

Thursday 7th Nov. 14.30 Workshop: A Journey to Empowerment

Although we all wish to achieve a common outcome, we are faced with the challenge of working as one, powerful, unified force. In a movement that is ever-growing, how can we feel empowered to make a real impact on our relationships and environmental surroundings? This workshop aims to examine and redefine what empowerment really is. Facilitators: Gaby Havard (UK) and Ash Patel (UK).

Friday 8th Nov. 14.30 - Workshop: Creating Inner Resilience in Challenging Times

When faced with challenges, either personal or global, we are encouraged to revise our way of thinking, and sometimes even our lifestyle. In the midst of change lies the opportunity to develop the inner resources that enable us to deal with whatever we are facing. This workshop explores ways in which to build inner resilience and create strong support systems to increase our effectiveness for long-term, sustainable change. Facilitators: Romina Melwani (UK) and Juan Jesus Milling (Canada/Mexico).

Public Events Across Poland

Gdansk:

Friday 22nd Nov. 12.00-15.00: Golo Pilz, Awareness and Environment, presentation on Solar Energy. Students from the Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management (WSHiT), Technical Gastronomy School & Technical University Venue: WSHiT, ul Miszewskiego 12/13, Gdansk,

Sunday 24th Nov. 17.30: Francois Becher - How to Discover Your Resources and Manage Them Wisely Venue: Gdanskie CH Manhattan , Al Grunwaldzka 82 (sala A, IIIp), Gdansk

Lodz: Friday 22nd Nov. 18.00, Being Resilient - the Art of Returning to Equilibrium, Valeriane Bernard Venue: Galeria Manhattan, Lodz ul. Wigury 15, Lodz

Katowica: Monday 25th Nov. 18.00, How to Build Inner Resilience, Valeriane Bernard, venue to be announced.

Brahma Kumaris COP19 delegation

- **Sister Jayanti Kirpalani,** UK/India Head of Delegation, Main Representative at the UN, Geneva for the Brahma Kumaris and Director of Brahma Kumaris, Europe & Middle East
- Francois Becher, France Director of Brahma Kumaris, France
- Golo Pilz, Germany/India Director Solar Research Institute and Energy Advisor for the Brahma Kumaris
- Juan Milling, Canada Head of Brahma Kumaris Youth delegation
- Julia Grindon-Welch, USA NGO Representative at the UN, New York for the Brahma Kumaris
- Nonie Reaño Quinteros, Peru Psychologist and Consultant for Business and Corporate Universities
- **Sonja Ohlsson,** Denmark Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC and Co-ordinator of the Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative
- Valeriane Bernard, Switzerland NGO Representative at the UN, Geneva for the Brahma Kumaris
- COY Youth Delegation Ash Patel (UK), Gaby Havard (UK), Romina Melwani (UK)

Links

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative – www.environment.brahmakumaris.org
India-One Solar Thermal Power Plant - www.india-one.net
Brahma Kumaris International – www.brahmakumaris.org
Brahma Kumaris Poland, Host Country for COP19 - www.brahmakumaris.org/poland
Brahma Kumaris at the UN – http://un.brahmakumaris.org