

Meeting with Mr Peter Kenmore, Food and Agriculture Organization's Representative to India (FAO)

On 26 February 2013, a delegation from the Brahma Kumaris visited the FAO Representative in India, Mr Peter Erwin Kenmore in his office in the United Nations compound in New Delhi.

The Brahma Kumaris' representatives were Mr Vivek Ahlabat, a businessman from Noida, Mr Piero Musini, Coordinator of KeBio farm in Gubbio, Sister Fatima, from Om Shanti Retreat Center in New Delhi and Ms Teresa Lugones, former FAO staff member from Italy.

Mr Teresa Lugones briefly introduced the Brahma Kumaris and its work in the context of the United Nations and pointed out that the aim of the visit was to introduce to Mr Kenmore the work of the Rural Wing and the Sustainable Yogic Agriculture Project.

Mr Vivek Ahlabat commented on the activities of the SYA project in India and on the research which is being undertaken by various Indian Universities and Research Centers.

Mr Kenmore listened with much interest the presentation and made some relevant questions. He stressed the importance of keeping all elements of the ecosystem alive, while practicing agriculture. He agreed that the Brahma Kumaris' approach was innovative and worth to be introduced to the stakeholders, therefore it is his intention to invite the Brahma Kumaris to the next Stakeholders Meeting. He also requested a list of the Indian locations where the project is being implemented, in order to connect FAO staff with the farmers involved in the Brahma Kumaris' project.

Mr Piero Musini gave him a brochure regarding the KeBio farm in Gubbio, Italy and explained that the research on SYA will start soon also there.

Finally, Sister Fatima invited him to visit the Om Shanti Retreat Center in Delhi or the Brahma Kumaris Headquarters in Mount Abu. At the same time, he was given the invitation to participate in the "Golden Future of Bharat Festival", event which will take place from 2 to 10 March 2013 in Delhi.