

UNGA 80 & New York Climate Week

Report of Brahma Kumaris activities

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United Nations General Assembly UNGA #80

Each September, world leaders convene at UN Headquarters in New York City for the UN General Assembly. For decades, UNGA has remained an essential forum to address the world's most pressing challenges. At UNGA 80, world leaders explored solutions to global challenges to advance peace, security, and sustainable development, under the theme, "Better Together: 80 years and more for peace, development, and human rights."



BK representatives attending the UNGA opening session, the SDG session and the first day of the General Debate. The UN HQ was bustling with high profile delegates, heavy security, and enthusiastic civil society leaders and members. A critical time for the world.

New York City Climate Week

Climate Week NYC is the world's largest annual climate event, held in New York City in partnership with the United Nations General Assembly to accelerate global climate action. The event brings together leaders from business, government, civil society, and the energy sector to host over 900 events, both in-person and online, showcasing solutions and driving the transition to a sustainable future.



Beautiful events, Climate Action: A Spiritual Dialogue for Earth's Future at the BK Manhattan Meditation Center and Charging Our Internal Waters: A Global Prayer Ceremony with A Wisdom Keepers Delegation at the tipi of Union Theological Seminary.

Green Faith events, Opening Prayer Ceremony

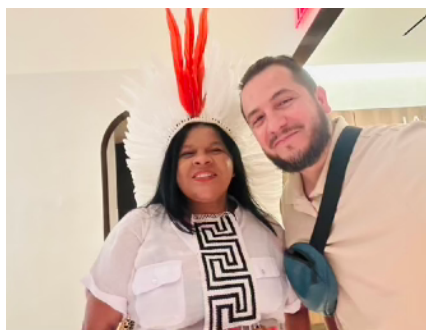
Green Faith organized many events during NY Climate Week - from marches to prayer services. Brahma Kumaris participated in the opening prayer ceremony and offered a short, guided meditation expressing our gratitude and honor and uphold the dignity of Mother Nature. The service was held in front of the UNQH on Friday, September 19.

A Global Prayer Ceremony with a Wisdom Keepers Delegation

On Sunday, September 21st—the International Day of Peace—a tipi was erected on the sacred grounds of the Union Theological Seminary. This location is steps away from the Columbia University campus and next to the Riverside Church, where Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered one of his most memorable sermons voicing his compelling opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Weaving together teachings from Indigenous Wisdom Keepers and interfaith leaders, we were guided in a meditation intended to reconnect us with the Earth and rekindle our inner light. This practice was aimed at charging our internal waters and raising the vibration of the planet as one unified whole. We gathered waters from various sacred sources around the planet into a single vessel, which will now hold the blessings of humanity.

These waters will travel with the delegation to Brazil, where they will remain part of the ceremony throughout November at COP30. Led by Jacob Johns and Kareena Gore, and graced by the unexpected visit of former Vice President Al Gore, the ceremony became a deeply profound, spiritual, and magical experience through the power of storytelling.



With Her Excellency Sônia Guajajara Minister of Indigenous Peoples, Federal Government of Brazil attending the event Leaders with Purpose

BK Event: Ceremony as Climate Action: A Spiritual Dialogue for Earth's Future.

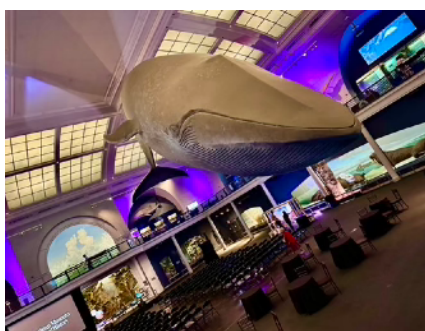
We were deeply honored to host Jacob Johns (Akimel O'odham / Hopi), an international environmental systems strategist and multidisciplinary artist. Rooted in cultural heritage, Jacob spoke of weaving traditional knowledge and ancient wisdom into the fabric of global climate spaces, demonstrating how grassroots leadership cultivates practical, long-term solutions for the world.

In a warm exchange of dialogue and storytelling, Jacob and BK Juan explored the quiet pragmatism of spirituality when facing chaos, insecurity, and darkness. They invited the audience to experience, through meditation, the profound benefits of imbibing spiritual light—a subtle sustenance for both soul and body.

Together, they unfolded the timeless truth that life is not a line, but a circle. While the old world may appear to be crumbling, a new reality is always, already, emerging from within. They illuminated how an attitude infused with care, hope, courage, and determination is not merely optimistic, but a practical source of power. It is the very energy needed to navigate this great transition, to midwife the new world being born.

The 8th Annual Leaders on Purpose CEO Summit in NYC on September 23rd 2025

During the UN General Assembly, global CEOs, senior leaders and visionaries convene at a defining moment. New markets are emerging at the intersection of AI, energy innovation, and natural capital –reshaping growth, resilience, and influence for decades to come. BK Juan had the opportunity to meet introduce the BK's and offer an eco blessing to her Excellency Sônia Guajajara Minister of Indigenous Peoples, Federal Government of Brazil



BK's at the event Climate Resilience in Action at the American Museum of Natural History with Madame Gandhi sharing her poetic soulful music, receiving blessings.

Sacred Stories, Shared Futures: Faith and Values as Catalysts for Climate Action

On, Wednesday, September 24 the event explored how spirituality can reframe climate action as a sacred duty of hope, not a burden of fear. With an exclusive screening of PBS's *Sacred Planet* with host Gulnaz Khan, the event followed by a discussion on using values-based narratives to inspire real change. This event spoke about bridging ancient wisdom and modern science to move the human heart.

World Climate & Biodiversity Summit

Under the theme *Uniting for Impact: Innovative Solutions for Climate and Nature*, we had the privilege of attending the 5th World Climate & Biodiversity Summit. This year's summit was especially significant as it merged climate and biodiversity into a single, powerful platform for action, recognizing that these crises demand a unified response. The gathering brought together a global cohort of leaders from business, finance, government, and civil society.

What was truly insightful was witnessing how the business sector is consciously and proactively working to build a more resilient and sustainable future. The dialogues went beyond risk mitigation, focusing on holistic strategies that integrate planetary and societal well-being into the core of business and finance.

Amidst these high-level discussions, the Brahma Kumaris brought a beautiful, soulful dimension to the event. BK Juan introduced our spiritual work to various delegates, offering **eco-blessings** that served as a gentle yet powerful reminder that true sustainability must be rooted in inner change and a conscious connection with the Earth. It was a profound experience that highlighted the essential synergy between practical action and spiritual wisdom in healing our planet.



BK Juan attending the World Climate & Biodiversity Summit & meeting with Nemonte Nenquimo, Indigenous activist, author & member of the Waorani Nation from the Ecuadorian Amazonian Region

Climate Resilience in Action at the American Museum of Natural History

On this final and remarkable event that we attended, "Climate, Community, and the City," was a powerful and multi-faceted exploration of New York's role in the climate crisis. It brilliantly blended art, grassroots action, and high-level policy. The evening featured an inspiring musical lecture by activist Madame Gandhi, a series of rapid-fire "Lightning Lectures" on local projects, and a keynote from NYC's Chief Climate Officer, Rohit T. Aggarwala, on the city's climate strategy. It was an educational, entertaining, and visually stunning demonstration of local leadership in the face of global challenges.

NYC Climate Week Self-Organized Ethical Stocktake Dialogue

On September 25, 2025, a self-organized dialogue convened approximately 20 grassroots, faith, and UN leaders at the Buddhist Tzu Chi Center. This gathering, co-hosted by several ethical and religious organizations, served as a grassroots contribution to the Global Ethical Stocktake (GES) leading up to COP30. In an atmosphere of spirituality and confidentiality, participants engaged in reflective discussions to elevate the moral dimensions of the climate crisis. The dialogue aimed to reframe climate action by drawing on diverse cultural and spiritual traditions, identify barriers to change, and develop strategies to mobilize broader societal action. The inputs from this and similar self-organized dialogues will be synthesized into a report and presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.



BK Sabita attending the opening prayer ceremony at UNHQ