Panel conversation:

Visionary Leadership for a Sustainable Future

- on the occasion of the 23rd UN-Climate Change Conference -

Tuesday 14th November, 7:00 – 21:00 hrs (reception at 6:15pm)

We all need to be leaders and change makers in order to face the challenges that are to come with a proceeding climate change. Where do we find the courage to transform ourselves and to inspire our human family? There is an urgent call to create a sustainable life style for all.

Welcome to an evening where different pioneers share their visions on how a sustainable future society can look like.

Panellists:

Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, Director of Brahma Kumaris in Europe & the Middle East, Representative to the UN; Head of delegation and speaker at the UN Climate Change Conferences

"As leaders we need to empower people to act whole-heartedly on climate change. When we are able to open people's minds to understand our relationship with the earth from a higher perspective and see societies as one human family, we can inspire a genuine care for the common good and a change in behavior." (J. Kirpalani)

Anne Barre, Women Engage for a common Future (WECF), Coordinator Gender & Climate Policy, Strategic Partnerships.

"I am convinced that women are essential drivers of change at the community level as much as on the global political scene. Therefore gender equality is a prerequisite to a just climate transition and a sustainable development on our planet." (A. Barre)

Joachim Golo Pilz, Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant

"Climate change is accelerating and demands innovative answers. A holistic approach taking into account consciousness and awareness can play a crucial role in developing our full creative potential." (J.G. Pilz)

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Venue: LVR, Rheinisches Landesmuseum Bonn, Colmantstr. 14-16, 53115 Bonn

Event Language: English; There will be a translation into German via a telephone line, pls. bring you mobile phones and headset.