Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



COP 26 GLASGOW

PRESS STATEMENT

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Collective Adaption to the Climate Emergency

Through spiritual insight, create a new mindset and initiate a paradigm shift

We all are aware that humanity has reached a critical transition point where the very survival of our species is at stake. Our current technology and economic model are driving the whole life system - the one we rely upon for our present and future prosperity - to extremes. Despite this dramatic outlook, the world community has yet to join hands and take up effective climate action to reverse the trend.

It is the understanding of the **Brahma Kumaris, a spiritual organization** founded 70 years ago in India, that consciousness and awareness are at the root of our actions and therefore the current crisis. To bring **stability, resilience and compassionate action** on a global scale, a widespread capacity for new, deep reflection and meditation is essential. Such an inside-out approach, applied by large communities, can be the key to the paradigm shift that would allow all stakeholders to make choices benefiting the planet and the future of humanity.

We call upon the world to join us in **meditation and reflection to bring a profound shift** in our hearts and minds, to be empowered by a new mindset based on universal values and ethics.

With the help of more than 7,000 centres worldwide, the Brahma Kumaris offers a wide range of free courses, workshops and conferences in order to inspire people to raise their consciousness and change their **lifestyles**. We are also actively engaged in the Interfaith community and are the co- organiser of the Talanoa dialogue. Besides advocating a vegetarian diet, the Brahma Kumaris and its sister organization 'World Renewal Spiritual Trust,' are among the leaders in India in the research and use of **renewable energies**; we commissioned `India One', a 1 MW solar thermal power plant, partly funded by the German and Indian Governments.

Brahma Kumaris seeks to support and promote this much-needed paradigm shift with the help of meditation, innovative ideas and clean technologies. We heartily invite you to join us at www.yogisforfuture.org for a special mediation.

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Programs during COP 26

At COP26, the BKs will participate in numerous activities focusing on individual change, from hosting sessions of meditation for the world, to leading discussions about practical ways to adopt a sustainable lifestyle. We showcase projects undertaken at the institutional level, notably the installation of a major solar thermal energy plant at our headquarters at Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India. We feature community outreach initiatives, including the introduction of sustainable yogic agriculture, also in India.

31 [·] Oct	16.30-21.00	Interfaith Gathering in Spirit of Talanoa Dialogue Garnet Hill Synagogue, 129 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6UB
3 Nov.	14.45-15.15	COP Press PC2 Durdle Door, Area D Ground Fl., Blue Zone SEC Resilience in times of Climate Emergency
9 Nov	13.15-13.45	COP Press PC2 Durdle Door, Area D Ground Fl., Blue Zone SEC Climate Emergency needs Visionary Leadership
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