Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

8th Report on the UN Climate Change Conference COP28

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T The climate talks have reached an impasse over whether to phase out or phase down fossil fuels, with just two days of official negotiating time left. That's why Sultan Al Jaber, the president of the conference, urges all nations to be flexible and to 'Come with solutions' to reach a compromise in the final meetings. Climate Action Network, which is made up of more than 1,900 civil society organisations in over 130 countries, stated in their daily COP News: "We have clear demands for this COP28, 1) Just and equitable phaseout of fossil fuels, 2) rapid phase-in and scaling up of Renewable Energy, 3) finance must be provided for developing countries to carry out this transition. All three parts are essential."

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Visiting Solar Park

Golo, Aneta, Valeriane and Sonja visited the Innovation center at Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, one of the largest single-site solar park in the world. It has a planned production capacity of 5,000 MW by 2030, with investments totalling AED 50 billion. When completed, it will save over 6.5 million tons of carbon emissions annually. The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park contributed to DEWA winning the Best Sustainable Project of the Year in the UAE at the 2014 MEED Quality Awards. This is the first time this award was given to a renewable energy project in the Middle East and North Africa.

Food Day at COP

World Health Organisation

Climate change and malnutrition are two of the greatest challenges facing humanity today; these two issues are intrinsically intertwined in a wider context of population and planetary health. WHO organized a "Healthy and Sustainable Diets for Nurturing People and Planet" event to advocate healthy and sustainable diets. Priyanka was invited on behalf of the YOUNGO Agriculture and Mitigation Working Group to raise the voice of youth and for food security.

From left: Alwin Kopse - Federal Office for Agriculture, Co-lead of the One Planet Network's Sustainable Food Systems Programme and National Convenor of Switzerland; Gisele Bortolini, National Coordinator, National Secretariat for Food and Nutritional Security, Ministry of Social Development, Brazil; Priyanka Patil, YOUNGO Agriculture Working Group, India; Francesco Branca, Director NFS, WHO (moderator); Matthews Mhuru, Deputy Director, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Zambia; Marco Springman - Professor in Climate Change, Food Systems and Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine & Senior Researcher on Environment and Health, University of Oxford,

Childrens and Youth Pavilion

In the Childrens and Youth Pavilion there was another program on food: Feeding the future - Erosion and food system resilience. Radio Madhuban had organised this side event which Priyanka, Ankita and Shantanu facilitated.

Care, Share and Inspire - Climate Wisdom Studio

Tonight's guest speakers were Maureen, Kanika Dawan, Found KA ventures and Design, Chair Branco Group and Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M., Founder-President, Green Hope Foundation. Golo moderated the session touching upon sustainable happiness, how to avoid burn-out as a climate activism and compassion. Watch live

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