

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Climate Change Conference COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco

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2016 the hottest year ever

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) published an alarming report on Monday, at the conference, that 2016 will be the hottest year ever on record. According to these scientists, scorching temperatures and extreme weathers are coming sooner and with more ferocity than expected. "It is almost as if Mother Nature is making a statement," said climate scientist Michael Mann, Penn State University, USA.



Picture taken on the way to the Earth Forum

Interfaith coordination meeting

Valériane chaired another interfaith co-ordination meeting which was attended by more than 20 people from various organizations as well as students. The discussion touched on topics such as climate justice, equity, caring for the vulnerable, decision making processes as well as climate and awareness. The participants agreed that a common voice and unity is important for the success of the faith-based organizations.

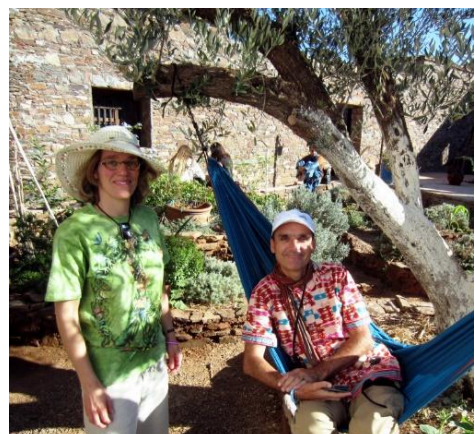


Earth Forum

On the last day of the Earth Forum, Golo gave a presentation on solar energy. Around 40 activists, coming by bus from Marrakech, had gathered at the farm in the desert.

Myrtha played the ukulele to start the session. The moderator introduced the topic of energy by quoting that energy is constant, it can not be created, it can only change its manifestation.

Golo then gave a summary of the usage and advantages of the different solar technologies and the renewable energies projects at



Brahma Kumaris over the last 20 years. The technology has developed considerably over that time. He ended his talk by asking the audience: “We have all renewable technology we need, why are we not using it?”



Interfaith dinner at Palais Soleiman

The Global Peace Initiative of Women invited Sister Jayanti, Valériane and Sonja to a festive evening in an extraordinary Moroccan Palace. The discussion flowed around how to connect to the spiritual heart of the Earth through dialogue, chants and poems. It was attended by more than 30 religious / spiritual teachers, indigenous leaders and local Sufis. The Sufies explained that the idea of Sufism is at the heart of Islam and puts the love for God at its centre. Sister Jayanti spoke about the current darkness of the world and the need for inner light at this time.



As part of the exchange the idea came up to write an appendix to the Paris Agreement and ask for 33 % percent reduction in the emissions of greed, anger and ignorance. If we reach this goal by 2020 we will stay under 1.5 degrees of global warming!

Also 5 signs of a spiritual leadership where mentioned:

1. To help others to connect to God and the Divine.
2. Help others to develop their own identity, power and purpose.
3. Ability to positively change the atmosphere.
4. A position is earned by what they are, not from what they do.
5. Service of humanity is at the heart of action.

Moroccan dinner party

The day ended with a beautiful and happy party in our villa for local friends and guests. Desert Rose started the evening by singing some of their famous songs and then Sister Jayanti was welcomed by a traditional music band which made everybody dance in joy. Laura and the kitchen team prepared a tasty Moroccan couscous dinner for everyone.



The powerful kitchen team



The whole scene was illuminated by an incredibly large moon. Apparently, it is in its nearest position to earth for 40 years.



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