



Climate Change Conference COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco

Friday 11th Nov. 2016

Today history was written as all the mosques in Morocco dedicated this Friday's prayers especially to the environment and for the protection of nature. This action was supported by the Kingdom of Morocco and marks a great turning point for the faith-based communities. More than 600 mosques in Morocco have received a green facelift and are being equipped with new solar systems.



Interviews with university students

Juan had the chance to give three interviews in a row to students from the universities of: Brussels, Sherbrook (Canada) and Uppsala (Sweden). The interviews focused on awareness, spirituality, interfaith and youth within the context of climate change. Juan emphasized the importance of the power of the heart and the crucial role played by a heightened awareness in developing sustainable solutions for communities.



Climate Change Studio



Golo gave a 50 minute presentation at the Climate Change Studio titled: "Transition to innovative and clean technology demands a new mindset". The Climate Change Studio is in the exhibition and side event hall where many people could stop and listen. Golo concluded his presentation saying that positive thoughts and yoga will play a key role in the transition towards clean technology and that the heart must be brought back into the negotiation process. Golo then answered some questions from the audience on the current Indian solar policy, the benefits of vegetarian diet and meditation.



Picture: Mini-slot event at Climate Change Studio with Golo

Gender and Climate Change



Vendredi 11 Novembre 2016 à 15h30
Association Ennakhil – Marrakech - ☎ : 0524 30 67 09 – 33 14 34
Lotissement Acharaf, Opération Al Manar près de Marjane, route de Casa



La Non Violence
vis-à-vis
des Femmes et du Climat

Association Ennakhil (Women's defense association) hosted an event to discuss women, environment and non-violence. Senator Zakia Mrini, Founder of Ennakhil, welcomed around 90 indigenous women and introduced the topic. Sister Jayanti emphasized that violence comes from ego, anger and greed and it ultimately has roots in ignorance. Once we understand and are aware of the inner being, one can emerge the dignity of the self, peace and love. The power of non-violence can then do its work. Desert Rose ended the event with a great musical session and got everyone up, dancing in joy.





Press conference on “Youth Perspectives on the US Election”

The conference was organized by the “Caring for the Climate” group in view of the surprising outcome of the US elections. 5 delegates from the Conference of Youth shared their views and concerns for the future and the impact of the US climate policy. The overall comments and statements were positive and Juan shared that inner values are fundamental to building up an inner resilience. He called for a revolution in our thinking and awareness; that perhaps it is time to be radically peaceful with a brave heart of compassion.



Roundtable Dinner

Valériane was invited by Sonja Klinsky from the Climate Strategies team to a working dinner at Hotel Kenzi Agdal on the topic: “What could the climate community learn from transitional justice experience?” This was a good opportunity to meet many old friends. The talks focused around climate loss and the question of how to compensate those who suffer most from the effects of climate change.

Think Tank on Capacity Building

Ali Komiha from Casablanca participated, on behalf of BK, at a one day event hosted by the International Network of Climate Change Centers of Excellence at Hotel Kenzi Agdal. This network aims to strengthen the knowledge base of climate change, sustainable development and public policies, particularly in developing countries.

Sister Jayanti Kirpalani at COP22 on 9th of Nov. 2016:

“Without spirituality and faith, I don’t think we can reverse the effect of climate change.”

“When we look at personal responsibility, it is not a question of government actions anymore, but **it is about my own conscience.**”

