

## 2nd Symposium on „ Consciousness and Climate Change” New Perspectives on a World in Transition

16th June, 4 – 7pm, EUREF-Campus Berlin

The event began with four key note speeches, followed by small group exchanges, music, a break and then a closing round.

The key note speakers were:

- Sonja Ohlsson - Environment Initiative Brahma Kumaris, Copenhagen
- Kerstin Löber - Strategic Consultant and Adviser, Berlin.
- Ajodeji Okunlola - Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam (IASS)
- Golo Pilz - Director India Care, Solar Systems, India
- Facilitation - Carolin Fraude, BK Environment Initiative and IASS



### I. Key Note Speakers:

**Sonja Ohlsson** presented the BK Environment Initiative focussing on climate change and consciousness. Consciousness seems to be a fundamental for decisions. It might provide a new perspective on world transformation. Awareness of consciousness itself underwent transitions within the last years. Sonja introduced the cyclic patterns of life (a life span, values). There was emphasis on the transition age, the shift

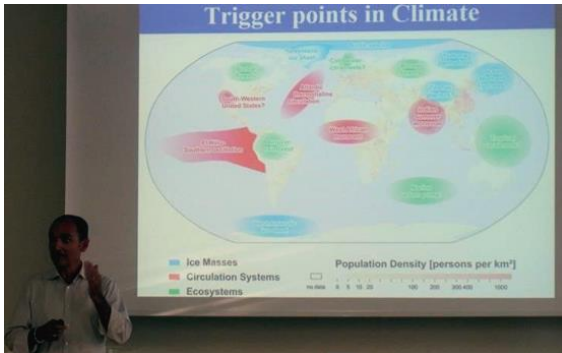


**Kerstin Löber** pointed out that there is a need to consider the anthropogenic factors within the climate discussion. Further there's a need of crossovers of spirituality and the world of matter. When there will be compassion with the systems, the systems will change. Everyone wants to be seen, but hardly anyone is aware of this. For everyone it seems to be important to awaken the inner power. There is a lot of fear within society, we are only able to make a difference together. Further there was an emphasis on female qualities. The masculine companies are missing female qualities. Men also have female qualities.



**Ajodeji Okunlola**, works within the Co-Benefit Project at the IASS. In collaboration with national knowledge partners in India, South Africa, Vietnam and Turkey, the project elaborates country specific co-benefits of climate policies, with emphasis on the opportunities presented by renewable power generation. Calamities bring about attention, opportunities bring action. “You can’t talk about calamities anymore. You’ve to speak about opportunities. You’ve to bring an opportunity to bring a change. How can we

further mobilize the opportunities of a just energy transition?”, so Mr. Okunlola. There’s a need to improve co-benefits in the field of climate change and to sustain new energy paths.

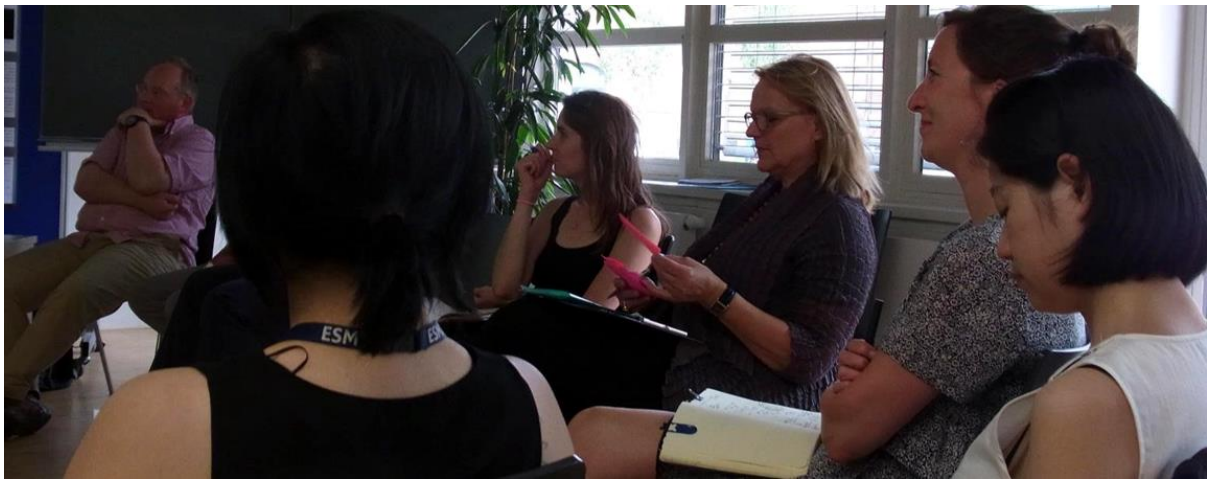


**Golo Pilz** presented the Brahma Kumaris Solar Energy Centre and the fabrication of the Solar Plant in Abu Road, Rajasthan, India. He spoke about the financial support from the German & Indian governments and from Brahma Kumaris itself. Meditation and Yoga seem to be good tools to induce a change within consciousness and climate change. The inside outside approach: I am a being of light. There is an impact of these loving thoughts on the world.

## II: Break

A small break with dinks and a snack. Questions were collected for group conversations.





### III: Groups were created: with the topics:

- Growth and development (with Ajodeji Okunlola)
- Meditation within companies (with Kerstin Löber and Golo Pilz)
- Hopelessness and fear (Sonja Ohlson)



### IV. Closing session with feedback from everyone.

