



## Report 2<sup>nd</sup> week of SB50 Climate Change Conference Bonn 24 to 27 June 2019

This report gives a summary on the BKEI involvement in the **second** week of SB50, the intercessional meeting of the United Nation Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn.

In the second week the BKEI served through:

- a **stand with information material** and posters
- Our BKEI **official Side Event** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Focusing on **networking with youth** to prepare for COY15 in Chile
- **Bilateral meetings** with people from the UNFCCC and the new Chilean COP25 Presidency

### Stand with information material and posters

We had a stand for the second week of the conference. The stand is still a very effective way to get in contact with new delegates and also meet old friends. It was mainly looked after by Gopi from Cologne, Bri from Bremen and Heidi from Bonn who shared our green blessing cards and brochures with people.

### Official BK Side Event, June 27th

The topic was: “Getting everyone engaged in climate action - with culture, social innovation, value change & technology” and was co-sponsored by the Green Economic Institute and IAAI GloCha and organized by Valeriane from Geneva.



Even though the event took place on the last day of the 2 weeks conference ca. 40-45 people participated.



The event was moderated in an interactive way by Carolin from Berlin who asked the participants, in which way they see “consciousness” and “climate change” connected. It was an eye-opener to hear their answers since they revealed a high awareness of the interrelatedness between the two and the importance to understand more deeply how change of awareness is crucial for the needed global transformation.

The conversation then became an ideal ground for Golo from Mt. Abu/ Frankfurt to talk on how visioning a better future can translate into action. Also, how meditation can help change awareness, lifestyles and can lead to effective action. As a practical example he briefly presented IndiaOne a 1 MW solar power plant in Abu Road. There was also time for deeper sharing, questions and answers during the event and presentations of our co-sponsors.



The audience expressed a strong appreciation for the Brahma Kumaris bringing the connection of inner and outer transformation to the UNFCCC processes and beyond.

## Young people at the SBI50

It was very visible that compared to previous SBs and COPs the presence and visibility of youth had grown enormously! Movements like Fridays for future, young global change makers like Greta Thunberg and others, the climate delegation have clearly shown results. Carolin participated in the daily morning briefing of the youth constituency, called YOUNGO and made connections to the organizers of COY15 (Conference of Youth) in Chile as well as to organizers of local COYs in Germany and Sweden.



The COP presidency, the UNFCCC and several states gave a lot of attention and time for personal meetings to the young delegates.

For information on COY: @coychile conference-of-youth.org



## Meeting with the Climate Champion for COP25

The BKEI in cooperation with the National Council of Churches in Australia, the Anglican Communion Environment Network and the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) are organizing a One-Day-Retreat for delegates of COP25. To find more supporters as well as doing some research on the needs of the target group Carolin organized several bilateral meetings.

From left to right: Carolin, Gonzalo Muñoz, the Climate Champion, Prof. Mark Lawrence (IASS), Camilla Fernández.

