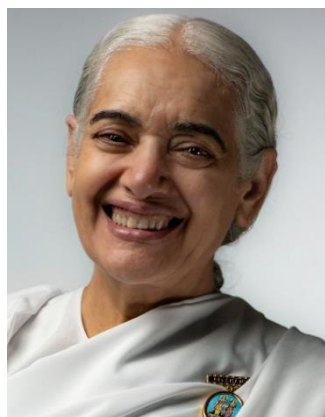


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Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, UK

Additional Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris

Main representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UN, Geneva

Sister Jayanti is also the Director of Brahma Kumaris activities in Europe and the Middle East. As a spiritual teacher for over 50 years, she has dedicated her life to self-transformation and service to humanity. Since 2009, she has led the Brahma Kumaris delegation to the UN Climate Change Conferences and spoken on many international platforms about spiritual perspectives on the environmental crisis. She continues to champion the co-operative role of spiritual organisations in creating a just and peaceful world, bringing spiritual principles to the discussion tables of nearly every stakeholder of our times. Sister Jayanti sees the erosion of spiritual values as the underlying cause of the crises the world is facing today.



Maureen Goodman, UK

Programme Director for the Brahma Kumaris, UK

BK representative at the UN, Vienna

As a presenter at several climate change and biodiversity UN conferences, Maureen has a deep interest in the spiritual and ethical dimensions of climate change and climate justice, the nature of harmony, and the connection between our inner state of being and the state of our Earth. Maureen has a long-term involvement in inter-religious dialogue and represents the Brahma Kumaris on the Board of World Religious Leaders of the Elijah Interfaith Institute and is a Spiritual Ambassador to The Living Peace Projects. In April 2022 she travelled to Ukraine with religious leaders as part of the Faith in Ukraine initiative. Maureen is part of the Strategic Circle of the Spirit of Humanity Forum, offering a safe space for dialogue among leaders.



Golo J. Pilz, Germany/India

Advisor on Renewable Energy

Golo of German origin has practised Raja Yoga meditation since 1984. He lives most of the year at the main campus of the Brahma Kumaris in Mount Abu, India. In the early 90s, he established the Brahma Kumaris as one of the major users of renewable energies in India. More recently, Golo has directed the construction of India One, a 1MW solar thermal power plant, an innovative R&D project partly sponsored by the German (BMUB/GIZ) and Indian Governments (MNRE). He has been involved in more than 20 R&D projects on solar power for rural applications, cooking, and energy storage. Golo advocates sustainable solutions through an ethical and value-based approach. He is an experienced presenter and participates regularly in UN Climate Change Conferences.



Sonja Ohlsson, Denmark

Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC

International Coordinator BK Environment Initiative

Sonja is the national coordinator of Brahma Kumaris in Denmark, and is a meditation teacher with the Prison Service in Copenhagen. In 2009, Sonja was instrumental in developing the Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative in order to add the inner dimension to discussions at the UN climate change and biodiversity conferences. She has been actively participating in the annual COP climate conferences since 2009, and the biannual biodiversity COP since 2012. Sonja conducts green retreats for the BK community around the world, and has also travelled with the lecture series on Healthy Mind, Healthy Planet.

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Valérie Bernard, Switzerland/France

NGO Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UN, Geneva

As an NGO Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to the UN, Geneva, Valérie has had an interest in spirituality all her life and has been practising Raja Yoga meditation since 1986. She is actively involved, in raising public awareness about climate change within the interfaith movement at the COPs being part of the Interfaith Liaison Committee with the UNFCCC and at the United Nations in Geneva. She has been involved in the ecological movement since Rio 1992, promoting sustainable development and the ethical and human rights aspects of climate change. She is dedicated to raising awareness to advance the standing of women, promote sustaining practices with the environment and through interfaith gatherings, broaden cultural understanding.



Carolin Fraude, Germany

Board member of Brahma Kumaris Germany

Coordinator of Brahma Kumaris Center in Berlin

Carolin works for the transdisciplinary research group AMA (A Mindset for the Anthropocene) at RIFS (Research Institute for Sustainability) Potsdam. She holds a Diploma in Education Science and studied philosophy, social science and psychology at the Free University, Berlin. Her research interests include design of processes and spaces engaging with people's beliefs, values, worldviews, emotions and motivations, understood as leverage points for transformation towards a sustainable society. Since 1998 Carolin is a student of Raja Yoga meditation. Since 2013 she has been part of delegations to the UNFCCC and the Commission on the Status of Women.



Francis Coviello, Brazil

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

Francis plays a key role in supporting sustainable initiatives at the main Brahma Kumaris retreat center in Brazil. With a background in Electrical Engineering, Francis currently develops and manages renewable energy projects, with a strong focus on accelerating the adoption of photovoltaic solar power across the country.

In addition to his technical career, Francis has been studying and practicing Raja Yoga meditation since 2014. This spiritual discipline enriches his approach to sustainability by integrating inner wellbeing with outer action, aligning personal values with a vision for a more harmonious and sustainable world.



Birajith Baskaran, UK

Youth Representative Brahma Kumaris Eco Initiative

Birajith is an aerospace engineering graduate, who is looking to bring a sustainable future in the field of engineering. He is someone who is passionate about nature and loves to spread awareness about the importance of looking after mind as well as the nature. Have attended a Live FM radio show in Lagos Nigeria to answer questions about the mentality of young people in this generation, at the same time, gave talks on Mental Health and Hygiene. Attended COY16 in 2021 and supported the VCOY team as a volunteer.

**Fernando Canti, Brazil****Youth Representative BK Environment Initiative,
Regenerative Agriculture Advocate**

Fernando has been a dedicated student of the Brahma Kumaris since 2011. He holds degrees in Business Administration and Production Engineering, along with a postgraduate qualification in Finance. His diverse academic background supports his practical work in the agricultural sector, where he is actively involved in the production of tropical fruits in the semi-arid region of northeastern Brazil. Deeply passionate about sustainable and regenerative agriculture, Fernando integrates environmental consciousness with innovative farming practices that restore and enrich the soil, preserve biodiversity, and strengthen the resilience of local ecosystems.

**Shantanu Mandal, India****Deputy Chair- ReSpECC (CEESP IUCN)****Nature based education Task Force (CEC IUCN)**

Shantanu is a radio presenter on Radio Madhuban with one of the prime-time shows Yashasvi Bharat where he interviews dignitaries who are Civilian Award winners of Bharat (India). He is involved in developing environmental programs on the Radio. Shantanu has practiced Raja Yoga for over 20 years. He has a background in fashion design and holds a second bachelor's degree in fine arts. He has represented the Brahma Kumaris Youth at several high-profile environmental conferences. He is also involved in UN Food Systems, lives a vegan lifestyle and believes that "Simplicity is Kindness".

**Burhanuddin Ali, India****Technical Head at Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu, India**

Burhan has been associated with the Brahma Kumaris for over two decades, following a vegetarian and spiritual lifestyle. He currently serves as the technical head at Brahma Kumaris. He is also a professional cinematographer. He has created a TV show and several documentaries and short films on environmental issues and sustainable farming. Additionally, he manages social media for Brahma Kumaris and Radio Madhuban. For many years, he has inspired schoolchildren to take an active interest in environmental conservation.