



Climate Change Conference COP23 Monday 13th Nov 2017, Bonn, Germany

The India Pavilion

In the morning, Sister Jayanti, Sonja and Golo went to the Indian Pavilion for the launch of the new International Solar Alliance (ISA). More than 121 sunshine countries participated to promote the efficient exploitation of solar energy. Golo and Sister Jayanti, along with BK Abhishek, met Anil Kumar, the Secretary of the Indian Ministry for renewable energy. They told him about the achievements of Brahma Kumaris in the field of solar energy and especially the India One solar power plant.



Abhishek met with the Secretary of the Ministry of Renewable Energy and the Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment



Later, at the German Pavilion, Abhishek met Barbara Hendrix, the German Minister of Environment.

BK Press Conference

After the launch, Sister Jayanti, Sonja and Golo drove in an electrical BMW car to the nearby Bula Zone to hold the BK Press conference titled: “Visionary Leadership for a Sustainable Future.” Sonja moderated the session and around 25 people came for the program. Sister Jayanti and Golo gave short statements with the following main points:

- In a Planetary consciousness, we need a vision of the planet as our home
- We must change from thinking “I/me” to thinking “us” – this is a spiritual consciousness
- Visionary Leadership keeps a positive vision of the future.
- We have to change from “desires and wants” to “needs.”
- The combination of a spiritual approach and a practical approach is needed.

The full press conference can be seen [here](#)



BK press conference Visionary Leadership for a Sustainable Future

10 must-knows on Climate Change

After a rejuvenating cup of coffee and visiting the main plenary hall for 5 minutes of Yoga, Sister Jayanti, Golo and Sonja went to an interesting press conference held by

- Patricia Espinosa, executive secretary of the UNFCCC
- Prof. Johan Rockström (Sweden) and
- Prof. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Potsdam Research Institute.

The press conference discussed the latest scientific findings relating to climate change, what we have to do now and what happens if we fail. Prof. Rockström and Prof. Schellnhuber presented the 10 major points in a condensed form. Ms. Espinosa fully supported the presentation and said; We all struggle with communication – we are either misinformed, over informed or under informed - but we have to communicate the opportunities now and act. Sister Jayanti and Prof. Schellnhuber got a chance to meet and introduce themselves before the conference. We presented him with our brochure and a blessing card, which he really appreciated. Later, Prof. Schellnhuber said that this conference is about the symbol of compassion because Fiji is joining hands with Germany; one of the poorest with one of the richest countries of the world.



Prof. Schellnhuber meeting Sister Jayanti

The 10 points can be read [here](#) and the report itself, in PDF form, can be downloaded from [here](#).

The whole press conference, on the UNFCCC website is available from [here](#).



Press Conference: 10 must-know facts about climate change



Walking back from the Bula Zone through Rheinaue Park, Bonn



Valériane meeting the Bolivian Delegation



Dominican Delegation

Klaus Peter, Bri and others met with the Dominican environment minister and his delegation at our stand. They all accepted a blessing card and wristband.



Sister Jayanti meeting Hanna Strong and Elder from Uganda from the Global Peace Initiative of Women

Evening Reception in the Villa

Friends and colleagues from the COP conference were invited to our villa for a relaxed evening with meditation and dinner snacks. The kitchen team did some magic and prepared a wonderful table of vegan snacks. Around 20 people came and enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere, a meditation by Sister Jayanti and a chill-out away from the buzz of conference.



Our delicious vegan food cooked with love



Gopi entertaining our youngest guest.



It is all in the air! Rev. Fletcher and Valeriane



Sister Jayanti with Caro, Stefan and Paul



Bri meeting Elder from Namibia



Happy chit-chat during the evening reception



Klaus Peter and Heidi with guests



Early morning activity in the kitchen



Meditation in the main conference hall, previously the old parliament of Germany



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