

Green tour in Canada, Seattle and San Francisco (Climate Action Summit)

Golo arrived in Montreal on 24th September. He stayed there for 3 days and then travelled on to Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Seattle and finally San Francisco.

In each place, Golo conducted programs and met the Brahma Kumaris (BK) family. He spoke about climate change, solar energy projects of BK and the required lifestyle change. He highlighted the connection between the inner and outer worlds and that we all can create a better world by transforming our awareness and thoughts.

Golo also visited the famous glaciers in Jasper national park and could see first-hand the dramatic melting of these important sweet water reservoirs.



Glacier 1918

Glacier 2011

Golo on top of the Glacier

Vancouver was recovering from the smoke of the biggest forest fires ever in history in British Columbia. There has been serious drought in British Columbia, and in California. There have been forest fires everywhere. There was a program in the Vancouver centre and then a journey to San Francisco via Seattle.

There was a well-attended programme at the Anubhuti Retreat centre, just north of San Francisco.



On the evening of 11th September, there was the opening of the interfaith programs in the Grace Cathedral by the local bishop. In attendance were Governor Brown, Minority Congress Leader Nancy Pelosi, UNFCCC former and present Executive directors Mrs Figueres and Mrs Espinosa and many others. Our Green team Elisabeth, Shoba, Juan, Gordon and Golo joined in full strength.



The program began with blessings invoked by the native people. Then, the different faiths entered the cathedral in procession. The Hindu procession was led by Elisabeth who sang Om Shanti Om beautifully in front of the whole gathering. The programme lasted about two hours.



Afterwards many of the faith organizations gave presentations of their efforts to reduce their carbon emissions - using more solar energy or switching to vegetarian food. After the program, Golo briefly met Mrs Figueres, former executive secretary of UNFCCC and one of the architects of the Paris climate agreement.

On 13th September, there were 2 workshops at the Cathedral premises by Golo and Elisabeth on "Managing from Within" plus Juan and Gordon on "Changemaker".



On 13th, Golo gave a talk at the San Francisco centre which is affiliated to the Global Climate summit. He met the local BK class and the green team.



The climate action summit (www.globalclimateactionsummit.org) was held at from 12th to 14th at the Moscone centre in San Francisco. Around 4000 delegates from all over the world met there. They called on national governments to join forces to step up climate action ahead of 2020 — the year when global greenhouse gases need to peak and then to fall sharply to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

The summit was all about announcing plans and ideas of local governments, regions, cities and companies to reduce their emissions. California Governor Brown announced that the state wants to become carbon neutral by 2045. In the whole San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the world during the week of 10th - 14th September, climate action panels, workshops, tours, exhibits and other special events had been organized in connection to this summit.



A demonstration for more action to protect the planet

On the 14th September, Juan, Elisabeth and Golo attended the last day of the conference to listen to the various statements and announcements. They participated in various panels. It was made clear that we are in the midst of climate change already and drastic action is required. It was also clear that people want to see real action and measurable reduction of emissions - now.

On 15th Sept. Golo was interviewed by a local radio station.

Our green team met many friends, made new contacts and shared our message "Change yourself and then change the world".



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Beautiful San Francisco

