



6th Report from UN Climate Change Conference COP29

11th – 22nd Nov. 2024 Baku, Azerbaijan

COP29 has closed its gates, and the outcome has not been received well by the world community. The rich and poor countries concluded a trillion-dollar deal on the climate crisis in the early hours of Sunday morning after marathon talks and days of bitter dispute. By 2035, the developing world will receive at least \$1.3tn (£1tn) a year in funds to help them shift to a low-carbon economy and cope with the impacts of extreme weather. But only \$300bn of that will come in the form they need most—grants and low-interest loans from the developed world. The rest will have to come from private investors and a range of potential new sources of money, such as possible levies on fossil fuels and frequent flyers, which have yet to be agreed upon.

Many developing countries and most campaigners are leaving this Conference with a bitter taste. One delegate said: "Rich countries spent 150 years polluting the world's atmospheric space, then 33 years loitering on climate action, and spend years on negotiating a financial settlement. Now, with the help of oil-friendly countries and the threat of nations in climate denial, they force developing countries to accept a deal that not only doesn't represent any actual new money but also may increase their debt."

Also for the Brahma Kumaris delegation the time has come to leave Baku. We have organised and participated in over 75 interviews, side events, roundtables, panel discussions and



received two awards. The green team shared a message of peace and hope in an atmosphere of growing despair and anger.

Women, Faith, and Climate Network

The Faith Pavilion hosted the launch of the Women, Faith, and Climate Network, uniting women-led climate action groups across faiths and regions. This initiative aims to amplify the influence of women of faith in accelerating climate action. Notable participants included Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and co-founder of Project Dandelion, a global women-led climate justice campaign. Aneta attended both the October pre-launch in Frascati, Italy, and the official launch at COP29.



Aneta meeting with Rosetta Epifani, International Relations Top Senior Expert at the Office of the Diplomatic Advisor to Italy's Prime Minister and with Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and co-founder of Project Dandelion

SDG Pavilion

The Brahma Kumaris, in partnership with Lund University, the Commonland Foundation, ecosystem restoration communities, and UN DESA, hosted the event *"Igniting the Power of Transformative Partnerships for Inner & Outer Transformation"* moderated by Carolin. Prof. Christine Wamsler opened by emphasising the scientific need to integrate concepts that shape people's attitudes, values, and perspectives. Building on this, Sister Jayanti highlighted how "inner development" begins with shifting one's identity to see oneself as part of the whole, fostering a willingness to share and collaborate beyond personal interests. She linked this to current negotiations, where the prevailing mindset of "me and mine" hinders progress. John D. Liu, a journalist and ecologist, presented a powerful short film, *"What If... We Change,"* illustrating how addressing interconnected crises requires recognizing the infinite value of natural resources. Savina Carluccio shared her innovative approach to nature-based education for engineers, offering practical solutions for sustainable development. [Watch the event here.](#)





Commonwealth Pavilion Empowering Faith Communities for Collective Climate Action

Speakers Iyad Abumoghli, Director of Faith for Earth UNEP, and Ismail Weliang, COP29 Youth Delegate, highlighted the crucial role of youth in climate action, representing 25% of the global population. Iyad called for a united strategy to tackle multiple climate crises, advocating a shift from military spending to fostering peace with nature and humanity. He stressed the importance of integrating values, ethics, and moral responsibility alongside sustainable technology.

Ismail emphasized the power of youth as digital natives to amplify voices, share ideas, and offer fresh perspectives, with faith serving as a unifying force. A youth representative facilitated the group discussion, summarizing that meaningful engagement requires curiosity, open-mindedness, and a strong connection to self and spirituality, fostering work rooted in peace and compassion.



Faith in Action

H.E.A.R.T Process - ReSpECC (Religion Spirituality Environment Conservation and Climate Justice) of the Nature Conservation Union invited Sister Jayanti to be part of a round table, moderated by Shantanu.



The Values Behind the Climate Crisis – An Interfaith Approach

The climate crisis is deeply tied to our values and relationship with nature. While faith traditions have contributed to environmental harm, they also hold the power to inspire solutions and foster a sustainable mindset. This event at the Cryosphere Pavilion explored how faith can support a just future and pathways to 1.5°C emissions reductions. Sister Jayanti emphasized seeing all people as part of one family under God, encouraging care for one another and the planet. Rev. Henrik Grape highlighted greed and selfishness as root causes of the crisis, while Mark Lawrence from the Research Institute for Sustainability stressed respect as a key value in science. Jocabed Solano, an Indigenous Kuna woman, shared how her culture's teachings instilled respect for nature.



Meditation for Permafrost and Snow

Our team led evening meditation sessions at the Cryosphere Pavilion during the second week. Although attendance was small, participants were deeply engaged, taking time to find inner peace and the strength needed to commit to sustainable living and advocate for ambitious emissions reductions.



Faith in Dialogue The Interfaith Liaison Committee with the UNFCCC hosted an Impact session at the Faith Pavilion, focusing on the intergenerational impacts of climate change and youth involvement. Participants discussed ways to strengthen faith communities' roles in promoting justice for future generations in upcoming climate negotiations. They aimed to inspire forward-thinking strategies, foster collaboration, and shape a shared vision for a resilient and inclusive COP30.



Meeting with UNFCCC Secretariat



Christians, Muslim, Brahma Kumaris and youth represented at the meeting with Danielle Magalhães, Team Lead of Climate Action Engagement Unit at UNFCCC.

Climate Wisdom

Golo interviewed three guests on **From Conflict to Cooperation** in our popular livestream directly from Baku: Rajendra Shende, Founder and Dir. Green Terre Foundation and Mihir Mathur, Founder Director DESTA Research LLP and Sister Jayanti



- We need social leaders and spiritual leaders
- We are at war with nature
- The mental model in negotiations is that I must take out more than I give. The moment that happens, it is a difficult battle. Can we use the word "climate offering?"
- We need to decentralise the process. We should have COP in our cities... Take charge
- People recognise that it isn't just through external things that we can make a difference; there has to be an inner change. These have been described as inner development goals, a shift in awareness and consciousness.

Friday 22nd Nov.

A small delegation of Faith Based Organisations met with the Azerbaijani COP29 Presidency to deliver the Interfaith Call for action.



Olga, Valeriane and others meeting with Azerbaijani Presidency

Azerbaijani Youth

Vini joined a podcast by the World Azerbaijani Youth Council to reflect on COP29 outcomes. She stressed the need for inclusive policy language to engage faith communities and highlighted the link between internal and external crises, stating, "The crisis in the world reflects our inner disturbance." Vini emphasized building inner resilience and cited a World Bank economist: "Adaptation cannot be an afterthought to development." She urged proactive preparation for challenges already affecting many. The session ended with a short meditation involving the production crew.



Climate Wisdom

On the 22nd, Golo did the last interview in the climate wisdom studio live from Baku on the topic of a Sustainable Future. The guests this evening were Mohammad Bahr, Head of Strategic Planning, Faith Pavilion and Mahesh Pandya, Dir. Paryavaran Mitra and Sister Jayanti.



Healthy Mind, Healthy Planet

Sister Jayanti led an inspiring public program at the Royal Hotel, drawing over 70 participants eager to explore the path to self-healing and inner transformation. Introduction in Azerbaijani language by two local BK's and by Golo.





Public event in Royal Hotel

Farewell meeting with Baku family



Group Photo of Eco team at COP29



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