



## Climate Change Conference COP23 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, Bonn, Germany

### Sunday for Recreation

On Sunday there was minimal activity at the conference, so we decided to have a day recharging body and soul. Some went for a boat ride on the river Rhine, whilst others had a walk or just chilled out.

### Forest Walk

BK Udo Heimermann, an alternative architect living nearby, invited Klaus Peter, Marek and Valériane to walk in the yellow and golden coloured forests and then he explored a famous meteorite crater with them. They had good fun and talked on a wide range of topics from local flowers and raspberries to comets, castles and history. Afterwards they visited Udo's fantastic and futuristic house, where they were well treated with coffee and snacks.



### Boat Trip on the Rhine



Rita and Bri from Germany joined a boat trip on the river Rhine organised by the Global People Initiative. About 50 people of different cultures and faiths participated in the event, which was dedicated to the element of water, the story of the river and its current pollution. Several faith leaders shared their personal experience of the sacredness of water, its healing capacity and how spirituality can bring back the original capacity and quality of the self. Rita and Bri made many contacts and distributed many BK environment blessing cards.

## Honouring the Earth

This beautiful evening was organized by the Global Peace Initiative for Women in the Hotel Collegium Leoninum in Bonn. Around 100 people from different faiths and indigenous communities gathered in gratitude for the Earth.

Sudesh Didi remarked that early morning meditations can give spiritual energy to all living beings and empower our actions. Ven. Bhante, an African Buddhist, made the interesting observation that lowering our ego, greed and other forms of negativity by 50% by 2030 is what can truly lower our carbon emissions and mitigate climate change.



## Meeting Ambassador Khan

Sister Jayanti came back from a short trip to London and went with Gopi, Valeriane and Vipan, directly from the Airport, to meet Ms. Khan, Fiji's Ambassador and Chief negotiator, at the Maritime Hotel. They shared their common interest in spirituality and had a powerful and recharging meditation.



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