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Inter Country Committee (ICC) NEWS LETTER

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General Information

The initiation, implementation and continuous coordination of projects between a particular Inter Country Committee (ICC) pair of countries is done by working committee in each country mirroring the other. Each country working committee has office bearers: National Section Head, a Vice National Section head, Hony. Secretary, Treasurer and at least one member from each participant district. The office bearers as above alternate between the participant districts.

The role of ICC is analogous to a rotary embassy of one country responsible for continuous communication with the rotary embassy of other ICC paired country/ies. The difference from National Country embassies is that in rotary case the ICC embassy remains in its own country in each pairing.

Through continuous communication of ICC paired countries working committees evolve bonds of friendship, credibility and information exchange on cultural / business and ongoing / potential rotary service projects which lead to mutually beneficial collaboration between Rotarians of paired countries to achieve successful community service projects in each country/ other countries if required.

The ICC is a resource to rotary districts regarding international service projects initiation and implementation and includes exchange of knowledge, technology, finance and evaluation of community service projects.

The ICC proactively supplements the projects completion effort of every participating rotary district in a staff role. The executive governance of each rotary district remains with the district governor and his district officer in accordance with applicable rotary constitutional documents and rotary code of policies.



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MESSAGE

FROM NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR
PDG DEEPAK TALWAR

Inter country committees (ICC) In Rotary

The ICC is an affiliate program accredited by Rotary international and similar to rotary action groups (R.A.G.S.) based on common hobbies or service areas of interest. It is not a program administered by the Rotary board of Directors. The ICC is managed by an Executive Council which elects/ selects its office bearers every two years.

The objectives of an ICC are encouraging sustained contact between Rotarians, rotary clubs and rotary districts in two or more paired districts. The sustained contact leads to deep bonds of friendship, sister clubs arrangements, friendship/ family exchange delegations, business delegations, cultural assimilation and joint community service implementation collaboration in each paired country. The program gives a true flavor and experience of Internationality of Rotary. When all districts in a country agree to an ICC with all districts of another country, we have an ICC with its memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), charter of activities and an official charter as per template approved by ICC executive committee.

In process of forming an ICC , if minimum two districts in each paired ICC country wish, they may form an sub national ICC and gradually invite other districts in each country to join the program by signing a protocol of Agreement.

The work of the sub national/ National ICC is carried out by following:

1. National Coordinator (NC) in each country who oversees and motivates rotary clubs and districts in his/ her country to form an ICC



ICC working committee mirrored in each paired country led by a National Section head/ President/ Chair person , A vice Chair, a Hon secretary, a treasurer and two Rotarian members deputed by district governor of each participant district.

These committees in each paired country will initiate activities in consonance with objectives given above. Each activity is recommended to be monitored, finance arrangements made and recorded and contributions from committee members from each district are expected when their district is involved. The tenure of the working committee is indefinite subject to explicit consent of the National Coordinator in consultation with current district governors and approval of ICC executive committee.

We in India, till date have 46 ICCs at sub national level and 28 more are in pipeline. Since rotary internationally is present in 200 plus countries, the potential to form ICCs is immense. The ethos of an ICC is fellowship and service with humanity at its core over riding technicalities, positions and titles the role of which is just responsibility. Through this periodic E newsletter we will share with you salient information on ICCs formed, those in progress and potentials within our reach. We will also share snippets/ summary of accomplishments of ICCs over a period of time.

I encourage you to contact us and with consent of your district governor become a part of this wonderful program to give true shape and substance to the essence of rotary international mission: "We the people without boundaries join hands to do projects to make a positive sustained impact on lives of challenged world communities and in return earn their blessings which enrich our spirit enveloping it in perennial happiness.

Warm Regards
PDG Deepak Talwar
National Coordinator (ICC)



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LUXEMBURG, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CYPRUS, EGYPT,
FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN-
IRELAND, GREECE, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, ITALY-
MALTA- SAN MARINO, JORDAN, LEBANON,
LITHUANIA, MALAYSIA, MOLDOVA, PAKISTAN,
PALESTINE, PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, SPAIN,
SRILANKA- MALDIVES, SWITZERLAND -
LIECHTENSTEIN, TANZANIA-UGANDA,
TURKEY, UAE, NEPAL, CANADA,
U.S.A., ZAMBIA, NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE
MALAWI, ZIMBABWE. ARGENTINA



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BAHRAIN, TUNISIA, PHILLIPINES,
TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA,
HONGKONG, NEW ZEALAND,
TIMOR-LESTE,
SINGAPORE, THAILAND,
SOUTH AFRICA, MOROCCO,
(WEST INDIES) ANGUILLA, BAHAMAS,
B.V.I., CAYMAN ISLANDS, HAITI,
JAMAICA, TURKS & CAICOS, U.S.V.I., ST.
MARTIN, GHANA, BENIN, NIGER, TOGO,
SERBIA-MONTENEGRO



SAMPLE M.O.U.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE
(ICC) BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA**

Dated: Monday June 26th 2023

The rotarians, Rtn. Deepak Talwar and Rtn. Nevine Yassa, ICC National Coordinators of India and Canada, respectively, along with ICC initiating and forming districts through their current district governors mentioned here in under agree to sign this MOU in order to encourage continuous contacts between interactors, rotaractors, rotarians, rotary clubs rotary districts (herein after called as rotary entities) and service minded non rotary entities of both countries to promote and facilitate fellowship, intercultural understanding and community service projects between India and Canada and other countries if required.

To reach these said objectives, the ICC working committee of each country will facilitate periodic continuous communication between themselves, rotary entities and service minded non rotary entities.

Through continuous communication among other things, the ICC working team/s will promote and facilitate individual or group friendship exchanges, business and cultural delegations / develop a network of paired sister clubs in each country and facilitate them to have virtual / physical joint meetings to support current and future Rotary club, rotary district and rotary partners service projects, including the Rotary Foundation Global Grants.

The two countries ICC working committees will further act as bridge to connect non Rotarian individuals and entities to join rotary projects in both countries/ other countries to awaken and keep alive the rotary spirit in societies and communities.

It is understood that the ICC actions and activities are a proactively available resource, support and supplement available to districts in each country to support their service goals to meet the objectives of the rotary movement.



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Under the above conditions agreed and accepted by the two national sections of ICC India - Canada, they will follow a mutually acceptable time bound charter of activities in accordance with ICC terms and conditions applicable in rotary constitutional documents and rotary code of policies and abide by procedures and policies set by the ICC Executive Council of rotarians which oversees implementation of ICC objectives in world rotary.

The national coordinators of each country in due course, agree to regularly invite non participant districts in each country through their district governors to join this ICC by signing the established protocol of agreement and deputing at least one district rotarian to serve on the country ICC section working committee.

This M.O.U. signed by the participant districts through their below mentioned district Governors as on date and the ICC National Coordinators of the two countries, as on date, establishes the ICC between India and Canada.

The President of the ICC India – Canada from the side of India will be Rtn Namrata Suri and from the side of Canada will be S. Rajagopal President.

For the Committee of Canada

National Section Head: Rtn. S. Rajagopal

RI - 5050 DG S. Rajagopal

RI - 5060 DG Karl Ruether

RI - 6380 DG Bala Murthy

RI -7040 DG Pradeep Ahluwalia

For the Committee of India

National Section Head: Rtn Namrata Suri

RI - 3011 DG Ashok Kantoor

RI - 3012 DG Lalit Khanna

RI - 3070 DG Dushyant Choudhary

RI - 3080 DG V. P. Kalta

RI - 3142 DG Kailash Jethani

RI - 3060 DG Shrikant Indani

ICC National Coordinator Canada
Rtn Nevine Yassa

ICC National Coordinator India
Rtn. Deepak Talwar



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SAMPLE CHARTER





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**Inter-Country Committee
India - Malaysia
Charter**

Date December 2nd 2021

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 To Promote Peace and International Understanding
 while Improving Awareness,
 Engaging Diversities and Bridging Communities



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ICC President, India



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Rtn. Dato Ram Nair
ICC President, Malaysia



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Rtn. Deepak Talwar
ICC National Coordinator
--- India ---



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Cyril Noirtin
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SAMPLE CHARTER OF ACTIVITIES

ICC: India/France

Objectives:

• To create a network of intertwined rotary and non-rotary entities of both countries which will unify Rotarians of India and France.

ICC will be a vehicle which will bring Rotarians together on common issues. • ICC will hold activities for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into RI Strategic Plan. It will increase fellowship and inter cultural understanding amongst the people of both nations.

• To focus and coordinate to work as facilitation teams for community service commitments in both / other world countries and create a climate of Goodwill and peace.

• Rotarians, spouses, rotaractors, interactors and non-rotary entities of both countries to participate in ICC activities giving local expertise in each of the two countries and serving as ambassadors of the other paired ICC Country. . Every member of the team is the ambassador of his country to the other ICC paired country.

• To work as team of teams in each ICC country for facilitating service projects by rotary clubs/ individual Rotarians / rotary districts in both countries with support from Rotarians in the other country.

• To continually maintain contact between working teams / rotary entities / non-rotary entities of each country to facilitate service projects for peace and conflict resolution which is one of the focus areas of the Rotary Foundation.

• To provide significant support to all programs of Rotary international.

Service programs restricted to rotary clubs: rotary districts/ other rotary entities in the paired ICC country section.

1. Identification of one major community service project to be implemented in India and one major community service project to be implemented in France ~,,,,,with major resources Contribution by Rotarians in the other country with or without a Global Grant.

2. Exchange rotary youth teams between India and France.

3. Conduct essay competition and debating competition at school and college level. On virtual / physical platforms.

4. Have a joint Facebook page of India and France what's app and other social media tools for all Rotarians from France and India. Similarly, we can have one for the rotaractors. Organise Singing competition between youth/ rotaractors / interactors of both countries.

5. We can also have District teams of one country visiting districts in other country under aegis of district rotary friendship exchange programs.



6. Form Sister clubs between rotary clubs of both countries. The paired sister clubs should have joint meetings once a month or once in two months through accessible Curtis platforms in which we can invite social activists, media reps, Business community, youth representatives, professionals and Intellectuals to share views through video link.
7. Each country we have a bimonthly or quarterly E newsletter called ICC - India/France publishing Information on ICC matters and ICC activities between India /France
8. We ask all DG's to provide one column for ICC information and activities in their monthly GML (Governors monthly newsletter)
9. Send delegations in RYLA held in both countries.
10. Make sister rotary clubs by pairing rotary / rotaract / interact clubs of India with similar clubs in France. Each set of sister clubs of either country to have one joint meeting over virtual platform every other month
11. Proposed activities of paired clubs:
 - Facilitate One community service project each, one in France and one in India with major resources by France club for India club project and vice versa. Project may be financed by global grant or otherwise. Once these projects are implemented, they should be widely publicized through print media, social media, and electronic media and in district conferences and other rotary meetings
 - One or more club members' reciprocal cultural visit per annum by club members of one sister club to the club members of other sister club on home hospitality basis.
 - Each sister club to create what's App/telegram groups of members of sister clubs and keep each club apprised or major activities of the other sister club.
 - Each sister club to create a blog/social media film on common life in the area of the rotary club Including its community service activities/fellowship activities and widely share with the sister Club/other district through social media.
 - Send one representative at least to an annual peace conference organized by the Inter country Committee in India and France on an alternate basis on annual basis. f) Make a business directory of self-club and sister club members and circulate via social media/digital basis.
12. Hold an annual Peace Conference, one year in India and next year in France. Topics to be interactive with aim to generate positive ideas, discussions on resolution and reconciliation of pending political/developmental differences as perceived by both countries.
13. Hold one business/trade fair annually in each country on alternate basis for list of selected business of Rotarians or otherwise where attendees would be interested Rotarians or non-Rotarians of host/guest country.
14. India districts to propose one delegation of maximum 10 persons for a period of maximum seven nights to France and vice versa annually from following strata of society:



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- a) School students or College students
- b) Members of the Press corps of the other country

(Each visit will have a definite approved agenda full of opportunities to imbibe the culture and life ethos of the other country.)

Home hospitality will be the basis of visit to maximum extent possible.

We will expect the press corps members of delegation after the visit to publicize the community service projects which Rotarians in other country are implanting in India or France and create an aura of goodwill in an ambience of love affection and trust in which to work towards resolution of perceived inter country disputes/ areas of perceived differences.

15. Planned liaison with Embassies of the other country and ministry of interior/home in own country on regular basis with aim of:

- Facilitation of obtaining visit visa for Rotarians and others of the other country.
- Creation of a list of Rotarians and prominent society members of the other country to which the Embassy/Got of other country grants long term visit visas with minimum restrictions on a regular basis.
- Incorporation of other country Rotary events in a rotary year on calendar of Interior/home ministry in host country so that visas applied for are issued easily.



ARTICLE 21.020

ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES 2022

D) With the exception of a multidistrict PETS, which shall be under the direct authority and control of the governors-elect in cooperation with governors, the ultimate responsibility for multidistrict events, activities, projects and organizations lies with the governors of the districts involved.

E) Recognition of a multidistrict activity, project or organization by RI in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI. A multidistrict organization may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. A multidistrict organization is not an agency of RI. Multidistrict organizations must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise.

F) In instances where multidistrict activities, projects and organizations are incorporated, the members of the corporation should be the governors of the districts involved or their appointees. The board of directors of any such incorporated activity, project or organization should be elected by the members of the corporation. Corporate structures not in harmony with these provisions will generally be considered as not in conformance with RI policy regarding supervision of multidistrict activities, projects and organizations by the governors. *(January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 80)*

Source: May 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 279; February-March 1967 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 272; June 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 304; June 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 308; March 1997 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 237; February 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 283; November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; Amended by November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 59; September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 90; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; July 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 16; September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 74; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 80. See also May-June 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 356.

Cross References

11.010.2. Multidistrict Activities—Approval to Solicit Cooperation

20.070.6. Multidistrict PETS Guidelines

34.040.7. Requests for Exception to Guidelines for Use of “Rotary” Name

21.020. Intercountry Committees

Intercountry committees promote relationships between two or more international districts or two or more countries to increase fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of various nations, foster stronger ties between members, clubs, and districts from different countries, and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.

While only districts may form and join intercountry committees, individual Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors, and Rotary and Rotaract clubs may participate in their activities. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.1. Activities of Intercountry Committees

Recommended activities for Intercountry Committee participants include, but are not limited to: visiting each other’s countries and homes, strengthening friendships and projects so formed by encouraging clubs and districts to connect with clubs and districts in other countries, and contributing to world peace.



Intercountry Committees may also:

- exchange best practices for sponsoring new clubs
- develop a sister or twin club relationship between clubs in participating countries
- conduct Friendship Exchanges between the two countries
- initiate or carry out International Service projects
- initiate or carry out Vocational Service projects *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 34; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.2. Establishing an Intercountry Committee

Intercountry Committees can be national or sub-national relationships between two countries. National intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts in a country. Sub-national intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts participating in the relationship. An established Intercountry Committee shall inform the Executive Council of its formation.

A. Establishing a national Intercountry Committee

To form an Intercountry Committee between two or more countries, approval from all of the countries' district governors must be obtained. District governors from a given country who wish to delegate decision-making authority for establishing new national Intercountry Committees may do so with unanimous consent of all district governors in the country.

Interested Rotarians in each country should form a planning committee to establish an Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize an Intercountry Committee from each district's governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, identifying potential projects, and activities for the ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of an intercountry committee shall be taken from the names of the participating countries. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the relationship shall evolve into a subnational Intercountry Committee.

B. Establishing a subnational Intercountry Committee

To form a subnational Intercountry Committee between two or more districts, approval from all of the district governors must be obtained.

Interested Rotarians in each district should form a planning committee to establish a district-level Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize a subnational Intercountry Committee from each participating district governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, inviting club presidents from each district to participate, identifying potential projects and activities for ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of a subnational Intercountry Committee shall be taken from the names of the participating districts. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the name of the ICC shall be updated to reflect the remaining participants. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 1994 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 248; Amended by June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.3. Governance

An Intercountry Committee is led by an Intercountry Committee chair, elected from participating districts for a three-year term. Intercountry Committees must abide by the rules governing organizations in their country and shall have officers including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The chair should serve for three years while the other leaders should rotate on an annual basis. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 178; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.4. Relationships with Districts

Intercountry Committees are encouraged to collaborate with the district governors of participating districts as well as their district international service committees, if one is appointed.

Intercountry committee chairs may contact district governors, district governors-elect, and district international service committee chairs in their country regarding the formation of a new ICC or to annually invite participation in an existing ICC relationship. *(September 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 36)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45; September 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 36

21.020.5. ICC Executive Council

The ICC Executive Council is a resource for districts and countries wishing to form a new Intercountry Committee. The Executive Council collects and shares best practices for forming Intercountry Committees and subsequent projects and activities. The Executive Council maintains a list of Intercountry Committee Chairs and active Intercountry Committees, made available through its website.

The Executive Council is led by a president, secretary and treasurer, elected by reported Intercountry Committee chairs. The president of the executive council serves a three year term, acts as the liaison between intercountry committees and Rotary International and submits an annual report to RI in July each year. The annual report shall include contact information for Intercountry Committee chairs, a list of Intercountry Committee relationships, and a summary of major projects and activities. Failure to submit an annual report by 1 August will result in termination of the president's term and will require the Executive Council members to elect a new president. The Executive Council may collect modest optional fees from established ICCs to cover website expenses. The Executive Council may not create additional governance or leadership positions for individual Intercountry Committees, nor does it have authority to approve or decline the formation of new ICCs. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.6. Relationship with Rotary International

Establishing an Intercountry Committee in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any district or club. An Intercountry Committee may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. An Intercountry Committee is not an agency of RI. Intercountry Committees



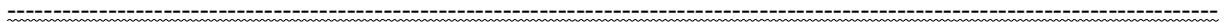
must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise. Intercountry Committees may not exist or function in any country in violation of the laws of such country. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: January 1938 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.7. Finances

Intercountry Committees shall function without financial support from Rotary International. Modest optional fees may be collected from participating districts to cover operating costs of an Intercountry Committee. The fees may be used for administrative purposes or to support humanitarian projects and cannot be used to offset travel or other expenses incurred by an individual as a result of participating in activities organized by an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council. If an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council elects to collect fees, the Intercountry Committee's leadership or Executive Council's leadership shall prepare a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year at the beginning of each fiscal year. All bills shall be paid by the treasurer, or other authorized officer, only after approval by two other officers. An annual financial review by a qualified person shall be made of all the Intercountry Committee's and Executive Council's financial transactions and be shared with all participating districts. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45





INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE MISSION DEFINED

Rotary  **WHO WE ARE ?**

**675 NATIONAL ICC SECTIONS
IN 93 COUNTRIES
IN ALL CONTINENTS**



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NATIONAL COORDINATION
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WE PROPOSE THREE INITIATIVES ON THE WAY TO PEACE





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UKRAINE AND RUSSIA REGION INITIATIVE
PEACE
MEDITERRANEAN INITIATIVE PEACE
AFRICA PEACE INITIATIVE

