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Ajahn Brahm to Open the 13th Global Buddhist Conference in Kraków

From November 6 to 8, 2026, the ICE Kraków Congress Centre will host the 13th Global Buddhist Conference. Ajahn Brahm, Abbot of Bodhinyana Monastery in Australia and one of the world's most respected Theravāda teachers, will be the special guest on the first day of the event.
Organized by the Theravāda Foundation and the Polish Association of Early Buddhism, the conference will be international and hybrid in format, offering both in-person participation and a live online broadcast for global audiences.

Among the confirmed speakers are Ajahn Sona (Canada), Ayya Canda (UK), Ven. Vimala (Belgium), Bhante Sunyo (Australia), Ayya Kārunikā (Australia), Ayya Vimalanyani (Germany), Beth Upton (Spain), Alexander Wynne (Thailand), Dr. Santosh Raut (USA), Grzegorz Polak (Poland), and Venerable Chi Chern (Malaysia). They represent leading monasteries and academic institutions, including Bodhinyana Monastery, Santi Forest Monastery, Empty Cloud, Anukampa Grove, Harvard Divinity School and Mahidol University.

ICE Kraków, one of the largest and most modern conference centres in Poland, will host several thousand attendees. Sessions will take place simultaneously in two large halls, offering parallel tracks of talks, workshops, and discussions. The program includes lectures, themed panels, group meditations and open Q&A sessions. The full schedule will be updated regularly.

This is the first time an international Buddhist conference of this scale will be held in Poland. Previous editions have taken place in countries such as India, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, and the United States, with hundreds or even thousands of participants from dozens of nations.

Theravāda Buddhism — the oldest living Buddhist tradition — is practiced by over 150 to 230 million people worldwide, primarily in Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka. It is based on the early teachings of the historical Buddha, recorded in the Pāli Canon, and focuses on ethical living, mindfulness and insight meditation.
Today, over half a billion people around the world identify as Buddhists. In Poland, Theravāda is growing steadily, drawing interest from practitioners, scholars and spiritual seekers alike.
The organizers invite not only members of the media, but also all interested participants and supporters to take part — whether in-person or online. The conference is made possible by the collective effort of volunteers, donors and institutional partners.
More information, registration details, and press materials are available at: buddha2026.org