

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Calendar of Events COP23 in Bonn, Germany 2017

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The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) has its spiritual headquarters in Mt. Abu, India and includes a worldwide network of centres in 110 countries. It is an international non-governmental organization of the United Nations accredited with General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Observer Status to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Observer Organization to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).



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Thur 2 Nov - Sat 4 Nov	Conference of Youth COY 13	Location	Open for
		- Workshops, see last page in this calendar	Registered COY participants
Mon 6 Nov	Technical University of Cologne		
11.00 - 13.00	Climate Change, Ethics and Renewable Energy To bring about sustained change in any political, social or environmental system, it has become obvious, that new values, ethics and technology are required. Golo Pilz from Germany has played a key role since 1993 in establishing the Brahma Kumaris as one of the major users of renewable energies in India. Presently Golo is coordinating the design and construction of India One, a 1MW solar thermal power plant (www.india-one.net). He advocates sustainable solutions through an ethical and value-based approach.	Technische Hochschule, Betzdorfer Str. 2, 50679 Köln	Renewable Energy Management Students
Mon 6 Nov	ENERGIES 2050's Pavilion - Bonn Zone		
16.00-17.00	Visionary Leadership for the transition to clean technology - A leader's ability to create the needed action begins with a profound shift in mindset. We like to showcase "India One" an innovative 1Mw Solar Power Plant in India (partly funded by BMUB via GIZ and MNRE), the work of "Zero Carbon Britain" and the "100% Renewable Energy Movement" as examples of such visionary leadership. Organized by World Renewal Spiritual Trust (WRST) and Center for alternative Technology. Presentation by: Mr. Golo J. Pilz, Germany Energy Advisor WRST & Brahma Kumaris, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant; Mr. Paul Allen, B. Eng (Hons) FRSA, Project Coordinator Zero Carbon Britain, the Centre for Alternative Technology - Educational Charity;	ENERGIES 2050's Pavilion, Bonn Zone	COP delegates
Wed 8 Nov	Climate Change Studio, Bonn Zone		
15.40	Climate Change Studio interview with Sister Jayanti Kirpalani on "Visionary Leadership for Transition to Clean Technology"	Bonn Zone, Exhibition Area (second level)	COP delegates


Thur 9 Nov	The Multi-Faith Sustainable Living Initiative	Location	Open for
9.00-17.30	<p>Compassionate Simplicity Initiative Convening Join a day-long convening at COP23 on a new international, multi-faith initiative through which spiritual and faith leaders, and people of all backgrounds, will commit to sustainable lifestyles. Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University, the Bhumi Project, the Franciscan Action Network, the Global Muslim Climate Network, Green Faith, One Earth Sangha, the World Council of Churches and the World Evangelical Alliance and others. Part of the agenda: 14:00 Sustainable Lifestyles –Storytelling & Sharing Experiences incl. Juan Milling, Brahma Kumaris 17.00 Sister Jayanti will do the closing address of the day reinforcing the community and commitments made during the day.</p>	Wissenschafts Zentrum, Ahrstrasse 45, Bonn	Registration needed
Fri 10 Nov	The Multi-Faith Sustainable Living Initiative		
	Take part in delivering the sustainable lifestyle declaration to the COP on 10 November in a memorable manner – by bicycle and on foot – to symbolize our own commitment to sustainable living as people of diverse spiritualities and faiths.	Bring statement to COP.	All invited
Fri 10 Nov	Open Evening Program Cologne		
19:00-21:00	<p>Hope and Strength for a World in Transition When faced with personal and global challenges, we may feel the need to question our way of thinking, our lifestyle, and to make changes. These changes can also include the opportunity to recognize and apply the inner resources needed for a more harmonious and sustainable world. This event is in connection with the current climate conference in Bonn. It will focus on how the individual can be empowered to make changes. Speakers: Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, Director, Brahma Kumaris Europe & Middle East; Main representative to the UN; Golo Pilz, Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant; Moderation: Dagmar Ringhandt, Journalist and Management Consultant.</p>	<p>Stollwerck, Dreikönigenstraße 23, 50678 Köln, Room 416</p> <p>Organiser: Brahma Kumaris Schule für Raja Yoga und Meditation, Sachsenring 16, 50677 Köln, Tel.: (0221) 340 18 60</p>	Open for all
Sat 11 Nov	COP 23, Bonn Zone , EU Pavilion		
14.00-15.30	<p>Visionary Leadership for the transition to a 1.5 °C temperature limit with clean technology Today, leaders need to create systemic change if we are to effectively pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C. A leader’s ability to create the needed action begins with a profound shift in mindset. Different pioneers in the transition, including those to create a secure renewable energy supply, will share their visions and strategies. Speakers: Mr. Golo Joachim Pilz, Germany, Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant; Benedikt Hoskuldsson, Lead Partnership Specialist, Sustainable Energy for All (tbc) Nadine Andrews, Visiting Researcher at The Pentland Centre for Sustainability, Lancaster University Dr. Vera Rodenhoff, Head of Division, German Environment Ministry, BMUB Sonja Ohlsson, Environment coordinator Brahma Kumaris Moderator: Lindsey Fielder Cook, Representative for Climate Change, Quaker United Nations Office</p>	EU Pavilion, Bonn Zone	COP delegates

Sun 12 Nov	Global Peace Initiative of Women	Location	Open for
18.00-20.00 17.00 - 18.00 Reception	<p>Honoring the Earth</p> <p>The Earth is our home, our mother, whose endless generosity sustains us. She gives us life in all its abundance, we breathe both her air and her beauty. Her wonder nourishes our soul just as her soil feeds us. And yet we continue to abuse her, poison her waters, pollute her air.</p> <p>Our greed and endless desires have become a global monster destroying her fragile web. How can we return to a place a reverence, to a way of living that honors Her sacred nature? She is calling to us to reconnect with Her, with our hearts and with our hands.</p> <p>19 Spiritual Leaders including Sister Jayanti in a program organized by Global Peace Initiative of Women.</p>	Hotel Collegium Leonium Noeggerath Street 34 Bonn, Germany	Open for all
Mon 13 Nov	COP23 Bula Zone		
11.30-12.00	<p>COP23 Press Conference: Visionary Leadership for the Transition to a Sustainable Future</p> <p>Jayanti Kirpalani, Main Rep. of Brahma Kumaris to UN, Geneva Golo J. Pilz, Advisor Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris Nigel Crawhall, International Network of Engaged Buddhists Lindsey Fielder Cook, Representative for Climate Change, Quaker United Nations Office</p>	Press Conference Room 2, Bula Zone www.unfccc.int	COP delegates
Tues 14 Nov	World Climate Summit		
14.30-15.30 not confirmed	<p>Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition while Meeting Energy Demands in a Growing World - Panel with Golo J. Pilz at the leading business event at the COP since 2010. As the premier international platform for solutions to climate change and accelerating the green economy, each year the World Climate Summit brings together leading representative from governments, finance, and large corporations, to create green growth and foster innovative solutions for a low-carbon and resource efficient world.</p> <p>www.worldclimatesummit.org</p>	Kameha Grand Bonn, Am Bonner Bogen 1, 53227 Bonn	Registered participants
Tues 14 Nov	Sustainable Innovation Forum		
17.00-18.00	<p>The challenge of changing mindset - Expert Led Roundtable</p> <p>discussion hosted by Brahma Kumaris with contributions by Jayanti Kirpalani and Golo Pilz from the Brahma Kumaris. The Sustainable Innovation Forum (SIF117) is arranged by Climate Action and the UNEP. The 2-day Forum will convene cross-sector participants from business, government, UN, NGO and civil society to create an unparalleled opportunity to bolster business innovation and bring scale to the emerging green economy.</p>	On the lawn of the Deutsche Post DHL Group (Post Tower) premises, next to Bonn Zone. www.cop-23.org	Registered participants
Tue 14 Nov	Open Evening Program Bonn		
19.00-21.00	<p>Visionary Leadership for a Sustainable Future</p> <p>We all need to be leaders and change makers in order to face the challenges that are to come with a proceeding climate change. Where do we find the courage to transform ourselves and to inspire our human family? There is an urgent call to create a sustainable life style for all. Welcome to an evening where different pioneers share their visions on a sustainable future society. Panelists: <i>Jayanti Kirpalani</i>, Director, Brahma Kumaris Europe & Middle East; <i>Golo J. Pilz</i>, Energy Advisor Brahma Kumaris, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant; <i>Anne Barre</i>, Women Engage for a common Future (WECF), Coordinator Gender & Climate Policy, Strategic Partnerships. Moderator: <i>Thomas Bruhn</i>, Potsdam Research Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (iass-potsdam.de)</p>	LVR, Rheinisches Landesmuseum Bonn, Colmantstr. 14-16, 53115 Bonn, Workshop-Rooms Organiser: Brahma Kumaris Schule für Raja Yoga und Meditation, Sachsenring 16, 50677 Köln, Fon: 0049/(0)221/ 340 18 60	Open for all

Wed 15 Nov	COP23 Bonn Zone, UNESCO Pavilion	Location	Open for
13.15-14.30	Declaration of Ethical Principles in Relation to Climate Change Panel of experts including Sister Jayanti	UNESCO Pavilion Bonn Zone	COP delegates
Wed 15 Nov	COP23 Bonn Zone, Indigenous Peoples' Pavilion		
18.30-19.45	Transforming hearts, lives and government policies: 1.5°C without reliance on geo-engineering How to address the existential threat of climate change incl. desertification? Solutions include renewable energy and transforming lifestyles. How to empower ourselves, our neighbours and decision makers to transform awareness, collaboration and economic approaches at the root cause of climate change? Speakers: Emmanuel Umohinyang - Co-Legal Advisor Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP) Golo J. Pilz, Energy Adviser, Brahma Kumaris, Jayanti Kirpalani, Main Representative of Brahma Kumaris to UN Kevin Anderson, Deputy Director of the Tyndall Center, Chair of MACE at the University of Manchester Paul Allen, Project Coordinator Zero Carbon Britain, the Centre for Alternative Technology Prince Goodluck Obi - President United Nations of Youth Network Moderator: Lindsey Fielder Cook, Representative for Climate Change, Quaker United Nations Office	Indigenous Peoples' Pavilion, Bonn Zone www.iipfcc.org/pavilion-at-cop-23/	COP delegates
Thu 16 Nov	COP23 Bonn Zone		
11.30-13.00	Faith and Community Approach to Climate Action Adaptation and resilience models through community organizing. Examples of initiatives to strengthen community capacity for effective climate action incl. solar energy. How to empowering and engaging faith groups for climate action? Spiritual perspectives on capacity building. Speakers: Ki Chul Oh (Green Asia Network) - Kosha Joubert (Global Ecovillage Network) - Sister Jayanti (Brahma Kumaris) Golo J. Pilz (World Renewal Spiritual Trust). Organisers: Inter-religious Climate and Ecology Network (ICE Network), International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB), World Renewal Spiritual Trust (WRST).	Meeting Room 4 Bonn Zone	COP delegates
Thu 16 Nov	ENERGIES 2050's Pavilion - Bonn Zone		
18.00-19.30	Mobilizing inner resources towards sustainable living; building conscious communities How, as a matter of urgency, do we empower people at all levels of society to respond positively and whole-heartedly to climate change? To reach the SDGs on time we have to increase the willingness for change. With the ethical vision of "shared well-being" a social and ecological transformation can be achieved. The crises the world is facing - political, social, financial, personal and environmental - are all symptoms of a crisis of human, spiritual values. If the state of today's world is a consequence of the individual and collective consciousness of human beings, then the solution to our current situation also lies there. This panel is a platform to explore necessary changes of perspective, values and consciousness. Speakers: Executive senior speaker from ENERGIES 2050 Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, Brahma Kumaris' NGO Rep. to the UN Golo J. Pilz, Energy Adviser Brahma Kumaris & WRST, Head of India-One solar thermal power plant; Kenneth Nana Amatoeng, Elder of church of Pentecost and President of Abibimman Foundation, Ghana Kosha Joubert, Executive Director of the Global Ecovillage Network Moderator: Valeriane Bernard - Brahma Kumaris Rep. UN Genève Organisers: Brahma Kumaris & Abibimman Foundation	ENERGIES 2050's Pavilion, Bonn Zone	COP delegates



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6-17 Nov	<p>How systemic thinking and shifts in consciousness open doors to technologies and sustainable lifestyles, including no-emission solar cooking, grounded in integrity and care; and documents supporting UNFCCC Framework's objectives and purposes, and respect for the principles fulfillment.</p> <p>Brahma Kumaris (BKWSU), International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN) and Solar Cookers International (SCI)</p>	COP23 Bonn Zone	COP delegates
6-17 Nov	<p>A simple metal insert that turns a traditional cook stove into a High Efficiency Cook stove (HEC). World Renewal Spiritual Trust showcase of "India One" Solar Power Plant and highlight ways to support the shift in awareness and attitude needed to bring about behavioral change.</p> <p>Abibiman Foundation (AF), World Renewal Spiritual Trust (WRST)</p>	COP23 Bonn Zone	COP delegates
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2 - 4 Nov	Conference of Youth COY 13	Where	Open for
2 - 4 Nov	<p>17 Wonders: WORKS OF ART that illustrate the 17 Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>An interactive Art Space where the 17 Sustainable Development Goals are illustrated in various forms such as painting and sculpture. These 17 works of art are done on canvas and cardboard in an urban art style with spray paint and acrylic markers by one of our team members, who is also a female urban artist.</p>	IGS Gesamtschule, Siegburger Straße 321, 53229 Bonn-Beuel www.coy13.org	COY participants
Thur 2 Nov	Conference of Youth COY 13	Where	Open for
12:45-14:15	<p>Hummingbird, Caring and sharing our responsibility for the Planet</p> <p>A workshop is based on the simple and yet profound story of a brave hummingbird who fights a huge wildfire by carrying drops of water to put out the fire. Others follow her example and the forest is saved. This tiny bird with her consistent small efforts inspires others and is ultimately successful. It reminds us that it is not always the strongest who have the last word or the most impact. Even a small group of individuals can create long lasting change. This story is a source of inspiration for environmentalists around the world.</p>	IGS Gesamtschule, Siegburger Straße 321, 53229 Bonn-Beuel www.coy13.org	COY participants
Fri 3 Nov	Conference of Youth COY 13		
09:00-10:30	<p>Sequoia: From carbon mindsets to sustainable living. Conscious, ethical and spiritual tools for deep sustainability</p> <p>For this workshop title, we chose a powerful symbol from Nature: Giant sequoias, which are native to California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, are the world's largest single trees by volume and are among the oldest organisms on Earth. These trees have a long history of eliminating CO2 from the atmosphere by using carbon by sequestration. Our awareness defines our attitude. Our attitude colors our vision. Our vision dictates our actions. Our actions create our world. Everything starts with our awareness - our state of consciousness. Developing an 'eco-friendly' lifestyle is not a matter of duty or fashion but a bold, ethical honoring of something we hold to be good, true and precious - 'deep sustainability' in practice.</p>	IGS Gesamtschule, Siegburger Straße 321, 53229 Bonn-Beuel www.coy13.org	COY participants
Sat 4 Nov	Conference of Youth COY13		
09:00-12:30	<p>A Dialogue of Hope: Making Peace within all of Earth's Human and Natural Communities</p> <p>The intention of offering these three hours of dialogue and silence is to strengthen the spiritual foundations that bring us greater clarity as individuals and also empower us to serve the world. Behind this dialogue is a common understanding that our development as human beings shapes what we can accomplish in supporting the wellbeing of others and of life more broadly.</p>	IGS Gesamtschule, Siegburger Straße 321, 53229 Bonn-Beuel www.coy13.org	COY participants