Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative





Calendar of Events COP28 UAE

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Wed. 29.11.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom Live Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Iyad Abu Moghli, Director Faith for Earth UN Environment Programme Hemavathi Shekar, Youth climate activist Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy 	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation
Thur. 30.11.2023	Interfaith Gathering in Spirit of Talanoa Dialogue COP28		
15:00-20:00	As we come together for COP28, we would like to offer an opportunity for faith-oriented and all interested people to gather and freely share our respective initiatives, concerns and hopes. As faith communities active in climate action, the Talanoa Dialogue will bring us to discuss, as faith communities in relation to climate challenges: where are we; where do we want to go; and how do we get there. Opening with music and welcome by Rev James Young, Rector Christ Church, Dubai Introduction by Henrik Grape & Valériane Bernard, Interfaith Liaisons Committee Panel Discussion - Religious leaders take on COP28 Rev Dr Jerry Pillay, Gen Sec. World Council of Churches Harjeet Sing, Head of Global Political Strategy Climate Action Network Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Rev Chebon Kernell, ordained Elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Carine Wendland, Lutheran World Foundation Youth, Brazil Talanoa Small Group Discussions Interfaith service	Christ Church Jebel Ali Village Dubai	Registration required In-person Online
Thur. 30.11.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom Live Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Rob Wheeler, Main Representative to the UN and Global Stewards Circle, Global Ecovillage Network. Diane Shisk, International Reference Person for Climate Change in Re-evaluation Counselling Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy 	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation

Fri.			
1.12.2023	COP28 Exhibition		
1 - 3. Dec: 9.00-17.00	Exhibition: Brahma Kumaris in collaboration with United Nations of Youth Network will show case an array of, books and various documents of international best practices in respect of Children and Young People with interest in YOUNGO with examples from both the Global North and Global South.	Booth 45 Blue Zone	COP28 delegates
Fri. 1.12.2023	COP28 Faith Pavilion		
11.30-12.15	Contribution of faith-based organizations to building climate resilience and adaptation - youth-led climate action. The panel will highlight the value of faith-based organizations' practices, contributions, and groundwork in implementing climate adaptation and resilience measures. Through case study reviews, the panellists will relate their on-the-ground experiences of the most vulnerable to show the benefits of climate change resilience and adaptation. The discussion will connect the challenges and learnings into opportunities for creating new ways of tackling the impacts of climate to promote sustainable societies. Iemaima Jennifer Vaai (Samoa/Fiji, Methodist Church in Samoa Laura Saravia — Lutheran Church in El Salvador Collins Shava, Executive Secretary, Youth at All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC-CETA) Shantanu Mandal — India, youth representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth This session is organized by a joint effort of the Lutheran World Federation- LWF, Brahma Kumaris, The All-Africa Conference of Churches, and the World Council of Churches. https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 delegates Online
Fri. 1.12.2023	COP28 Global Climate Action Hub		
12.00-13.00	Faith - The missing piece in climate discussions and for climate action. Today we have all the science we need on how people are changing the climate. We have the Paris Agreement, yet emissions are still rising. What is missing? We lack the will to change. A group of religious figures and clergy from many faiths will share about how to promote faith-based climate action. Dialogue with faith leaders, amongst others Sister Jayanti.	Global Climate Action Hub, Lab – Al Shaheen	COP28 delegates
Fri. 1.12.2023	COP28 Faith Pavilion		
12.30-13.15	Interfaith Youth Dialogue on Climate Justice, Promoting Resilience and Hope - an interreligious youth dialogue between youth representatives from different faith traditions and geographical regions discussing: How do we, as people of faith, strengthen resilience among youth in times of climate crisis? What kind of future does youth see in front of them? What kind of solutions are they hoping for? Speakers: Shantanu Mandal, India, youth representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth. Priyanka Patil, youth representative of Brahma Kumaris. Regenerative gardener, permaculture designer and teacher. Sofie Ohlsson, volunteer for Church of Sweden Youth. Civil engineer student with focus on environment. Carine Josiéle Wendland, Brazil, Lutheran World Federation Hanna Soldal, (moderator) – Sweden, Act Church of Sweden. Advocacy advisor with focus on climate justice. https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 delegates <u>Online</u>

Fri. 1.12.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Elena Cedillo, Program Executive for Climate Justice, Lutheran World Federation Martin Frick, Director UN World Food Program Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy 	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation
Sat. 2.12.2023	COP28 Press Conference Blue Zone		
10.00-10.30	Press conference: Amplifying voices of hope and resilience Sister Jayanti, Addl. Admin Head of Brahma Kumaris Golo Pilz, Energy Adviser Brahma Kumaris Lindsey Fielder Cook, Quaker UN Office, Rep. for the Human Impacts of Climate Change	Press Conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
Sat. 2.12.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Tr. Vera Rodenhoff, Head of Division, German Ministry, Environment, Nature Conservation Build. & Nuclear Safety Carlos Zepeda, PhD, Assistant Director of Policy and Practice, at the Laudato Si´Research Institute Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation
Sun. 3.12.2023	COP28 Children and Youth Pavilion		
11.00-11.50	Role of communications in raising resilience in Community Resilience Radio & Spotlighting Youth Perspectives on the Path to Climate Resilience. The objective of the "Resilience Radio" workshop is to engage participants in creative and interactive activities centered around resilience and capacity building in the context of climate action. The workshop also aims to foster a stronger sense of community with participants to help them face media powerfully and convey an impactful message. Speakers: Kavindu, Srilanka, Priyanka Patil, India; Shantanu Mandal, India; Birajit, UK: Mihir Mathur, India. Organisers: Brahma Kumaris & SLYCAN Trust	Childrens and Youth Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
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Mon. 4.12.2023	COP28 Faith Pavilion		
9.30-10.00	Every day at the COP 28 Faith Pavilion, the day will start with an empowering recharging space. Today Sis Jayanti and Valériane Bernard from the Brahma Kumaris will offer a moment of silence and spiritual reflections. https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates Online
Mon. 4.12.2023	COP28 UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub		
10.00-11.00	Faith and Sustainability: A Spiritual Approach towards Environmental Responsibility In line with the objectives of the UGIH, this session will focus on a system-thinking approach and explore the connections between faith, spirituality, and sustainable practices. It brings together individuals from diverse faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds to engage in meaningful conversations about the intersections of faith and environmental responsibility. Renowned speakers will share their insights on how faith informs sustainable practices and guides ethical decision-making. The session will explore the spiritual dimensions of our relationship with the Earth and emphasize the importance of stewardship, compassion, and interconnectedness with all life forms. Speakers: Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, CEO, Brahma Kumaris RT. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop. Episcopal Diocese of California - virtual Emilce Cude, Secr. of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America Ovais Sarmad, Former Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC Moderator: Massamba Thioye, Project Executive, UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub	UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub	COP28 Delegates
Mon. 4.12.2023	COP28 Press Conference Blue Zone		
13.30-14.00	World Council of Churches: Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue on COP 28 by Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, Rev. Chebon Kernell, Rev. Christine Trainor (tbc), Lucy Plummer, Harjeet Singh. Moderator: Valériane Bernard	Press Conference Room 2 Zone B6 - Building 77	COP28 Delegates
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18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Bishop Philip Huggins, Anglican Church, Diocese of Melbourne Thomas Hirsch, Founder and Director Climate Development Advice, Germany Anchor: Sonja Ohlsson, Dir. Brahma Kumaris Eco Initiative 	<u>Live stream</u>	In-Person By Invitation
Tue. 05.12.2023	COP28 Press Conference Blue Zone		
9.30-10.00	Ethics at the Heart of the Energy Transition Sister Jayanti, Addl. Admin Head of Brahma Kumaris Golo Pilz, Energy Adviser Brahma Kumaris Dr. Lorna Gold, CEO Faith Invest	Press Conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates

Tue. 05.12.2023	COP28 Side Event Blue Zone		
11.30-13.00	From Policy to Practice: Ethical Considerations and HR Implications for L&D Funding Arrangement The event highlights the urgent need to integrate ethical principles, HR, and intergenerational justice into funding strategies for L&D. By fostering inclusive, just, and equitable funding mechanisms, we can ensure that the most vulnerable are protected and future generations inherit a sustainable world. Speakers: Christina Chan – US Negotiator, Sister Jayanti – Brahma Kumaris, Ramon Pichs – Vice Chair IPCCC, Rev. Chebon Kernell, Youth Voice. Organisers: The Lutheran World Federation, All Africa Conference of Churches, Brahma Kumaris, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	SE Room 7 Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
Tue. 5.12.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy, Director, G20 Global Initiative on Land, UN Convention for Combating Desertification Alan Bigelow, PhD, Program and Science Dir. Solar Cookers Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris 	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation
Wed. 6.12.2023	COP28 Faith Pavilion		
11.30-12.15	Visionary Leadership for the Transition to Clean Technology Join our innovative session to engage with clean technology experts and faith-based organizations, uncovering the latest advancements and possibilities for informed decision-making. A visionary mindset is needed to inspire sustainable practices within communities, with faith leaders playing a pivotal role in connecting faith and environmental stewardship with clean technologies like solar power and wind energy. Speakers: Abdulla Mohammad Baobeid, Climate Change Co-ordinator, Nahda Makers, Yemen Caitlyn Hughes, Executive Director, Solar Cookers International Golo J. Pilz, Germany Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Initiator of India-One solar thermal power plant; India/Germany Kenneth Nana Amatoeng, Elder of church of Pentecost and President of Abibimman Foundation, Ghana; Moderator Sonja Ohlsson, Brahma Kumaris Focal Point to UNFCCC https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone Section T2	COP28 Delegates Online
Wed. 6.12.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Sister Jayanti, Add. Admin. Head of the Brahma Kumaris Emmanuel Sobel Seck, Director of ENDA Energie, Senegal Vibha Dhawan, PhD, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris 	<u>Live stream</u>	In-Person By Invitation
Thu. 7.12.2023	Public Event		
19.00-21.00	Sowing Seeds of Change. Let us create a green and abundant future by sowing seeds of positive thoughts and actions today Guest of Honor: H.E. Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to UAE Key Note Speaker: Sister Jayanti	At Queen Elizabeth 2, Mina Rashid, Dubai	Registr- ation required

Fri. 8.12.2023	COP28 Exhibition Blue Zone		
8-11 Dec. 9.00-17.00	4-day long exhibition: The Brahma Kumaris, Faith Assoc. of the Rehab. of Street Children & Orphans and Int. Youth/Student Movement for UN exhibit their key projects in education, renewable energies and lifestyle change. A new consciousness and mindset open doors to a sustainable future grounded in integrity and care.	Booth 4 Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
Fri. 8.12.2023	COP28 Press Conference Blue Zone		
9.30-10.00	Press Conference: Young Heroes of Climate Justice Stories Nansedalia Ramírez - Coordinator of the Youth Movement of the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests. (TBC) Marleine Saira Flora - Global Alliance of Territorial Communities' youth movement. (TBC), Lina Salas - Film strategist, If not us then Who Loay Alatrash - Chairman, Arab Youth Green Voices Network, Shantanu Mandal - Brahma Kumaris Youth Rep to UNEP Major group for Children and Youth Moderator Ankita Manjunath - Youth Rep Brahma Kumaris Eco Initiative	Press Conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
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Sat. 9.12.2023	COP28 Faith Pavilion		
11.30-12.30	Mobilizing Faith Community Towards Land Restoration 85% of the world population believe in a faith or a religion. This event will spotlight the power of collaboration between different faiths for a common cause: land restoration. Through meaningful interfaith exchanges from leaders and representatives from various faith communities and religions, we aim to explore the shared values that underpin our responsibility to care for the Earth. This event is a platform to bridge gaps, strengthen understanding, and foster cooperation in the pursuit of a healthier planet. Speakers: Yukiko Yamada Morovic, Technical Director, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action, World Vision International Sri Sri Ravishankar, Founder, The Art of Living Maureen Goodman, Programme Director Brahma Kumaris UK Muhammad Zubair, AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics, Chief Executive Officer Organised by UN Convention for Combatting Desertification. https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates Online
Sat. 9.12.2023	COP28 Side Event Blue Zone		
11.30-13.00	Youth Rising in Solidarity for Environmental Defenders and Safeguarding Lives, Nature and the Future. Environmental defenders unite to share their lived experiences and unwavering determination in their pursuit of protecting nature, despite facing threats and obstacles to	Room 5 Blue zone	COP28 Delegates

Sat. 9.12.2023	their human rights. Using a creative and interfaith approach to storytelling bringing instances for resilience and hope. Speakers: David N. Munene (CYNESA), Nansedalia Ramirez (Youth leader from Mesoamerica), Lucy Plummer (SGI-UK), oão Pankarau (Youth Leader from Brazil), Shantanu Mandal (Brahma Kumaris), Victor Ayertey (International Movement of Christian Students - Organised by CYNESA and If Not Us Then Who? (INUTW)		
13.30-14.15	Faith in action for climate justice in addressing Loss & Damage This event brings together a diverse panel of speakers, including faith leaders and policy experts, to discuss the policy developments around the funding, governance and operationalization of the loss and damage fund. We will focus on the important role of faith actors in driving climate action, hearing from faith representatives from global south countries experiencing the impact of loss and damage first-hand. Speakers will also explore the concepts of justice and global solidarity from a faith perspective and its relevance to loss and damage, looking at both economic and non-economic impacts for communities. Speakers: Bishop Julio Murray, Archbishop of Central America and Bishop of the Diocese of Panama Maureen Goodman, Programme Director, Brahma Kumaris, UK Bishop Marika Markovits, Church of Sweden (Evangelical Lutheran) The Holy See Representative Moderator Chiara Martinelli, Dir. CAN Europe Organiser: CIDSE together with Christian Aid, SCIAF, Maryknoll-KOO, and Church of Sweden https://faithatcop28.com/live-stream/	Faith Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates Online
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	 Pam Pearson, Dir. International Cryosphere Climate Initiative Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change India (tbc) Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris 		
Sun 10.12.2023	 Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change India (tbc) 		

	Matthews Mhuru, Deputy Director, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Zambia, Priyanka Patil, YOUNGO Agriculture Working Group and Mitigation Working Group, India. Francesco Branca, Director NFS, WHO (moderator) https://www.who.int/news-room/events/		
Sun. 10.12.2023	COP28 Children and Youth Pavilion		
13.10-13.40	Feeding the future - Erosion and food system resilience We'll explore erosion, its impacts, problems in our food system, and ways to prevent erosion and promote sustainable food systems. Explore solutions in a creative way and understand our conscious efforts as positive outcomes for the SDGs. Speakers: Priyanka Patil, Shantanu Mandal, Organisers: Radio Madhuban	Childrens and Youth Pavillion, Blue Zone	COP28 Delegates
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18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Maureen Goodman, Program Dir. for the Brahma Kumaris, UK Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M., Founder-President, Green Hope Foundation Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris 	<u>Live stream</u>	In-Person By Invitation
Mon 11.12.2023	COP28 Press Conference Blue Zone		
14.30-15.00	World Council of Churches: Interfaith cooperation on climate justice Lindsey Fielder Cook, Mattias Søderberg, Maro Maua, Shantanu Mandal, Elena Cedillo, Alexandra Goossens-Ishii, Moderator: Rev. Henrik Grape.	Press Conference Room 2 Zone B6 - Building 77, Blue Z	COP28 Delegates
Mon. 11.12.2023	Climate Wisdom Live Stream		
18.30-20.30	 Climate Wisdom COP28 Event Maureen Goodman, Program Dir. for the Brahma Kumaris, UK Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence, Scientific Dir. Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Chair, Governance & Ethic Committee in PMNC -Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Anchor: Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris 	Live stream	In-Person By Invitation
Tue. 12.12.2023	COP28 Cryosphere Pavilion		
11.30-12.30	Pathways to Transform: Safeguarding the Cryosphere through Mindset and Lifestyle Shifts The urgently needed transformations for safeguarding the cryosphere will only occur with fundamental changes to our mindsets. Such a shift in perspective will lead to reinventing lifestyles, building long-term resilience, and taking a regenerative approach for future pathways. In this intergenerational and cross-sector dialogue, we will discover actionable strategies to make eco-conscious choices that positively impact the cryosphere and contribute to a safe operating space for humanity. Speakers: Prof. Mark Lawrence, Scientific Director at the Institute for Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) Potsdam Pam Pearson, Director, International Cryosphere Climate Initiative Golo Pilz, Brahma Kumaris, Adviser Renewable Energy Moderator: Ankita Manjunath, Architect and Member of Arts, Culture & Heritage group YOUNGO	Cryosphere Pavilion Blue Zone	COP28 delegates

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