



**Report 6th Dec. from UN Climate Change Conference COP24 Katowice, Poland**

**Brahma Kumaris Side Event: Building a Spirit of Solidarity to overcome the climate crisis.**

This official side event was co-organised with the Franciscans International, Friends World Committee for Consultation and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

The panellists were invited to share ideas on how to build solidarity, overcome fears and take responsible decisions to protect humans from increasing temperatures.

Debra Roberts, Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group II and co-author of the IPCC report on 1.5°, said the report is a powerful tool to serve humanity and it brought light onto areas we need to know more about. It is powerful because it addresses how we can change our daily lives and consumption of food and energy. Even though our leadership and policies are not yet fully in place, for each of us, our daily choices count.



Moderator Lindsey Cook, Hindou Ibrahim, Archbishop Auza, Debra Roberts, Isabelle Adarve, Martin Frick, Sister Jayanti

*Isabel Cavellier Adarve*, Principal Advisor Mission2020, added that our responsibility is not only for service, but compassion toward everyone. She informed the audience that the negotiation process can become extremely difficult as each comma and phrase can create a different meaning and has to be approved. She said that she sometimes she suffers from the climate syndrome, where there is nothing else and this is the most urgent thing.

*Archbishop Bernardito Auza*, Nuncio of the Holy See to the UN emphasized that we have to resist temptations to be selfish and use dialogue to build solidarity. Do we only interact with people who agree with us? We can also foster intergenerational solidarity by our care and compassion for future generations. The principle of interconnectedness will also build solidarity.

*Martin Frick*, Director, Policy & Programs UNFCCC, focused on the principle of trust. If we step up as humanity to a higher level of co-operation, the outcome will be better than a compromise.

*HindouOumarou Ibrahim*, Coordinator AFPAT said that we need to be aware who we are and to whom we belong. How can we change the minds of the decision makers? We can do it only by solidarity in transforming our consciousness and lifestyle.

Sister Jayanti explained that our consciousness, both individually and collectively, is the basis for everything that happens. In the awareness of one family, we develop compassion and co-operation. In



solidarity, our actions

become powerful and positive. Once we feel love for our human family, we want to do the best for them. With this attitude of love, we simplify our lives and change for the sake of the world. Solidarity means to trust each other. Trust starts from the inside. I can have trust in myself when my inner core values are aligned with my conscience and my actions. These principles of trust work in the same way between countries.

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