

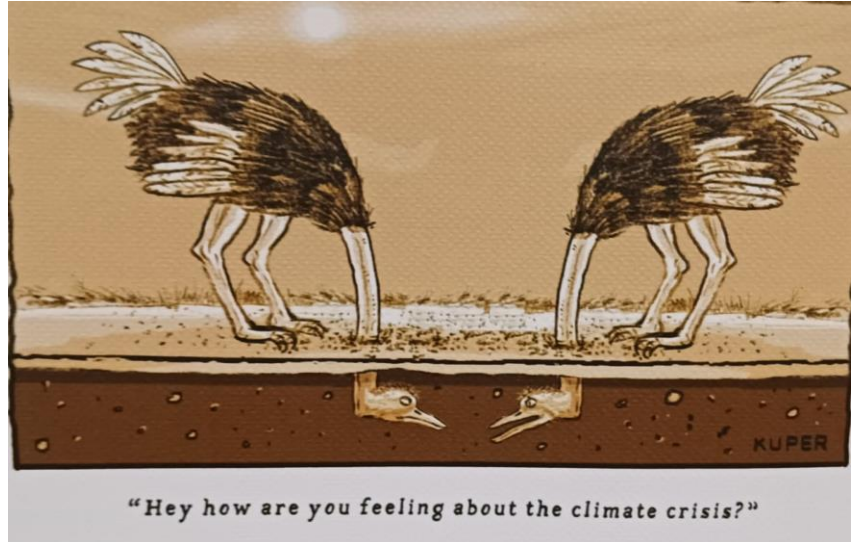


5th Report on the UN Climate Change Conference COP28

4th Dec. 2023 – Dubai, UAE

Phase out or down?

Accelerating the low-carbon transition remains at the heart of COP. Yet the disagreements about how to achieve it persist. UN secretary-general António Guterres, re-iterated that he is “strongly in favor of language that includes phase-out, even with a reasonable time framework. We have the potential, the technologies and the capacity and the money [...] The only thing that is still lacking is political will.” The faith-based community including the Brahma Kumaris are consistent in addressing this topic of will, ethics and responsibility.



Spiritual Moments at the Faith Pavilion

Brahma Kumaris underlined the importance of setting up daily spiritual moments at the COP28 during the planning of the Faith Pavilion at COP. On the morning of 4th Dec. Valeriane led the meditation for the staff of the Pavilion and a few delegates.



UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub

It was a very significant event, as for the first time the UNFCCC brought faith leaders together, so they could contribute their ideas. The topic was: **Faith and Sustainability: A Spiritual Approach towards Environmental Responsibility.**



The following speakers represented various traditions: Moderator Massamba Thioye, Project Executive at, the UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub; Emilce Cude, Secr. of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, CEO, Brahma Kumaris; Ovais Sarmad, Former Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC; RT. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop. Episcopal Diocese of California - Virtual

All spoke about the importance of the specific contribution of faith leaders and people of faith from multilateral policy-making to grassroots implementation. Some of the values mentioned were caring for the well-being of people on a planet, sharing knowledge, and experience, and then daring to innovate. Faith is about inclusion and respect for all forms of life and nature as being sacred. The basis of respect for self and others is the connection with the Divine. COP28 hosts the Faith Pavilion for the very first time, which is also a sign of acknowledging the role and importance of spirituality in sustainability.

Interfaith Press Conference



World Council of Churches arranged a press conference called: Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue on COP28. Speakers were Rev. Chebon Kernell, Lucy Plummer, Moderator Valériane Bernard, Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, Harjeet Singh.

Care, Share and Inspire - Climate Wisdom Studio

The panel of experts for this episode of Climate Wisdom were Sister Jayanti; Bishop Philip Huggins - Anglican Church, Diocese of Melbourne and Thomas Hirsch - Founder and Director Climate Development Advice, Germany. Sonja was the moderator for this panel discussion.



Philip said he is a big practitioner of 'forgiveness', always making the choice to heal not harm and helps people to see how freeing it is to forgive from the heart. "Scientists analyze and predict, policy makers make decisions and people of faith provide a moral compass to protect the future from the impact of climate change," said Thomas.

Sister Jayanti highlighted the connection between the inner and outer world. It makes her uncomfortable to see nature being violated. She feels that womens empowerment is crucial to tackle climate change. Women are more concerned about the next generation in a very practical and immediate way. They guide children and grandchildren. [See it on YOUTUBE](#)



Interview by Dubai TV



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RINGO meeting

RINGO stands for the Research and Independent Non-Governmental Organizations constituency of the UNFCCC. RINGO is one of nine NGO constituencies recognized by the UNFCCC. It is the second largest constituency, comprising 25% of the 2000 admitted NGOs. The Brahma Kumaris is a member of RINGO and Aneta attends regularly the morning meetings, where they discuss the ongoing negotiations, networking and opportunity to share research results. Today there was a special briefing on Agriculture, Land Use and Food Security.

Ethics at the Heart of the Energy Transition



In today's press conference panel, Dr Lorna Gold, CEO of Faith Invest was the invited guest together with Sister Jayanti and Golo. Sonja moderated the session that focused on combining ethics with actions on the ground.

[The link to the Livestream can be found here](#)



Official Side Event

From Policy to Practice: Ethical Considerations and HR Implications for Loss and Damage Funding Arrangement. Our official side event was a joint program by The Lutheran World Federation, All Africa Conference of Churches, Brahma Kumaris and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The event highlights the urgent need to integrate ethical principles, and intergenerational justice into funding strategies. By fostering inclusive, just and equitable funding mechanisms, we can ensure that the most vulnerable are protected and future generations inherit a sustainable world.



Rev. James Bhagwan, Ramon Pichs – Vice Chair IPCC, Ole Andreas Brøtte – Lutheran Church Norway, Sister Jayanti, Moderator Regina Banks

The event emphasized the vital integration of ethical principles, Human Rights, and intergenerational justice into Loss and Damage funding strategies. Creating inclusive, just, and equitable mechanisms safeguards the vulnerable and ensures a sustainable future.

Rev. James Bhagwan advocated aligning Loss and Damage funding with indigenous cultures. Ramon Pichs Madruga urged the consideration of non-economic losses in assessments and compensation.

Ole Andreas, a 23-year-old climate advocate, highlighted the integrated approach, emphasizing teamwork and the substantial costs of a single storm in Norway.

Sister Jayanti stressed the spiritual perspective on the climate crisis, linking it to the inner crisis of individuals. With over 50 years as a meditation teacher, she called for transparency in fund management and shared examples of holistic disaster recovery programs that empower impacted communities.

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Interview in Radio Madhuban Studio



Medilyn and Priyanka interviewing Mihir Mathur, Founder, DESTA Research LLP, New Dehli. Visitors Sonja and Golo



Sister Jayanti interviewed by Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union Network

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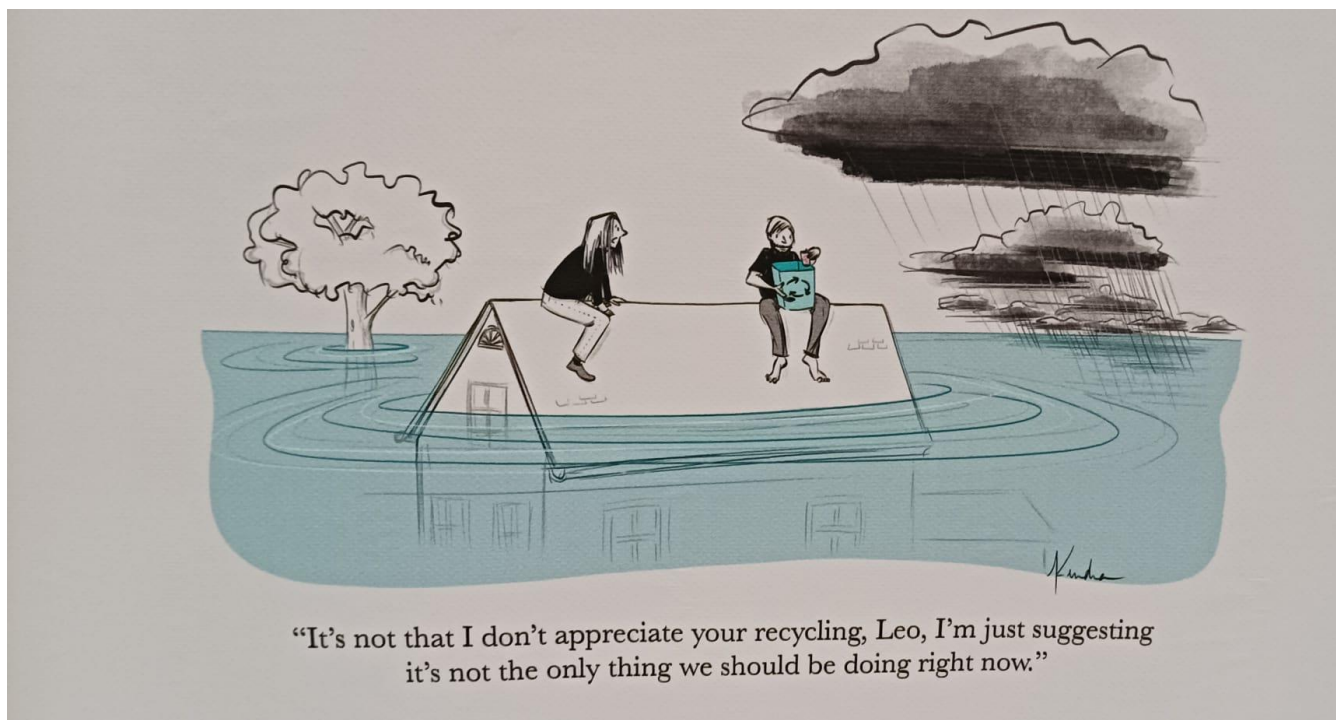
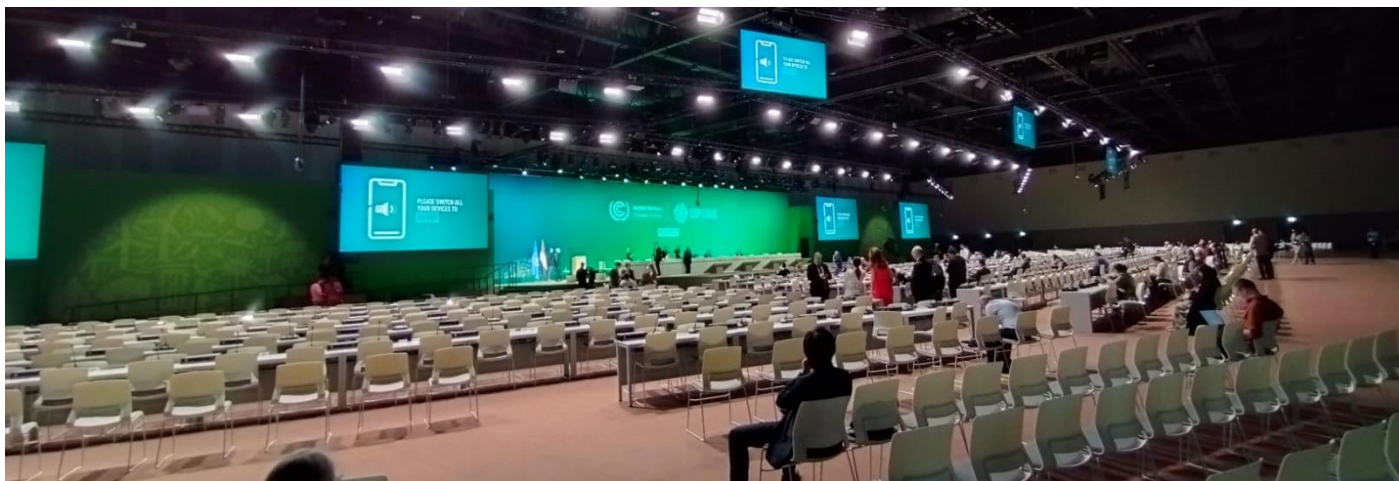


Moderator Golo with the Climate Wisdom Panelists Sister Jayanti, Apoorva Bose, G20 Global Initiative on Land, UN Convention for Combating Desertification, Alan Bigelow, PhD, Program and Science Dir. Solar Cookers.

[See the program on this link](#)

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