



**ICC Enlarged Executive Council Meeting
Novotel London Waterloo on February 9, 2024**

ATTENDEES

NAME	COUNTRY	Rotary POSITION
Gordon McInally	GB&I	Rotary International President
Heather McInally	GB&I	
Nicky Scott	GB&I	PRIVP

Executive Council Members ICC Position

Mohamed Ghammam	Tunisia	President ICC Executive Council
Huyghebeart Nathalie	Belux	N. Coord. – President Elect ICC Executive Council
Annemarie Mostert	South Africa	National Coordinator & ICC Task Force Africa
Canan Ersoz	Turkey	National Coordinator
Alberto Esteves Guerra	Portugal	National Coordinator
Michel Davoudian	Armenia	National Coordinator
Alessandro Pastorini	Italy	National Coordinator Italy, Malta, San Marino
Vesna Bauer	Serbia	National Coordinator
Guy Cahané	France	Treasurer and ICC France Romania
Cyril Noirtin	France	Past President ICC Executive Council
Abdul Hamid El Awa	Egypt	ICC Task Force Africa

Saadia Aglif	Morocco	National Coordinator
James Onions	GB&I	National Coordinator and ICC GB&I/India
Ovidiu Cos	Romania	National Coordinator, Past ICC Executive Council Chair
Hansruedi Moser	Switzerland	National Coordinator Switzerland, Liechtenstein
Jack Dotsey	Ghana	National Coordinator

ICC Section Members

Brigitte Fulmini	Belgium	End Plastic Soup
Bintu Batuswa Marcelin	Belux	ICC
Azelio Fulmini	Belgium	President Section Belux / Italy, Malta, San Marino
Freddy Willem	Belgium	President Comm. Int. D2150
Magda Bainvol	Belgium	
JC Derzelle	Belgium	ICC Belux / GB&I
Andreas Strub	Belgium	ICC Belgium & Germany - End Plastic Soup
Jess Herbert	Germany	ICC Germany / Belux
John Hirst	GB&I	ICC GB&I / Portugal
Grace Gibbs	GB&I	ICC GB&I / Turkey
Michele Porfido	GB&I	ICC GB&I / Italy, Malta, San Marino
Peter Meldrum	GB&I	ICC GB&I / South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho
Peter King	GB&I	ICC GB&I / Romania, Moldova and ICC GB&I / Nigeria
Francis Hodge	GB&I	ICC GB&I/France

Peter Dowse	GB&I	ICC GB&I /Bulgaria Lead
Liz Wheatley	GB&I	ICC GB&I / Germany
Annemarie Bochove Allen	GB&I	ICC GB&I / India and planned lead Netherlands
Gianna Pastorini	Italy	D2032
Jenny Bohlin	Italy	ICC Italy, Malta, San Marino / India
Pierangelo Panozzo	Italy	D2080
Richard Knowlton	Italy	ICC Italy, Malta, San Marino / Mozambique leader
Evelina Ravarino	Italy	ICC Italy, Malta, San Marino / Mozambique
John Nwakoby	Nigeria	ICC Nigeria
Chibor Okaro (Grace)	Nigeria	ICC Nigeria / GB&I
Hans Mostert	South Africa	D9400
Gunes Ertas	Turkey	Incoming National Coordinator
Mufit Ulke	Turkey	ICC

Speakers

Chrissy Sykes		MBIMB
Marja Ritterfield		End Plastic Soup
Steve Killelea		IEP Executive Chairman
Brett Savill		IEP
Judith Diment	GB&I	Dean of Rotary UN Representatives
Alison Sutherland	GB&I	RAGFP Board, Welsh Focus in GB&I ICC
Dirk Lustig	GB&I	RAGFP Director
Marsha Hunt	USA	USA / Ukraine ICC Section and RAGFP

Production Team

Nick Drake	GB&I	D1145
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AGENDA

Session 1:

Time: 10:00 Door opens

Start: 10:15 Welcome to ICC in London

1. Host: PDG James Onions, ICC National Coordinator Rotary GB&I
2. MC: PP Michel Davoudian, ICC National Coordinator, Armenia
3. Welcome: PDG Mohamed Ghammam – ICC Executive Chairperson.
4. Greetings from Evanston - Ellina Kushnir: Service engagement programs manager and grants.

Session2:

Time 10:30 ICC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Purpose and Progress - Moderator: PRIVP Nicki Scott

5. DG Mohamed Ghammam. Update and direction.
6. ICC Reports and Activities
 - 6.1 PDG Abdul Hamid El Awa - 1st Africa ICC Peace Forum, Cairo.
 - 6.2 PDG Alessandro Pastorini - Rome ICC Forum.
 - 6.3 PDG James Onions - ICC Progress and Direction in Rotary GB&I.
 - 6.4 PDG Canan Ersöz - ICC National Coordinator Turkey
 - 6.5 PDG Annemarie Mostert – ICC Going Global
 - 6.6 Task Force and National Coordinator's reports
 - 6.7 Nomination for future roles and appreciation of the members of the committee – ICC Executive Chairperson, PDG Mohamed Ghammam.

Session 3:

Time 11:30 ICC EXECUTIVE Council: Supporting the Direction - Moderator: PRIVP Nicki Scott

7. ICC - Supporting the Direction:
 - 7.1 PDG Nathalie Huyghebaert: ICC Executive Chairperson Elect – Update.
 - 7.2 PP Michel Davoudian - Communication and Image.
 - 7.3 DG Saadia Aglif – ICC D9010: Twining Clubs & Marrakech relief.
 - 7.4 PP Cyril Noirtin – ICC Past Executive Chairperson: Peace Day UNESCO, Paris.
 - 7.5 PDG Annemarie Mostert: ICC and Rotary International Action Plan.
8. KEYNOTE ADDRESS – IEP Founder and Chairman, Mr Steve Killelea.
9. KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Rotary International President Gordon McNally.
10. Signing of Protocol of Intent agreements

PHOTO AND LUNCH BREAK: 12:45 – 13:45

Session 4:

Time 13:45 Positive Peace with ICC - Moderator: PDG Annemarie Mostert

11. KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Dean Rotary Representatives to UN/Polio Plus Committee PDG Judith Diment MBE
12. Positive Peace with ICC.
 - 11.1 PDG Alison Sutherland, RAGFP Director Dirk Lustig, Marsha Hunt: Strategic partner RAGFP-ICC.
 - 11.2 Brett Savill, IEP Chief Operating Officer: Strategic Partnership Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP-ICC)
 - 11.3 Rtn Chrissy Sykes, Founder My Body is My Body (MBIMB): Positive Peace Building - one child at a time.
 - 11.4 PDG Marja Ritterfeld: End Plastic Soup.
 - 11.5 Signing of partnerships with ICC. End Plastic Soup and MBIMB agreements.

Final Question and Answers – All

- 11.6 Planning - RI Convention Singapore. All

Closure followed by DINNER for participants registered for Dinner with RI Presidential Peace Conference

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Building upon the momentum of the ICC Executive Council meeting in London on February 9, 2024, this report emphasises ICC's commitment to going global and aligning with Rotary's action plan to increase our impact, expand our reach, increase our ability to adapt and enhance participant engagement. The gathering was a testament to the dynamic spirit of ICC, showcasing its commitment to global collaboration, positive peace, and impactful initiatives.

1. ICC PURPOSE AND PROGRESS:

Going Global:

The London ICC Executive Council meeting marked a pivotal moment under the leadership of ICC Chairperson PDG Mohamed Ghammam and the Chairperson-Elect PDG Nathalie Huyghebaert. The first session showcased the incredible work accomplished by the task force and expansion leaders, National Coordinators, districts, and clubs within the ICC network, emphasizing ICC's commitment to being "People of Action."

The ICC network currently comprises 721 operational national sections after a clean up operation involving more than 50 unilateral and no-functional sections. The ICC network included 695 national sections at the beginning of this year.

It is currently spread over 109 countries and 26 Rotary Zones. It is expected to spread to expand further to more than 20 other countries by the end of the year. These results have been achieved thanks to the efforts of all the national coordinators, District Governors and to the expansion Task forces spread over the main regions of the world.

To remain compliant with international fund transfer regulations, the ICC executive Council created an **association: Rotary International-ICC** in Montpellier, France.

The objective of this association is to permit to the ICC Executive Council to open a Bank account that will allow districts to pay their voluntary dues legally and more transparently.

All information is provided on the ICC platform.

The ICC will be present at the **Singapore Convention**, and we will have a large stand in our name which accommodate all the ICCs who will participate in Singapore. We invite these ICCs to contact us for this purpose.

We are also counting on the presence of many participants at the workshop that we are going to organize on Monday, May 27th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

A dinner will also be organized on this occasion with the ICC members of Singapore.

Our last meeting of this year will take place on June 20, in Morocco, In Agadir and Marrakech where we will talk about sustainable peace and twin rotary clubs and where we will also organize the elections of ICC Executive Council Chair 2026-2028.

Achieving Equal Access:

Good intentions don't always translate to results or equal access. Rotary has the infrastructure and the integrity that people are looking for, and the connections in communities to know what is really needed. At ICC and as peace builders, we should remove the barriers in the way of good neighborhood and friendship. These include removing language barriers and opening access to all key meetings without travel.

Embracing New Ways of Doing and Meetings:

The ICC recognises the need to embrace new and cost-effective solutions and methods for inclusivity, accessibility, and global collaboration. Platforms such as Zoom and Teams, coupled with multilingual facilities can provide equal access to ICC activities for all stakeholders. For the first time AI was successfully used at ICC with translation captions. The executive board recognises the need to expand the ICC footprint and become truly global, across all areas and continents such as Africa's 54 countries. ICC is piloting a new approach in Africa and facilitating broad participation and representation by using expansion through regional coordinators.

Developing a Global Model to support a Global Direction:

To foster a more inclusive environment, ICC is developing a Global Model inspired by the successful European Model, aligning activities around clubs, districts, zones, and continents. This model promotes multi-nation activities, encouraging collaboration beyond borders. ICC's commitment to achieving equal access for all is evident through its transformative initiatives. By embracing new meeting formats, developing a global model, creating gateways, and fostering partnerships, twinning between clubs, ICC is poised to make a lasting impact. ICC members' dedication to being People of Action is exemplified through these innovative approaches and collaborations, ensuring a brighter, more inclusive future for Rotary, ICC, and its global community.

Gateways and Protocols:

It will include introduction of gateways like the Africa protocol arising from the African Peace Forum and signing of Protocols of Intent. These enhance connectivity between nations and continents and create pathways for collaborative efforts that strengthen action across the Rotary global network.

Cooperation with Internal and External International Partners:

Internally, ICC plans to actively foster cooperation with Rotary Action Groups (RAGs), particularly the RAG For Peace, to amplify impact of peace building and peace related initiatives. This collaborative approach enhances the effectiveness of projects and initiatives at club and community level.

Externally, ICC strategically plans to use links to international organizations such as the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the organization of French speaking countries, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Rotary Peace Centers and Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI). These partnerships have already provided valuable resources and support for ICC initiatives.

Additionally, MOUs are being signed with NGOs that can provide valuable resources to members and clubs including those signed at the meeting between ICC and My Body is My Body as well as End Plastic Soup.

Supporting Global Events such as Sun Never Sets on Rotary (SNSR):

Some years ago, The Sun Never Sets on Rotary (SNSR) the 24-hour event on Rotary Day linking club meetings around the world emerged from the Chennai District through the ICC with Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland to include many ICC nations in a dynamic cultural exchange model. Projects are shared, uniting clubs, districts, nations, and continents. This innovative approach seeks to foster international collaboration and understanding.

ICC SUPPORTING THE DIRECTION:

Future Leadership Roles:

The future trajectory of Intercountry Committees (ICCs) requires a visionary approach that transcends language barriers and expands its global footprint. This requires the strategic imperative of nurturing new future leaders who can authentically represent diverse languages and regions, ensuring a true global perspective in the ICC structure.

Executive Chairperson Mohamed Ghammam and all the team of the Executive Council outlined the requirements as well as timelines in the respect of the nominations and elections. To fortify the global identity of ICCs, a fundamental shift is underway to cultivate leaders who go beyond representing a single language or European region. This forward-thinking approach emphasises diversity and inclusivity, fostering a leadership cadre that mirrors the true richness of the global Rotary community.

True Global Footprint in Structure:

The restructuring of ICCs focuses on achieving a true global footprint. This involves revisiting the traditional structures that may have inadvertently favored certain regions, making way for a more equitable and representative framework that spans continents and languages.

Nominations for future leadership roles:

The detail was shared with the members and outlined the nomination process and requirements. The nomination period is 3 months from date of distribution end February as per the guidelines and the final election will take place in Morocco on 20 June 2024.

Rotary's Action Plan Integration with ICC as a Unique Resource and Brand:

Positioning the ICC as a unique resource and brand aligns with Rotary's action plan to enhance participant engagement and expand our reach. It's an important and recognised resource within Rotary International and District International Service Committee (DISC). Members' personal data must be protected, as ICC becomes more accessible and identifiable, reinforcing the role of ICC as a dynamic global organization.

Online Global Meetings and Initiatives:

In response to Rotary's action plan to increase adaptability, ICC plans to promote more online global meetings, peace forums, twinning of clubs, signing ceremonies, and initiatives. This approach enhances flexibility, allowing ICC to adapt to the evolving needs of its diverse global community. The deliberate integration of Rotary's action plan into all ICC's initiatives signifies a collective commitment to positive peace, global collaboration, and inclusivity and uses ICC to amplify Rotary impact, expands reach, and enhance participant engagement, reinforcing the unique role of ICC as a global resource advancing positive peace.

Trusted ICC Relationships increase the ability of Rotary to respond to crisis:

The essence of ICC lies in the trusted relationships that are created. They speed up our ability to respond during challenging times, conflicts, and disasters. Where feasible ICCs have delivered prompt and effective action, leveraging the strength of the international network. The resilience of ICCs during crises stems from the robust network of international and global partners. Collaborations with members, clubs, districts, zones and countries create a powerful alliance capable of swift, coordinated responses to emergencies for community support. The emphasis on nurturing new future leaders, breaking language barriers, and fostering a true global footprint underscores ICCs' dedication to creating a more interconnected and resilient Rotary community. Through these initiatives, ICCs stand poised to reinforce their role as dynamic catalysts for positive peace and positive change on a global scale.

Communication is Key:

Efforts are underway with initiatives such as the monthly newsletter and updated ICC image to improve communication. Multilingual communication strategies, including language-agnostic platforms, will be implemented to facilitate seamless communication within the ICC network.

POSITIVE PEACE: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Positive Peace with IEP founder, Steve Killelea:

The keynote address by Steve Killelea, Founder and Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), and later the positive peace presentation by Brett Savill, IEP Chief Operating Officer, emphasized the significance of positive peace. Their insights underscored the potential for ICC to contribute to global peace through collaborative initiatives and partnerships. A MOU between ICC and IEP was signed recently.

RI President Gordon McInally's Passion for ICC: Recognizing 75 Years of Peace Building.

Rotary International (RI) President Gordon McNally's has a profound passion for Intercountry Committees (ICCs) and acknowledged the remarkable work carried out by the ICC over its illustrious 75-year history. His commitment to ICC stems from his belief that friendship is a powerful force that transcends barriers, fostering sustainable solutions to global challenges and promoting global peace. This was evident in his advocacy for the organization's principles and values. This spirit of camaraderie has been the driving force behind ICC's success in delivering impactful initiatives by creating positive peace.

President McNally recognized the collaboration between ICC and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The IEP's focus on positive peace aligns with Rotary's and ICC's commitment to building a more peaceful and sustainable world. The network of ICC can play a pivotal role in incorporating the importance of positive peace into their engagements. By leveraging partnerships with organizations like IEP, ICC can infuse a focus on positive peace into its initiatives, further amplifying its impact on a global scale.

Rotary Representative to United Nations MBE Judith Diment's Invitation to work together:

The afternoon commenced with an invigorating invitation from Rotary Representative to the United Nations, Judith Diment. MBE. With a history even longer than ICC our representative team covers UN locations globally. She extended a warm invitation to ICC and its members to collaborate to advance the cause of peace building, leveraging both networks.

Agreements and Protocols of Intent:

A highlight of the meeting was the signing of agreements and protocols of intent by RI President Gordon McNally, Executive Chairperson Mohamed Ghammam and the different stakeholders, solidifying ICC's commitment to impactful projects. These agreements covered diverse areas, including positive peace, educational programs, environmental initiatives, and cultural exchange, reflecting ICC's multifaceted approach to global issues.

Collaboration with My Body is My Body Education Programme:

A significant presentation and agreement were made with the My Body is My Body education programme. The ICC recognised the potential of utilising music and songs to project educational messages to young people. This collaboration can be a powerful avenue to engage and educate the youth, fostering a sense of empowerment and awareness.

End Plastic Soup Initiative:

The meeting also featured a presentation and agreement related to the End Plastic Soup initiative. This environmental commitment underscores ICC's dedication to addressing critical global issues. The initiative involves a concerted effort to combat plastic pollution and build a sustainable future.

Conclusion:

The ICC Executive Council Meeting in London was a resounding success, showcasing the organisation's commitment to positive peace, global collaboration, and impactful initiatives. Internal ICC housekeeping issues were also discussed. The invitations from Rotary Representative Judith Diment, the insights from positive peace advocates Steve Killelea and Brett Savill, and the signing of agreements and protocols of intent underscore ICC's pivotal role in addressing global challenges.

It was an honour and a sincere privilege for ICC to host RI President Gordon McNally and Heather.

Acknowledgments:

Concluding this report on the ICC Executive Council Meeting in London, 2024, we extend heartfelt recognition to the individuals who played pivotal roles in making this event an incredible and impactful day.

Special acknowledgment to PDG Mohamed Ghammam, Executive Chairperson, whose leadership and vision are guiding ICC through this transformative journey. His dedication to the ideals of Rotary and the ICC has been instrumental in shaping the organization's future.

The success of the day would not have been possible without the moderation skills and expertise of Past Rotary International Vice President Nicki Scott, and PDG and National Coordinator Annemarie Mostert. A special thank you to PDG James Onions, Host Committee Chair and National Coordinator of GB&I, for his outstanding efforts in organising and hosting this event. His leadership and dedication were crucial to the event's success. The London support team needs sincere appreciation for working tirelessly behind the scenes with Annemarie and James to ensure smooth execution of the event, with commitment to detail and efficiency. Thank you Sree Vallipuram chairman of the London Peace Conference organizing Committee. Thank you PDG Nick Drake, PDG David Pope, PDG Alison Sutherland and Anthony Beevor.

The Executive Board of the ICC led by PDG Mohamed Ghammam and PDG Nathalie Huyghebaert, deserves commendation for its strategic guidance and commitment to the organisation's goals. Their collective efforts contribute significantly to ICC's success.

Thank you, Ellina Kushnir, Service and Engagement manager, Evanston, for your ongoing support.

Last but certainly not least, gratitude to the NC, Michel Davoudian, all the members who shared their reports and presented the significant activities and projects together with those who attended from more than 22 countries. Your presence, engagement, and commitment to the ideals of Rotary International and the ICC have enriched the discussions, fostering a truly global perspective.

Their collective efforts have undoubtedly propelled the ICC towards a future marked by positive peace, impactful initiatives, and a strengthened global network. Their dedication reflects the spirit of Rotary and the ICC, emphasising the power of collaboration in creating lasting positive change worldwide.

Attachments:

1. Group Photo – refer to the many other photos on the link directly below and shared by various on social platforms.
2. Link to programme, presentations, videos, photos and recording: [2024-London ICC Executive Council Meeting](#) .

Compiled and Signed: PDG Mohamed Ghammam, PDG James Onions, PDG Annemarie Mostert















