Maureen Goodman, UK

Programme Director for the Brahma Kumaris, UK
BK representative at the UN, Vienna

Maureen's interest in the spiritual and ethical dimensions of climate change has led to involvement in several COP events and related activities including heading the Brahma Kumaris delegation at Climate Change COP 27 and Biodiversity COPs 15 and 16. She is part of the Interfaith Liaison Committee under the UNFCCC and the International Coalition of Faiths for Biodiversity. She was a main presenter at the Global Faiths Leaders' Summit in Abu Dhabi just prior to COP 28. Maureen has been involved in Interreligious Dialogue for over 40 years and currently represents the BK's on the Board of World Religious Leaders of the Elijah Interfaith Institute and is part of the Dharmic – Christian Dialogues organised by the Dicastery of Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican.

Golo J. Pilz, Germany/India

Advisor on Renewable Energy

Golo of German origin has practised Raja Yoga meditation since 1984. He lives most of the year at the main campus of the Brahma Kumaris in Mount Abu, India. In the early 90s, he established the Brahma Kumaris as one of the major users of renewable energies in India. More recently, Golo has directed the construction of India One, a 1MW solar thermal power plant, an innovative R&D project partly sponsored by the German (BMUB/GIZ) and Indian Governments (MNRE).He has been involved in more than 20 R&D projects on solar power for rural applications, cooking, and energy storage. Golo advocates sustainable solutions through an ethical and value-based approach. He is an experienced presenter and participates regularly in UN Climate Change Conferences.

Sonja Ohlsson, Denmark

Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC
International Coordinator BK Environment Initiative

Sonja is the national coordinator of Brahma Kumaris in Denmark, and is a meditation teacher with the Prison Service in Copenhagen. In 2009, Sonja was instrumental in developing the Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative in order to add the inner dimension to discussions at the UN climate change and biodiversity conferences. She has been actively participating in the annual COP climate conferences since 2009, and the biannual biodiversity COP since 2012. Sonja conducts green retreats for the BK community around the world, and has also travelled with the lecture series on Healthy Mind, Healthy Planet.

Aneta Loj, Poland/India

Brahma Kumaris Focal Point to UNCCD

Aneta's professional career took her to various countries in Europe and she has lived in Hong Kong, Japan, China and India. She has been associated with Brahma Kumaris since 2006 and is today a member of its National Coordinating Team in Poland. Her genuine interest in spiritual truth and benevolence led to her involvement in projects that benefit communities through sustainable development and capacity building. Since 2011, she has been providing her service at "India One" Solar Thermal Power Plant. She coordinated the activities of Awareness Cum Training Center on Concentrated Solar Thermal Technologies of UNDP - GEF - MNRE, Government of India.

Dr. Dorcas Alusala, Kenya **UNEP Representative**

Dr. Dorcas is an Environment Representative for the Brahma Kumaris at UN Environment Programme since 2014. She attends Committee of Permanent Representatives meetings and the UNEA Assembly. She is a scientist and WHO consultant, previously she worked for the Ministry of Health, Kenya, providing leadership role in the prevention and control of Neglected Tropical Diseases. Her role included Strategy and Technical expertise on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Malaria prevention and control. With support from WHO she has worked as a consultant in English speaking African countries assisting them to develop strategic plans for the control and prevention of Neglected tropical diseases.

Birajith Baskaran, UK

Youth Representative Brahma Kumaris Eco Initiative

Birajith is an aerospace engineering graduate, who is looking to bring a sustainable future in the field of engineering. He is someone who is passionate about nature and loves to spread awareness about the importance of looking after mind as well as the nature. Have attended a Live FM radio show in Lagos Nigera to answer questions about the mentality of young people in this generation, at the same time, gave talks on Mental Health and Hygiene. Attended COY16 in 2021 and supported the VCOY team as a volunteer.

Reena Mehmi, UK

Youth Representative Brahma Kumaris Eco Initiative

Reena is an active environmental advocate engaged in workplace and community sustainability. As a Green Ambassador, she supports biodiversity initiatives and collaborates with Climate Action Leicester & Leicestershire on local projects. She has led tree-planting activities, community environmental events and initiatives promoting greater awareness and connection with nature. Reena attended the 1st Asia Eco Retreat, strengthening international networks around sustainable practices. She grows and shares organic food from her allotment, contributes to youth programmes on conscious living, is a member of YOUNGO, and follows a vegan lifestyle.

Collaborating with Media Partner Radio Madhuban

Community Radio Madhuban 107.8 FM at Brahma Kumaris Headquarters in India will be at COP31, marking the radio's third broadcasting of COP

Krishnaveni Katakam, India

Production Head, Radio Madhuban, Mount Abu,

Krishnaveni leads Radio Madhuban, a value-based community radio station run by the Brahma Kumaris in Mount Abu. Through grassroots programming, she advances local climate adaptation and environmental awareness aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Radio Madhuban was among 43 national stations chosen to field-test UNESCO and UNICEF's toolkit for communicating the SDGs to rural communities. Beyond broadcasting, Krishnaveni helped organize the UNFCCC-recognized Local Conference of Youth India at the Shantivan headquarters.

Shantanu Mandal, India

Deputy Chair- ReSpECC (CEESP IUCN)
Nature based education Task Force (CEC IUCN)

Shantanu is a radio presenter on Radio Madhuban with one of the prime-time shows Yashasvi Bharat where he interviews dignitaries who are Civilian Award winners of Bharat (India). He is involved in developing environmental programs on the Radio. Shantanu has practiced Raja Yoga for over 20 years. He has a background in fashion design and holds a second bachelor's degree in fine arts. He has represented the Brahma Kumaris Youth at several high-profile environmental conferences. He is also involved in UN Food Systems, lives a vegan lifestyle and believes that "Simplicity is Kindness".

Burhanuddin Ali, India

Technical Head Multimedia and Social Media Manager

Burhanuddin has been associated with Radio Madhuban and the Brahma Kumaris for over two decades and follows a vegetarian and spiritual lifestyle. As a professional Director and Cinematographer, he has created television programmes, Documentaries and short films on environmental conservation, sustainable farming, solar energy, and waste management. He also manages social media for the Brahma Kumaris and Radio Madhuban. For many years, he has inspired school children to take an active interest in environmental conservation and sustainable living.

Swapnil Kale, India

Content Creator Radio Madhuban & Peace of Mind TV

Swapnil is a Digital Artist, Animator, and Content Creator with Brahma Kumaris Peace of Mind TV. He has been associated with Radio Madhuban and the Brahma Kumaris for over 15 years and follows a vegetarian and spiritual lifestyle. With a passion for visual storytelling, he creates engaging animations and digital content promoting spiritual, environmental, and positive messages. He also contributes creative content and digital productions for Radio Madhuban. Through his work, he helps promote sustainable living, environmental responsibility, and mindful living.