



## UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE OF PARTIES 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> TO 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

The UNCCD COP14 was organized from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the India Expo Mart in Greater Noida in which delegates from 196 countries participated. The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) participated in the conference.

The sustainable integrated organic yogic agriculture project Happy Farm was also presented as a model solution for desertification and land degradation. Daily tours to the Farm were conducted for interested delegates at 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Many delegates visited Happy Farm to learn meditation and understand the concept of yogic farming.

This visit to the Farm was a unique feature as delegates could get a first-hand experience of the project and see yogic farming themselves. The visitors were overwhelmed by the concept of yogic farming and expressed their appreciation for the project.

**18**

**Farm Visits**

**85**

**Delegates**

**30**

**Countries**

**PHOTO NEWS**  
**VISITORS AT HAPPY FARMS, GREATER NOIDA**



Yogic Farming at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Vietnam and Cambodia at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Bosnia, Israel, Iran, Croatia and India at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Youth Caucus delegates from the United Kingdom, Russia, Nepal and parts of India at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from State of Eritrea, South Africa and India at the Happy Farm





UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Germany, Costa Rica, USA, and parts of India at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF), Israel at the Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates after the Sunday Brunch at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Switzerland and parts of India at Happy Farm



Head of Freshwater, Land and Climate Change Branch, UN Environment at Breakfast at Happy Farm



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Vietnam and Cambodia at Happy Farm



Interns of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change at Happy Farm



David Kersting, Program Advisor, Soil protection and rehabilitation for food security, GIZ at Happy Farms



UNCCD COP14 Delegates from Guinea Conakry, Mauritania, Senegal, Togo and Uganda at the Happy Farm

Some guests who visited the Happy Farms during the UNCCD COP14 are:

- Tim Christophersen, Head of Freshwater, Land and Climate Change Branch, UN Environment
- Rosalud Dela Rosa, Senior Consultant, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy
- David Kersting, Program Advisor, Soil protection and rehabilitation for food security, GIZ, Germany
- Emmanuel Sobel Seck, Programme Manager, Environment and Development Action (ENDA), Senegal
- Vo Thi Bich Hop, Executive Director, Sustainable Rural Development, Vietnam and Chair of Vietnamese NGO Networks
- Liza Zogib, Founder and Director, Diverse Earth, Switzerland
- Heng Chinda, assistant to UNCCD and NAP, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- Socheath Sou, Director, Live & Learn Environmental Education, Cambodia
- Jackelline Siles, Senior Gender Coordinator, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Washington DC
- Aminetou Bilal, President, Selfie Mbalite, Mauritania
- Bhavani Kusum, President, Gram Bharti Samiti (GBS) Society for Rural Development, Jaipur, India
- Kusum Jain, Secretary, Gram Bharti Samiti (GBS) Society for Rural Development, Jaipur, India
- Archana Soreng, Research Officer, Forests Rights and Governance Project, TISS, Mumbai
- Shipra Deo, Director of Women's Land Rights, Landesa
- Dr. K Srinivasa Reddy (Soil Scientist) and L. Surya Narayana Reddy (President) Grameen Vikas Samithi, Tirupati
- Narayan Vitthal Solanke, President, Universal Versatile Society, Maharashtra
- Global volunteers for Plant for Planet and Fridays for Future
- Officials from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India
- Students from Amity University, Noida, the Forest Research Institute (FRI Dehradun), Delhi University