



Gayatri Naraine, USA

Brahma Kumaris' representative, United Nations, New York.

Gayatri also is a spiritual educator, writer and speaker. Since 1980 she has been a Brahma Kumaris' (BK) representative to the United Nations in New York. As a BK representative to the UN, her role has been to identify areas of UN policies with practical relevance for individuals' lives; to explore and develop values-based and spiritual dimensions of these areas; and to create programs and publications to expand awareness through the BK network in 120 countries. Gayatri is a forerunner in the environmental arena. She attended most of the UN World Conferences in the 90s when the environment was being discussed within all the other issues.



François Becher, France

Director of Brahma Kumaris, France

François has been on the journey of self-development for 35 years. He is the coordinator of 25 meditation centres in France. He has been employed by French Telecom for many years and has expertise in science and technology. Standing on a bridge between the two disciplines of science and spirituality, he has participated in and spoken at various international symposiums on topics centred around the effect of science and spirituality on human consciousness in our modern world.



Valérie Bernard, Switzerland

Brahma Kumaris' representative to the United Nations, Geneva

Valérie is the coordinator of the Brahma Kumaris center in Geneva. She has been actively involved in the ecological movement since Rio 1992, promoting sustainable development and raising public awareness about the forces that drive climate change. She creates tools to lift awareness to advance the standing of women, promote fair relationships with our environment, resolve workplace disharmony and through interfaith gatherings, broaden cultural understanding. She has made her home in six countries, including Costa Rica, France, and Chile and continues to build bridges of understanding between cultures.



Julia Grindon-Welch, USA

NGO Representative at the UN, New York for the Brahma Kumaris

Julia has been a Brahma Kumaris' representative to the United Nations in New York since 1993. In this capacity, she has explored and developed values-based and spiritual dimensions within UN policies that hold practical relevance for peoples' lives. Since 2009 she has been part of the BK delegation and organizing core-team to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Denmark, Mexico, South Africa, Qatar and Poland and Rio +20 in Brazil. Julia is Co-Chair of the Values Caucus at the UN and a member of the Working Group on Climate Change associated with the Committee on Sustainable Development (CSD).



Sonja Ohlsson, Denmark

Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC

International Coordinator of the Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

Sonja Ohlsson is the national coordinator of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in Denmark and has practised raja yoga meditation since 1986. She is a meditation teacher with the Prison and Probation service in Copenhagen. In 2009 she was instrumental in developing the BK Environment initiative in order to meet the need for a higher environmental awareness within the BK community and to add the inner dimension to the discussions at the UN climate change and biodiversity conferences.



Golo J. Pilz, Germany/India

Adviser, Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris

Golo has studied Raja Yoga meditation with the Brahma Kumaris since 1984. He was born in Germany and most of the year lives at Brahma Kumaris headquarters in Mount Abu, India. Since 1993, he has played a key role in establishing the Brahma Kumaris as one of the major users of renewable energies in India. Presently, Golo is directing the construction of *India One*, a 1MW solar thermal power plant. This is an innovative R&D project partly sponsored by the German (BMUB/GIZ) and Indian Government (MNRE). He advocates sustainable solutions through an ethical and value-based approach. He is an experienced presenter and participates regularly at UN Climate Conferences.



Tamasin Ramsay PhD. USA/Australia

Anthropologist, Brahma Kumaris' Representative to the UN, New York

Tamasin has practiced meditation since 1984, and has a life-long affinity with the natural world. She is an environmental anthropologist and is currently UN Representative for the Brahma Kumaris in New York. Tamasin is a Special Advisor to the Brahma Kumaris Rural Wing (India) for the innovative farmer-driver research project Sustainable Yogic Agriculture that combines Raja Yoga meditation with methods of organic farming. Through applied methods, Tamasin seeks ways to bridge the disconnect between people and the natural world, in order to heal the disharmony that has brought the world into a state of significant imbalance.



Nonie Reaño Quinteros, Perú

Consultant for Corporate Universities as an organizational psychologist

Nonie is the host for the Brahma Kumaris delegation for COP20 2014 in Lima, Peru. She is a licensed psychologist and a Human Resources consultant for private and public companies and also for agencies that offer psycho-social support for victims of natural disasters and political violence. She specializes in the creation and management of community support network and social mobilization. She has been a Brahma Kumaris student for the last 10 years and serves as part of the mental health team for the Americas and is also a member of the National Coordination Team since 2011.

**Christophe Richon, France****Brahma Kumaris' Youth Representative**

Christophe studied electronics and automation at university. He worked as an industrial programmer for a company making electronic devices to monitor meteorologic and ambient parameters. He has been practicing Raja Yoga meditation for 7 years and participates in Brahma Kumaris youth programmes embracing spirituality and self development.

**Rocío M. Olaya Schreiber, Perú****Brahma Kumaris' Youth Representative**

Rocío is an environmental consultant in eco-efficiency and integrated solid waste management, and a trainer on environmental issues such as environmental awareness, climate change, solid waste, environmental pollution, among others. She is Coordinator of the Articulation commission of the 10th Conference of Youth – COY10 and has been a volunteer of the Brahma Kumaris Organization for 5 years, where she coordinates the Youth group. She is also part of the BK Latin American Youth Coordination Team.

**Juan J. Vazquez Milling, Canada****Brahma Kumaris' Youth representative**

Born in Mexico City, Juan moved with his family to Montreal, Canada. He works for the National Bank of Canada as a Financial Services Senior Representative, He is also a professional Homeopathic practitioner and a meditation teacher for Brahma Kumaris. His environmental interests inspired him to create several green programs such as *Eco Shanti* and *Om Café*, for youth with a spiritual perspective. He has participated in the BK Environment Initiative for the last four UN Conferences on Climate Change as well as the RIO+20 Conference on Sustainable Development. He is involved with *Transitions Network*, a local grassroots organization.