



4th Report on the UN Climate Change Conference COP28

3rd Dec. 2023 – Dubai, UAE



On 3rd December, the President of COP28 claimed there is “no science” indicating that a phase-out of fossil fuels is needed to restrict global heating to 1.5C. He also said a phase-out of fossil fuels would not allow sustainable development “unless you want to take the world back into caves”. The comments were “incredibly concerning” and “verging on climate denial”, scientists said, and they were at odds with the position of the UN secretary general, António Guterres.

UAE Morning Class

On the Sunday morning, BK's from all over UAE gathered for class in a rented hall. Over 300 people heard the Murli read by Sister Jayanti and then the COP team shared their experience.



COP28 team first week: Biru, Shantanu, Aneta, Carolin, Sonja, Sister Jayanti, Jyoti Didi, Priyanka, Ankita, Valeriane, Golo, Shisihir



UAE morning class on Sunday 3rd Dec.

Children and Youth pavilion

From 2nd Dec: Biru was invited to a panel discussion on: **Cultural Resilience in the Face of Climate Change**. He talked about the importance to relate to our culture and the traditions. He played a video of a 86 year old lady, in a remote part of India including a special folk song about "never do farming with bad intentions, grains won't grow if there is negativity." The depth of meaning in the song, combined with visuals of the elderly woman singing whilst farming, delivered a powerful message to the audience.





Role of Communications in Raising Resilience in Community Resilience Radio was a side event organised by Radio Madhuban. Shantanu, Priyanka and Biru talked about the objective of the "Resilience Radio" to foster stronger communities and teach how convey an impactful message.



Interfaith Coordination Meeting

More than 40 representatives from various faith-based organizations convened to share information, strategies, and perspectives. The Talanoa dialogue and its insights were highly appreciated. During the discussions, the significance of having a Faith Pavilion for the first time and being able to discuss upon the future of humanity from the faith perspective was acknowledged.



Radio Madhuban Media Room

The BK youth team interviewed Rabbi David Rosen, International President of Religions for Peace; who serves as the only Jewish representative on the Board of Directors of the KAICIID, The King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue Center.



Future Mobility Hub

Sister Jayanti addressed a group of 30 businessmen and investors from the Values Group (V20) at a program titled: "Promoting Sustainable Development - Values for a Resilient Future", at the Supercool Centre. She introduced Brahma Kumaris and how values play an essential role in the organisation. She highlighted that Values should be the basis for any policy framework.



Last day of our partner exhibition



Care, Share and Inspire - Climate Wisdom Studio

Golo set the tone by updating the audience on the latest controversies surrounding COP28. It's all about the necessity to phase out fossils or not to reach 1.5 degree. Methane gas, which is 80 times more powerful than the carbon emissions, is also often overlooked. Our panel of experts for the evening were **Hanna Soldal** - Act Church of Sweden, Advocacy Advisor with focus on climate justice; **Shantanu Mandal** - Youth Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UNEP, works with International Union Conservation of Nature and YOUNGO- and **Sister Jayanti**.



Yummy Vegan Food made by the reception cooking team



Left to Right: Smitha, Pavithra, Udaya, Reena, Rekha, Pramodini, Deepti.