Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

6th Report on the UN Climate Change Conference COP28

6 - 7 Dec. 2023 – Dubai, UAE

Flashy country pavilions, corporate-sponsored cocktail parties and mélange of side events have turned this year's COP into what some say is a trade show or circus. And with a record 84,000 registered attendees, this year's COP28, is a far cry from the first in Berlin in 1995, which was a low-key affair with fewer than 4,000 delegates. This is seen by some as a sign of success and by others as a dangerous distraction from the business of combating climate change as over nearly three decades global oil demand, carbon emissions and temperatures have marched steadily upward.

The Brahma Kumaris' record number of events and interviews, plus many meaningful conversations, proves the need for spirituality and meditation at these conferences.

Faith Pavilion

The session "**Visionary Leadership for the Transition to Clean Technology**" brought together the **wisdom** of faith-based organizations and the **expertise** of clean technology leaders. The discussions focused on which kind of leadership shapes the transition towards sustainable practices within our communities. The speakers shared their personal experiences, initiatives, and insights, illustrating how visionary leadership is instrumental in driving the transition to clean technology. The main values were:

- Find what binds us together rather than divides us
- Manage conflict resolution in the team
- Provide training and education
- Creates clear vision and goals and hold on to it
- Self-leadership based on values and ethics is most important

Moderator Sonja Ohlsson, Abdulla Mohammad Baobeid, Climate Change Co-ordinator, Nahda Makers, Yemen, Caitlyn Hughes, Executive Director, Solar Cookers International

Kenneth Nana Amatoeng, Elder of church of Pentecost and President of Abibimman Foundation, Ghana and Golo Pilz, Germany Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Initiator of India-One solar thermal power plant; India/Germany

Watch the program here

Care, Share and Inspire - Climate Wisdom Studio

The panel of experts moderated by Golo for this episode of Climate Wisdom were Sister Jayanti; Mr. Emmanuel Sobel Seck, Regional Rep. West and Central Africa, ENDA Energie and Vibha Dhawan, PhD, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

Viba Dhawan was asked: Emission still going up and right now we are heading to 2.5 C or even more. Specially the most vulnerable which are least responsible for the climate change are being affected the most. India is the country with an incredible spiritual legacy rooted in value and ethics. Can a revival of ethic and moral principle change the trend? See event on YOUTUBE

Youth meeting negotiators

The UN youth constituency YOUNGO had a dialogue with High-level negotiators from Nigeria on technology and just transition. The dialogue focused on technological developments to combat climate action and emphasised the role of international cooperation. BK Ankita from India is part of the YOUNGO delegation and facilitated the question-and-answer session with the youth observers in the room.

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The Indiaspora

The Indiaspora in Dubai gathered in the prestigious hotel Anantara Downtown, Dubai, for a full-day Forum on Climate Action. Sister Jayanti gave a keynote speech on Faith and Climate in the afternoon. She emphasised that the spirituality is the core identity of humans, is lost, therefore we are being consumed by materialism.

Queen Elisabeth 2

In evening the Raja Yoga Centre in Dubai hosted a public program on the historical Queen Elizabeth 2, the famous retired former British ocean liner which got converted into a floating hotel. More than 300 locals came to the event and took the unique opportunity to listen to Sister Jayanti's inspiring message on the theme 'Sowing Seeds of Change'.

Sister Jayanti said "Change can be infectious. Each one of us can be an instrument of change. I have to make that commitment within myself. Sowing the seeds of change begins with just a thought that I would like to change," she said. "What seeds do we want to sow now – on one level to awaken the values and virtues that we carry within ourselves? Sow the seeds of good action – justice, equality, dignity, respect, love, peace, joy - if we want that better world," she concluded.

The program was moderated by Golo and hosted by the Raja Yoga Center and organized by Mudra Events. [Watch the entire session here:]

Aneta, Sonja and Valeriane together with H.E. Laila Rahhal El Atfani, who gave the vote of thanks